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Ontario's chronic care (complex continuing care) hospital beds have been cut in half since 1990, amounting to a closure of more than 5,600 beds.

In 2001, the Ontario Health Coalition reported long-term care homes wait lists of 25,000, based on Ministry of Health data at the time.

In 2011, wait lists for long-term care total 36,000 with 24,000 waiting for a placement plus 12,000 waiting in a long-term care facility not of their choosing for a transfer.

In 2009, the long-term care vacancy rate was 0.4% (371 beds).

Wait times for Ontarians waiting in the community average 5 months.

Wait times for Ontarians waiting in a hospital average 2.5 months.

2,271 of Ontario's Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients are waiting for a long-term care bed.

Only 40% of Ontarians waiting for a long-term care placement get their first choice of long-term care home.