

Health Care

With its abundance of lakes and other natural resources, Vilas County has become a highly attractive retirement area. The availability of health care facilities servicing retirees and other residents is outstanding in the region. While the Northwoods Medical Center in Phelps no longer provides hospital service, it does provide walk-in clinic care.

County	Number of Beds	Location/Facility
Vilas	29*	Eagle River - Memorial Hospital
Oneida	99	Rhineland - St. Mary's Hospital
Oneida	60	Tomahawk - Sacred Heart Hospital
Oneida	99	Woodruff - Howard Young Medical Center

*beds divided as follows: 15 acute care; 10 swing beds, 4 observation beds

SOURCE: Telephone survey

	Vilas County	Wisconsin
Population (est total, January, 1995)	18,655	5,101,581
Personnel (FTEs per 10,000 population)		
Physicians, 1993	5.2	14.4
Primary Care Physicians, 1993	4.1	6.2
Chiropractors, 1993	1.7	1.8
Dentists, 1993	2.4	3.8
Persons per 10,000 population		
Medicaid Eligible, 1996	442	637
HMO Covered Lives, 1995	383	2055
Psychiatric/AODA Hospitals		
Total Hospitals	0	15
Beds+	0.0	1.7
Patient Days+	0	382
Occupancy Rate (%)	0.0	62.7
Nursing Homes		
Beds(a)	43.0	76.7
Occupancy Rate (%)	92.6	91.6
Outpatient, Charity Care & Profit Margin Data		
Emergency Outpatients+	1,864	3144
Other Outpatients+	9,647	12,851
Charity Care (thousands of dollars)	209	84,504
Overall Profit Margin (b)	-8.4	5.0
Hospitals, Beds & Occupancy Rates 1995 (GMS Hospitals)		
Total Hospitals	2	125
Beds+	13.9	27.5
ICU Beds+	0.0	4.0
Patient Days+	1381	5331
Occupancy Rate (%)	27.1	53.1

+Values per 10,000 population, 1995 population estimates, based on county of facility

(a)Number of nursing home beds per 1,000 population age 65+

(b)Profit margin = net income/(total revenue + nonoperating gains and losses)

SOURCE: Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services web site