

Ontario's Urgent and Unmet Health Care Needs

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More than 30,000 Ontarians are waiting for a hospital bed, long-term care placement or home care.

- 24,000 Ontarians are on wait lists for long-term care placement.
- 10,000 Ontarians are on wait lists for home care.
- At any given time, 592 Ontarians are waiting in emergency departments for hospital beds.
- 2, 271 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients are waiting in hospital for a long-term care bed.
- 773 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients are waiting in hospital for another type of hospital bed.
- 135 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients are waiting in hospital for home care.

Ontario ranks at the bottom of comparable jurisdictions in emergency department wait times, a key indicator of hospital bed shortages.

Attempts to cut \$1 billion out of hospitals in the mid-late 1990s cost \$3.8 billion in restructuring costs.

Wait times for long-term care and home care are at or above the high levels of the late 1990s.

Home care funding per client declined by 14% between 2003 and 2009.