

The fragmentary data available as to the wage and salary component of costs, there is no breakdown between custodial and other personnel.

2. USER CHARGES

Only limited information is available on current charges to patients for nursing-home care. No data are available on the extent to which such charges cover maintenance and operation and other expenses, such as debt service payments on indebtedness incurred to finance capital costs of the facilities. The recent survey of the membership of the American Nursing Home Association which brought responses from 1,629 homes—35 percent of the total membership—provides the most current data on charges. As of late 1965, patients in the reporting homes were distributed by monthly charge rate as follows:

TABLE 6.—*Distribution of patients by basic monthly charges for room, board, and routine nursing services*

Monthly rate	Patients	
	Number	Percent
Total	66,589	100
Less than \$100	906	1
\$100 to \$149	7,325	11
\$150 to \$199	16,806	25
\$200 to \$249	17,170	26
\$250 to \$299	11,145	17
\$300 to \$349	7,585	11
\$35 and over	5,652	9

Source: Unpublished data from the American Nursing Home Association.

The survey of institutions for the aged and chronically ill, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics during April–June 1963, provided information on monthly charges for care of residents by proprietary and nonprofit nursing care homes.¹⁰ The average most frequent charge for proprietary nursing care homes was \$211 per month; for nonprofit nursing care homes, \$176 per month. As pointed out in the survey report, “the difference between these estimated charges do not necessarily indicate either the amount of profit being made by homes under different types of ownership or the cost of providing care. Possibly the charges made by nonprofit homes—are lower than those made by proprietary homes because they have sources of income other than the individuals being served.”

¹⁰ U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service, National Center for Health Statistics. *Institutions for the Aged and Chronically Ill: United States April–June 1963*, Series 12, No. 1, July 1965, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., p. 15.