

A SURPRISING LOOK AT LTC IN ONTARIO

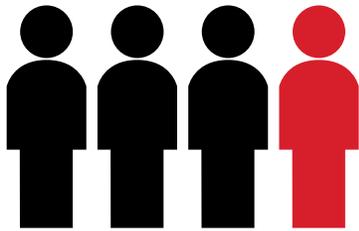
Ontario's long-term care homes provide 24-hour personal support, supervision, nursing and medical care to more than 76,000 people across the province.

The province of Ontario through Health Quality Ontario (HQP) examined data from sources that include Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care databases, Statistics Canada census data and internal surveys from the Commonwealth Fund and others. The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences helped HQO conduct many of the data analyses while reviews of the findings for accuracy and validity were done by researchers, clinical experts and healthcare executives.

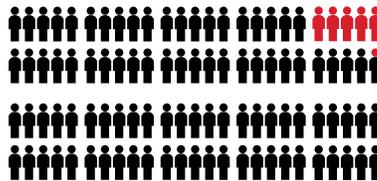
The final report *Quality Monitor: 2012 Report on Ontario's Health System* found that across the healthcare sector in the province progress

is being made in many areas, but it's happening very slowly, and is the main factor that needs to be fixed. Most interestingly the report states that wait times for primary care visits and placement into long-term care facilities remain far too long, close to four months! This time delay puts additional pressure on the healthcare system with those who need an alternative level of care responsible for one in six hospital days in acute care hospitals, a problem that has been worsening over the past five years.

There's a lot of good and interesting data on long-term care in Ontario available in this report and instead of boring you with a rehash of the report, we've chosen to give you graphics of the most interesting and important data.



1 in 4 – number of residents with worsening symptoms of depression since last assessment

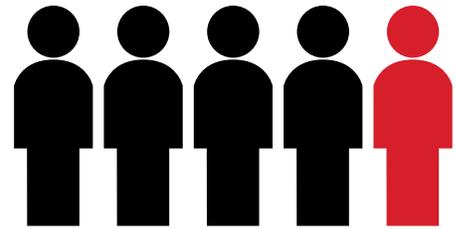


Out of every 100 LTC residents, 5.6 visited an emergency department last year for an ambulatory care sensitive condition, which could have been prevented had the underlying cause been managed earlier.

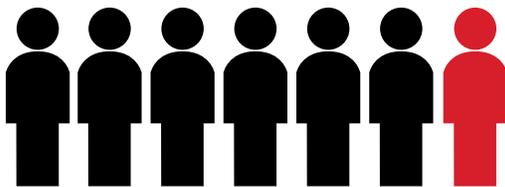


1900 residents fell and needed an emergency department visit in the last year

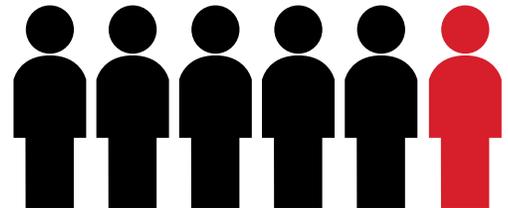
1 in 5 – LTC residents coming from home care with low care needs



211 residents had a pressure ulcer that got worse, or developed a new serious pressure ulcer in the last 3 months



1 in 7 – number of residents who displayed worsening behaviours in the last three months



1 in 6 – number of residents who were physically restrained

9500 number of residents experiencing moderate to severe daily pain in the past three months

