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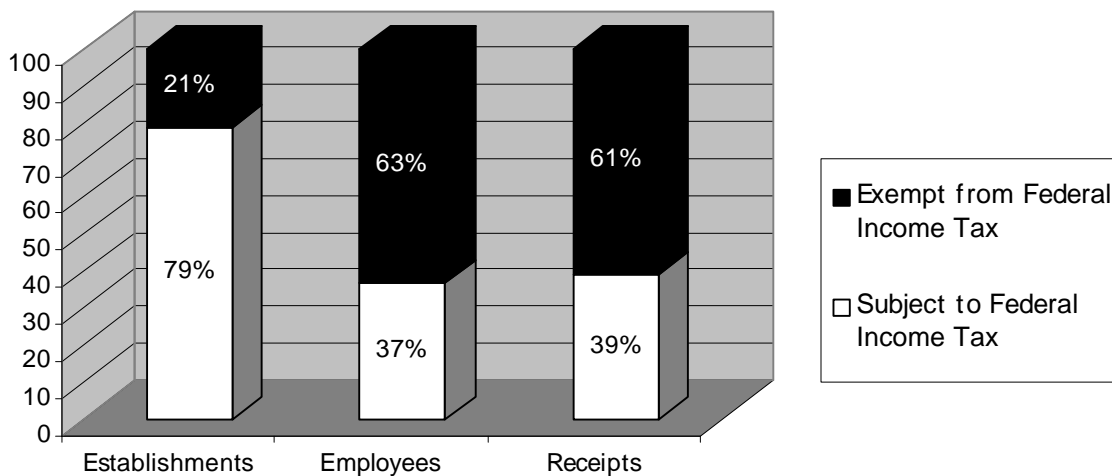
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## Health Care and Social Assistance Brings \$45.3 Billion in Receipts to Pennsylvania in 1997

MIDDLETOWN, Pa— The 31,512 establishments which comprised the new health care and social assistance industry sector in 1997 brought the Commonwealth \$45.3 billion, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's recently released Economic Census.

The Pennsylvania State Data Center at Penn State Harrisburg reports that 24,888 of the health care and social assistance industry establishments were subject to federal income tax. This type of firm employed 262,603 persons. Non-taxable establishments numbered only 6,624 but employed 453,579.

### Share of Establishment, Employment, and Receipts of Firms Subject to and Exempt from Federal Income Tax: Pennsylvania, 1997



The four subsectors of the health care and social assistance industry are ambulatory health care services



(which includes physician, dentist, and other offices among others); hospitals; nursing and residential care facilities and social assistance (which includes individual and family, community food and housing, vocational, and child care services). The share of each subsector in the total industry differs greatly between firms exempt from and subject to federal income tax.

For those subject to federal income tax, the largest subsector is ambulatory health care services in terms of number of establishments, employees, and receipts. Hospitals is the smallest for each category.

**Percent of Total Health Care and Social Assistance by Subsector for Firms Subject to Federal Income Tax: Pennsylvania, 1997**

<u>Subsector</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>		
	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
Ambulatory health care services	85%	67%	79%
Hospitals	0.1%	3%	3%
Nursing and residential care facilities	6%	22%	14%
Social assistance	9%	8%	3%

For those firms exempt from federal income tax, the distribution shows a different picture. While hospitals are the largest employer with the highest revenues, that subsector has the fewest establishments.

**Percent of Total Health Care and Social Assistance by Subsector for Firms Exempt from Federal Income Tax: Pennsylvania, 1997**

<u>Subsector</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>		
	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
Ambulatory health care services	16%	8%	8%
Hospitals	4%	57%	71%
Nursing and residential care facilities	28%	20%	13%
Social assistance	52%	15%	8%

The Pennsylvania State Data Center is the Commonwealth's official source of population and economic statistics and services. It is based at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs. The Pennsylvania State Data Center is part of the U.S. Census Bureau's national State Data Center Program.

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