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**Today's Issue:**

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## Facility Bed and Occupancy Report

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) was mandated by the legislature to determine the nursing home occupancy rates for all counties for January 1 and July 1 of each year. This data is used for licensing purposes in determining eligibility of license. It is also important for disaster preparedness reasons in being able to quickly identify facilities and counties with available beds.

The statewide nursing home occupancy rate on July 1, 2018 was 74%. The report is based on actual bed census data on July 1, 2018 as reported to the ISDH by comprehensive care facilities.

**Health Care Facility Data Reporting:**

[Home Page](#)

**Comprehensive Care Facility (Nursing Home):**

[Bed Count Reports](#)

[Facility Count Reports](#)

[Occupancy Rate Reports](#)

**Residential Care Facility:**

Bed count and occupancy rate information was also obtained for residential care facilities. The statewide residential care facility occupancy rate on July 1, 2018 was 67% and is based on the number of licensed beds. Because facilities may not make all licensed beds available, the occupancy rate of available beds may be higher. The report is based on actual bed census data on July 1, 2018 as reported to the ISDH by residential care facilities.

[Facility and Bed Count Reports](#)

[Occupancy Rate Reports](#)

## IDR/IIDR Program

The ISDH Health Care Quality & Regulatory Commission Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR)/ Independent Informal Dispute Resolution (IIDR) Program is responsible for overseeing and conducting all IDR and IIDR.

Upon completion of a nursing home survey and pursuant to federal regulations, a health care facility is offered the opportunity for an informal dispute resolution (IDR) to refute the findings of a survey conducted by the ISDH Division of Long Term Care. The IDR process is also available to health care facilities for state rule citations cited at 410 IAC 16.2-5. Pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010), a nursing home may request an independent informal dispute resolution (IIDR) if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) imposes a civil money penalty against the facility and the civil money penalty amounts are subject to being collected and placed in an escrow account. The state rule citations do not qualify for independent informal dispute resolution.

Additional information is available at [Informal Dispute Resolution Information Center](#) including:

- Contact Information
- Federal Laws and Regulations
- Federal Policies and Guidance
- ISDH Program Policies and Advisories for IDR/IIDR
  - Informal Dispute Resolution Policy for Long Term Care Facilities
  - Informal Dispute Resolution State Contact Information
  - Independent Informal Dispute Resolution Timeline
  - Informal Dispute Resolution Timeline
  - Instructions for Requesting Informal Dispute Resolution
  - Instructions for Requesting Independent Informal Dispute Resolution
- State Rules

Questions or comments can be sent to [ISDH.LTC.IDR@isdh.in.gov](mailto:ISDH.LTC.IDR@isdh.in.gov).