

Palliative Care Services in Ontario in the next three decades (2020-2050). Projected potential and vital contribution of Volunteer Visiting Hospices to the Ontarian Healthcare System.

NNPCN Advocacy Sheet

Facts about our future and
impact.

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How many beds for how many baby boomers?

- There are going to be **9.6 million** Baby boomers who die in Canada by 2050. For reference, **160,596** military and civilian Canadians died due to WWI, Spanish flu and WWII, combined.
- Of these 9.6 million baby boomers, 2.4 million live in Ontario as of 2017 and this will increase to **4.6 million Baby Boomers by 2046.**
- 34.4% of baby boomers will need palliative care in Ontario, that's 1,582,430 baby boomers in Ontario.
- Ontario has a reported number of 4,000 hospital palliative beds and 491 residential hospice palliative beds. **4,491 beds for nearly 1.6 million baby boomers.**
- **Estimated Cost of Hospital Palliative Care bed:** \$15,000/day.
- **Estimated Cost of Hospice Palliative Care bed:** \$5,000 a day.

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What about NNPCN?

- NNPCN served 1477 clients in 2021-2022.
- Each client cost **\$135.41 per year to serve.**
- **\$0.37 per client per day**, while other palliative care beds cost up to \$15,000 to maintain a day.
- Compare this to the average cost of other visiting hospices at \$80/day.
- **Cost of NNPCN services per client per 3 services: \$0.02/hour.**
- **NNPCN operates at 0.0025% of a residential hospice / hospital's annual budget per client.**

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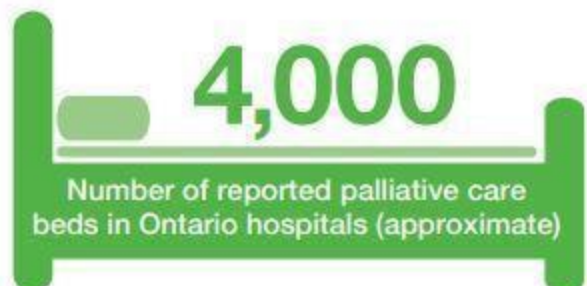
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Average Cost of Care (For one week for 424 seniors)

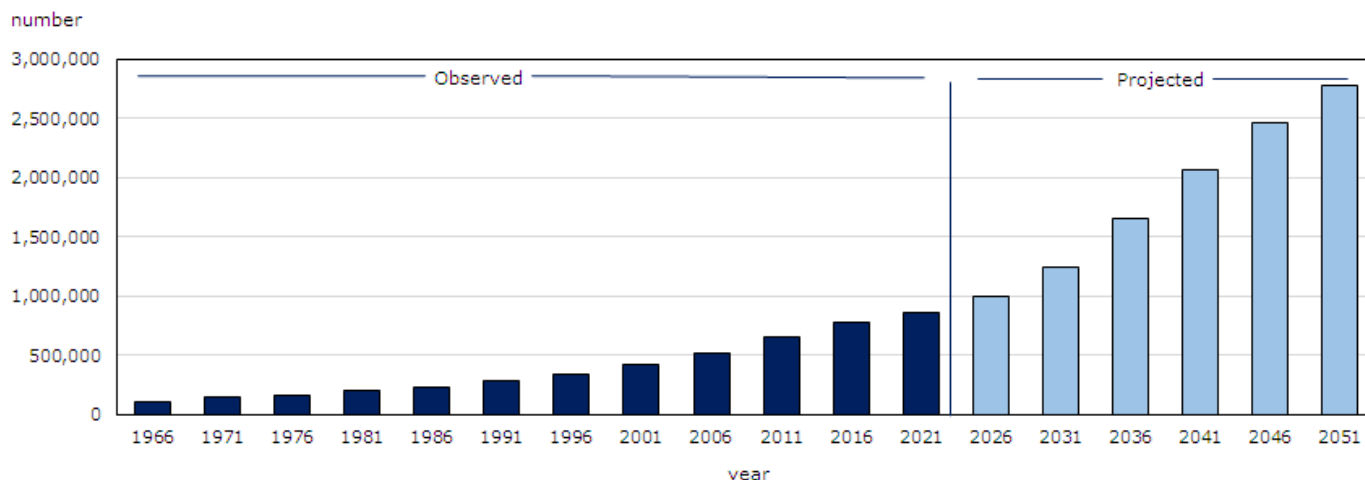
Hospital Bed	\$2.5 million
Long-term Care Bed	\$374,000.00
Care at Home	\$125,000.00

Average Per Diem Cost

Hospital Bed	\$842.00/day
Long-Term Care Bed	\$126.00/day
Care at Home	\$42.00/day

Chart 2

The number of people aged 85 and older continues to grow



Note: Data for 2026 to 2051 are population projections from the M1 medium-growth scenario and are based on the 2016 Census. For reasons of comparability, the Census net undercoverage has been removed from the projected populations presented in this graph.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 1966 to 2021. The custom population projections are based on the Population Projections for Canada (2018 to 2068), Provinces and Territories (2018 to 2043). Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 91-520-X.

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