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of Social Services

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# Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee

October 11, 2023

Members:

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# Legislation

**Sec. 17b-339. Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee. Duties. Membership. Reports. Annual meeting.** (a) There is established a Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee to examine the financial solvency of nursing homes on an ongoing basis and to support the Departments of Social Services and Public Health in their mission to provide oversight to the nursing home industry on issues concerning the financial solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes. The committee shall convene not later than August 1, 2014, and consist of the following members: The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; the executive director of the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, or the director's designee; the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of not-for-profit nursing homes and one of whom shall be a representative of for-profit nursing homes. In addition, the Labor Commissioner may appoint a nonvoting member to the committee. The Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of Public Health, or their designees, shall be the chairpersons of the committee.

(b) The committee shall (1) evaluate any information and data available, including, but not limited to, (A) quality of care, (B) acuity, (C) census, and (D) staffing levels of nursing homes operating in the state to assess the overall infrastructure and projected needs of such homes, and (2) recommend appropriate action consistent with the goals, strategies and long-term care needs set forth in the strategic plan developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17b-369 to the Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit quarterly reports to the committee concerning pending nursing home requests for interim rate increases. Such reports shall, without identifying any requesting facility by name, list the amount of each increase requested, the reason for the request and the rate that will result if the request is granted.

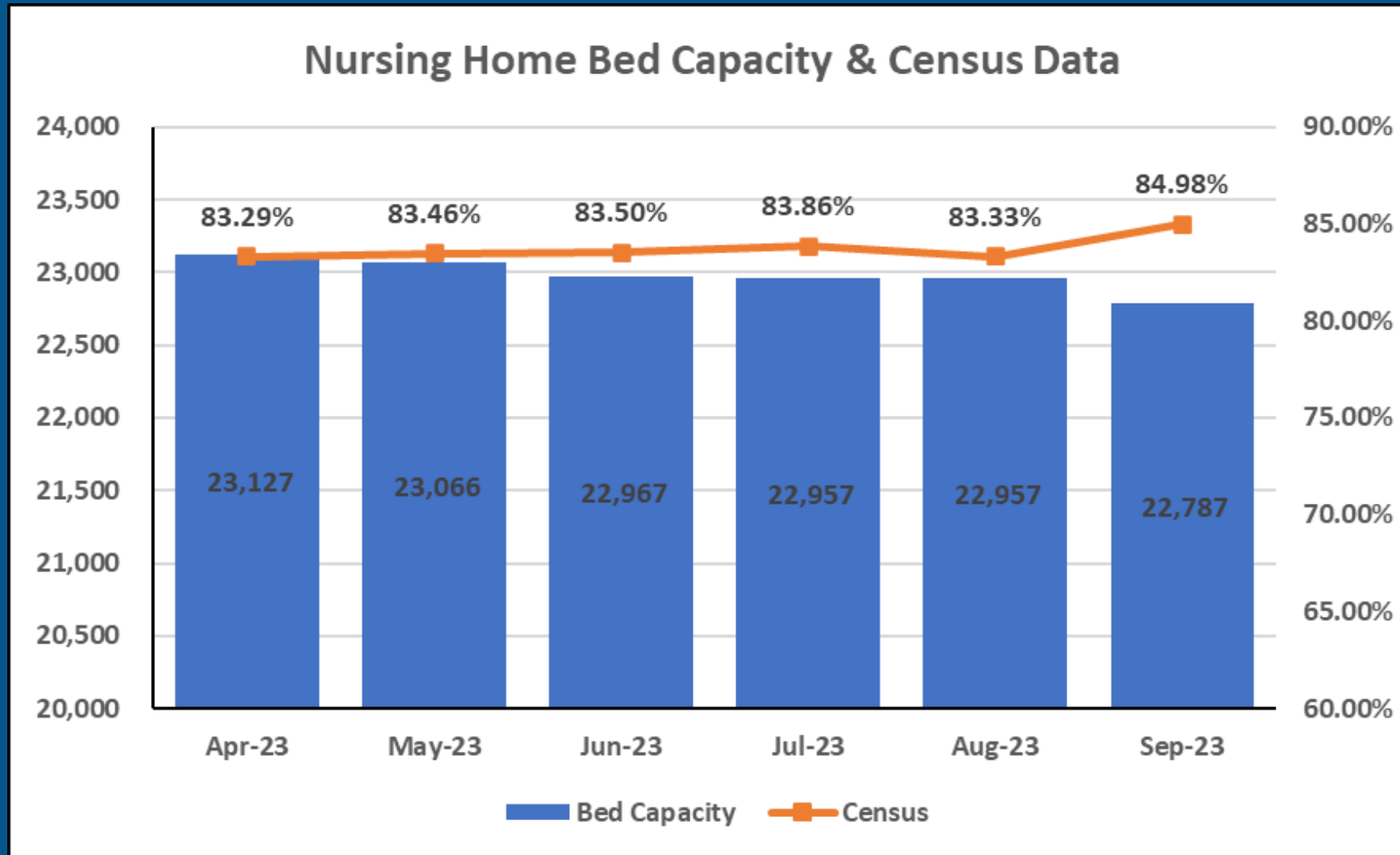
(c) Not later than January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the committee shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

(d) Not later than October 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter, the committee shall meet with the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and public health to discuss activities of the committee relating to the financial solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes.

# Agenda

- Introductions
- General Nursing Home Data for the Quarter and Year-To-Date
  - Licensed Beds and Census
  - Facilities by Size and Region
- Receiverships, Bankruptcies, Closures, Temporary Managers
- Request for interim rates
- Healthcare Quality and Safety Issues
- Discussion

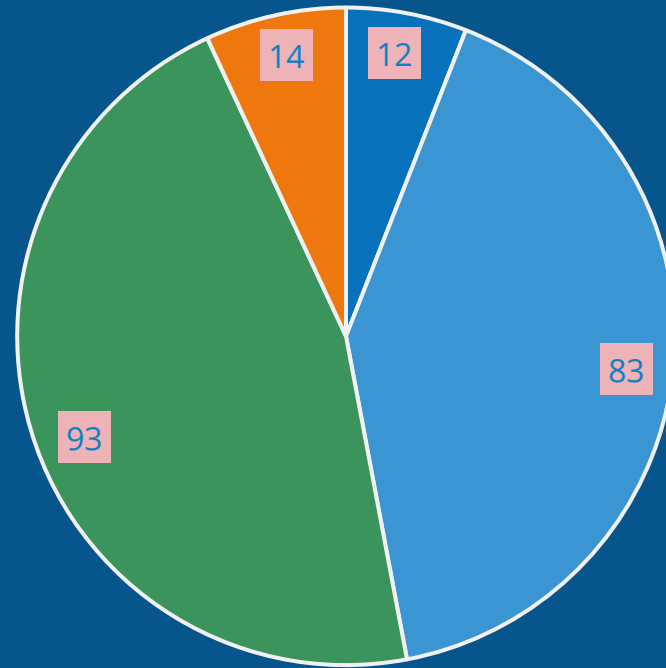
# Bed Capacity Data



# Number of Homes by Bed Count

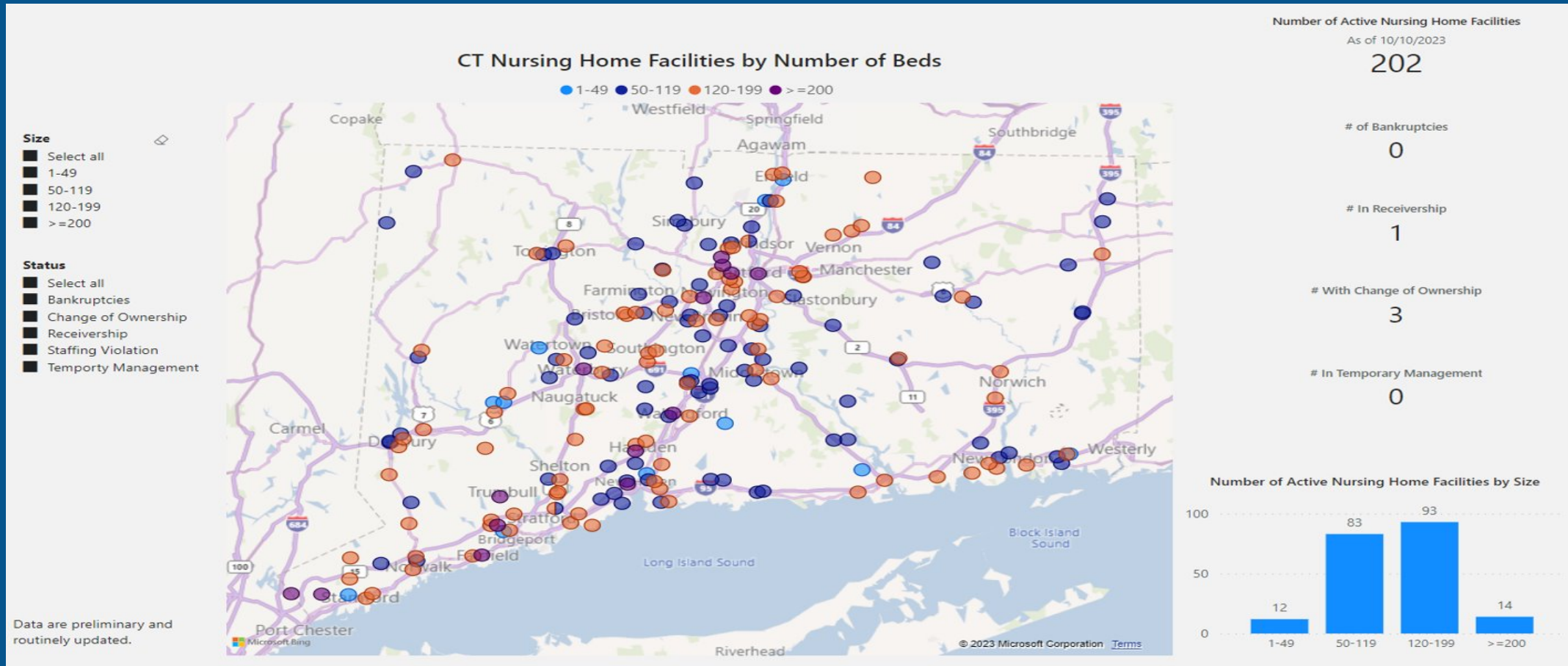
## N=202 Nursing Homes

Capacity



1-49 Beds 50-119 Beds 120-199 Beds 201+ Beds

# Bed Capacity Data



# Nursing Home Receiverships, Bankruptcies, Temporary Managers and Closures

Fiscal Year	Receivership	Bankruptcy	Temporary Manager	Voluntary Closure
SFY24	1 (Waterbury Gardens)	0	0	3
SFY23	1 (Waterbury Gardens)	0	0	5

# Nursing Home Receiverships, Bankruptcies, Temporary Managers and Closures

State Fiscal Year 2024

	Facility Name	Status
Receiverships	Waterbury Gardens (Waterbury)	Court Order issued to close on 9/5/2023
Voluntary Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chesterfields Health Care Center (Chester)</li><li>Touchpoints at Farmington (Farmington)</li></ul>	In process
Closed	Hughes Health, (West Hartford)	Closed



# Request For Interim Rates 7/1/23 to Current

Facility	Reason	Determination
Farmington Care Center	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Parkville Care Center	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Touchpoints Bloomfield	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Touchpoints Chestnut	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Touchpoints Manchester	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Westside Care Center	Increase in labor, food, repair, and utility costs	Statutory Requirement not met under 17b-340
Aaron Manor	Significant increase in direct care labor costs	Request Under Review

# Nursing Home Quality and Safety Issues

Top Five Federal Tags for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2023

Tag Number	Description	Examples
F-600	Free from Abuse and Neglect	Residents received care in accordance with Plan of Care, Sexual abuse
F689	Free of Accidents/Hazards, Supervision/Devices	Adequate supervision to prevent falls, wandering, elopement
F884	NHSN reporting	Failed to report COVID 19 info to CMS timely
F880	Infection Control	Hand hygiene, clean environment
F609	Reporting Alleged Violations	Reporting allegations of abuse/neglect timely

# Nursing Home Quality and Safety Issues

6 Immediate Jeopardy Tags for the Quarter Ending 9/30/23 (Completed)

Incident	Summary/Correction ("C")	Survey /Complaint or Reportable
F689, Accidents/Hazards	Unsafe Water Temperatures	Survey
F600, Free from Abuse/Neglect	Failed to monitor behaviors resulting in sexual abuse	Reportable
F678, CPR	Delay in initiating CPR	Reportable
F689, Accidents/Hazards	Lack of supervision, choking incident	Reportable
F689, Accidents/Hazards	Lack of supervision, elopement	Reportable
F689, Accidents/Hazards	Lack of supervision, choking incident	Reportable

## Total IJs Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30)

Federal Fiscal Year 2022	22
Federal Fiscal Year 2023	22

# Discussion

- 2024 Schedule