

**Table 1. Number of home health and hospice care agencies, patients, and discharges: United States, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2007<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Type of estimate</b>                  | <b>1992</b> | <b>1994</b> | <b>1996</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2007</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Agencies                                 | 8,000       | 10,900      | 13,500      | 13,300      | 11,400      | 14,500      |
| Current Home Health Care Patients        | 1,232,200   | 1,889,400   | 2,427,500   | 1,881,800   | 1,355,300   | 1,459,900   |
| Fewer than 65 years                      | 298,200     | 509,500     | 665,200     | 589,200     | 400,100     | 456,600     |
| 65 years and over                        | 933,900     | 1,367,900   | 1,753,300   | 1,292,500   | 955,200     | 1,003,400   |
| Current Hospice Care Patients            | 52,100      | 61,000      | 59,400      | 79,800      | 105,500     | n/a         |
| Fewer than 65 years                      | 10,400      | 18,900      | 13,100      | 17,300      | 19,600      | n/a         |
| 65 years and over                        | 41,600      | 42,100      | 46,100      | 62,600      | 85,900      | n/a         |
| Home Health Care Discharges (annualized) | 3,054,000   | 5,272,200   | 7,775,700   | 7,621,800   | 7,179,000   | n/a         |
| Fewer than 65 years                      | 775,700     | 1,445,700   | 2,633,000   | 2,320,400   | 2,216,900   | n/a         |
| 65 years and over                        | 2,278,300   | 3,778,300   | 5,137,500   | 5,301,400   | 4,962,100   | n/a         |
| Hospice Care Discharges (annualized)     | 219,300     | 328,000     | 393,200     | 496,000     | 621,100     | 1,045,100   |
| Fewer than 65 years                      | 61,400      | 88,400      | 121,100     | 118,300     | 126,900     | 177,000     |
| 65 years and over                        | 157,900     | 239,100     | 265,200     | 377,600     | 494,300     | 868,100     |

<sup>1</sup>2007 data are based on a redesign of the National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS). The 2007 NHHCS collected data on only current home health care patients and hospice care discharges.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

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