

## 2(C) Elderly - Nursing homes

*'Health and Wealth are closely associated. Those that are disadvantaged socially, economically or educationally are more likely to have poor health.'*

### NURSING HOMES UNIT

Registered Private Nursing Homes 1999

<b>Kerry</b>	18
<b>Beds</b>	410

A 13-bedded Rehabilitation and Assessment Unit for the older person was opened in Tralee General Hospital in 1999. Source: SHB Annual Report 1999

## 2(D) Travellers

Almost 11,000 Travellers were identified during the course of the 1996 census of population representing three per thousand of the overall population of the state.

The traveller community identified in the census has a markedly different age structure from that of the population in general. Over 50% of the Travellers distinguished were aged less than 15 compared to 24% of the population in general. Only 1.3% was aged over 65, compared to 11.4% of general population.

The Southern region had 1,032 Travellers - 1.9 per 1,000 population.

According to Kerry County Council's Survey, 1995, there were 200 traveller families in Kerry. According to the Annual Housing Statistics Bulletin 1998 there were 203 traveller families resident in Co. Kerry. More recently in a report, 'Diversity in Kerry', there were said to be 240 traveller families. In October, 1996, there were 305 traveller children attending primary schools in Co. Kerry.

Southern Health Board region has 1,032 Travellers. Travellers per 1,000 total population: 1.9.

### Traveller Families accommodated by KCC or assisted by KCC

1996	1997	1998
187	197	203

### On the road side:

1996	1997	1998
26	24	20