

In 1964, the latest year available, total assets for all 6,402 registered general and special hospitals⁵ amounted to \$17.9 billion (excludes all psychiatric and tuberculosis hospitals). Of this amount, \$13.8 billion was plant assets, composed of \$8.5 billion for voluntary nonprofit hospitals, \$3.2 billion representing State and local government facilities, \$1.9 billion for federally owned general and special hospitals and \$0.3 billion in proprietary hospitals. (See table 6.)

Total assets of tuberculosis hospitals amounted to \$471 million and plant assets were \$437 million. State and local government tuberculosis plant assets are 89 percent of this total, or \$387 million. The remainder consisted of Federal—\$29 million, voluntary nonprofit—\$18 million and proprietary tuberculosis hospitals—\$3 million.

In reference to the assets information in table 6 and to all other data from the "guide issue" of *Hospitals*, it should be noted that there is some underrepresentation of proprietary hospitals therein. While the hospitals not represented are probably smaller and involve only a relatively minor volume of patient care, their absence does have some slight effect.

B. COSTS AND USER CHARGES

1. CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND OPERATING COSTS

(a) Construction Costs

There are three main types of construction pertaining to hospitals: new buildings, additions to existing buildings, and remodeling. In many construction projects, two or all three of these types are involved. Construction cost per square foot or per bed is available on a national basis only for a sample of new general hospital buildings aided through the Hill-Burton program. The 1964 survey in table 7 should be interpreted with caution, due to the small size of the sample used in comparison with the volume of construction nationally.

TABLE 6.—Assets of general and tuberculosis hospitals, 1964

[Assets in thousands]

Ownership	General and other special ¹			Tuberculosis		
	Number of hospitals	Total assets	Plant assets	Number of hospitals	Total assets	Plant assets
Total.....	6,402	\$17,890,126	\$13,822,318	194	\$470,537	\$436,829
Federal.....	390	1,859,045	1,850,988	7	29,005	29,005
Total non-Federal.....	6,012	16,031,081	11,971,330	187	441,532	407,824
Private nonprofit.....	3,564	11,837,003	8,474,544	14	26,161	18,195
Proprietary.....	889	428,847	336,684	3	3,312	2,956
State and local government.....	1,559	3,765,231	3,160,102	170	412,059	386,673
Total short-term.....	5,712	14,888,421	11,111,449			
Private nonprofit.....	3,402	11,422,566	8,216,608			
Proprietary.....	870	413,429	324,785			
State and local government.....	1,440	3,052,426	2,570,056			
Total long-term.....	300	1,142,660	859,881			
Voluntary nonprofit.....	162	414,437	257,936			
Proprietary.....	19	15,418	11,899			
State and local government.....	119	712,805	590,046			

¹ Excludes psychiatric hospitals.

Source: *Hospitals*, Aug. 1, 1965, p. 451.

⁵ Includes all general and special hospitals—short term (defined in footnote 2, p. 414) and long term (having an average stay of 30 days or more).