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## **Nursing Home Update: Latest Data Indicate Low Staffing is Persistent & Pervasive**

**August 8, 2019** - Staffing is perhaps the most important factor in a nursing home resident's quality of care and ability to live with dignity. Unfortunately, inadequate nursing home staffing is a widespread and persistent problem. Some nursing homes provide good care, ensuring that their facilities have enough qualified care staff. **However, because there are currently no limits on profits or administrative expenses, too many nursing homes fail to allocate the resources necessary to maintain safe and sufficient staffing.**

To help the public gain insights into the staffing levels of nursing homes in their communities, today we are publishing [the latest information on staffing levels for every U.S. nursing home](#). The data are for the first quarter of 2019, the most recent period reported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Visitors to our website, [www.nursinghome411.org](http://www.nursinghome411.org), can download easy-to-use charts for every state that include (for each facility in compliance with the reporting requirement):

1. The facility's resident census (population);
2. Its direct care RN, LPN, and CNA staffing levels;
3. The amount of care staff hours per resident per day for both all care staff and for RNs specifically;
4. Select non-nursing staff hours per day, including administrators, social workers, and activities staff.

To facilitate ease of use, the files are easily sortable. For example, a file can be sorted to identify which facilities in the state have the highest reported levels of RN care and which have the lowest.

In addition, for the first time, this quarter we are publishing [lists of the top ten and bottom ten nursing homes for each state](#) (in respect to care staffing).

"The Trump Administration and some leaders in Congress are currently working to decimate basic safety standards and accountability when a vulnerable resident is abused," said Richard Mollot, LTCCC's executive director. "Information on staffing can help seniors and their families make the best choices possible and advocate for good care for the residents in their communities. This information is needed now more than ever."

To learn more about the Trump Administration's sweeping proposal to weaken minimum safety standards, and what we are doing to protect residents, [join us for a special webinar](#) on August 20.

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