

ship responded to the survey questionnaire. Half of these reported that they had been built within the past 10 years.

(e) *Ownership*

All recent nursing home surveys have found that about 90 of the homes are under proprietary ownership. These homes : nearly three-fourths of all skilled nursing home beds. Of the profit homes, about an equal number are owned by public : church groups, and fraternal and other voluntary organ Among these, the public institutions (excluding Federal) have greatest number of beds, as shown in table 4.

TABLE 4.—*Ownership of skilled nursing homes*

Type of ownership	Homes		Beds	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total reported.....	9,582	100.0	330,981	
Proprietary.....	8,297	86.6	236,845	
Public.....	432	4.5	40,841	
Church related.....	438	4.6	28,740	
Other voluntary nonprofit.....	415	4.3	24,555	

Source: 1961 PHS Nationwide Inventory, p. 14 (see table 2).

The ownership pattern found in the recent American Nursing Association survey closely resembled that shown by the 1961 Inventory. Neither survey included facilities owned and by the Federal Government.

(f) *Current Value*

Data are not available on the current value of existing homes. Unquestionably, any estimate would extend into the of dollars. An effort was made by the American Nursing Ho ciation to obtain such an estimate for those facilities constructe the period 1961-65. Only partial responses were obtained. If partial results could be assumed to represent the value of all constructed during the 5-year period, a value figure approaching billion is estimated.

B. COSTS AND USER CHARGES

1. CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND OPERATING COSTS

(a) *Construction Costs*

Wide variations in methods of construction and contractual cedures present difficulties in arriving at unit cost figures for homes. In some instances costs reported include purchase of movable equipment and furnishings, and architects' fees; in such costs are excluded. Some owners participate directly in struction work without full contractual procedures. Others general contractual procedures, either negotiated or competitive. quality of materials and workmanship, type and method of