

Medical Devices for Institutions & Home Health Care - Brazil

Purchases: private versus public

Buyers	1992	1991	1990
Private	46.8%	49.3 %	49.28 %
Government	22.6 %	20.1 %	17.74 %
Federal Health System (INAMPS)	30.2 %	30.6 %	31.23 %

The emphasis of the public sector is to build small clinics while existing facilities are renovated and enlarged. Services offered by public hospitals and clinics are, on average, very poor, with the exception of the few large institutions maintained by non-government organizations, such as churches and universities. Overall, investments in Health by the Federal Government have declined from US\$80.00/person in 1987 to US\$23.00/person, in 1993, or only 4.2% of the country's GDP.

Private hospitals, clinics and specialized laboratories answer for 85% of all admittances and 60% of all ambulatorial services performed, facilities also ranging from small clinics to highly specialized centers, which are usually accessed by patients through private health insurance plans or, in some cases, through the public health care system.

Hospitals and clinics: general view 1991

	Total	Public	Private
Hospitals	5401	911	4490
Beds	561660	137543	394740
Health institutions	30094	10998	19096
Beds/1000 people	3.66		
Population (approx.)	150 million		

1992

Hospitals	7500
Beds	800000

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