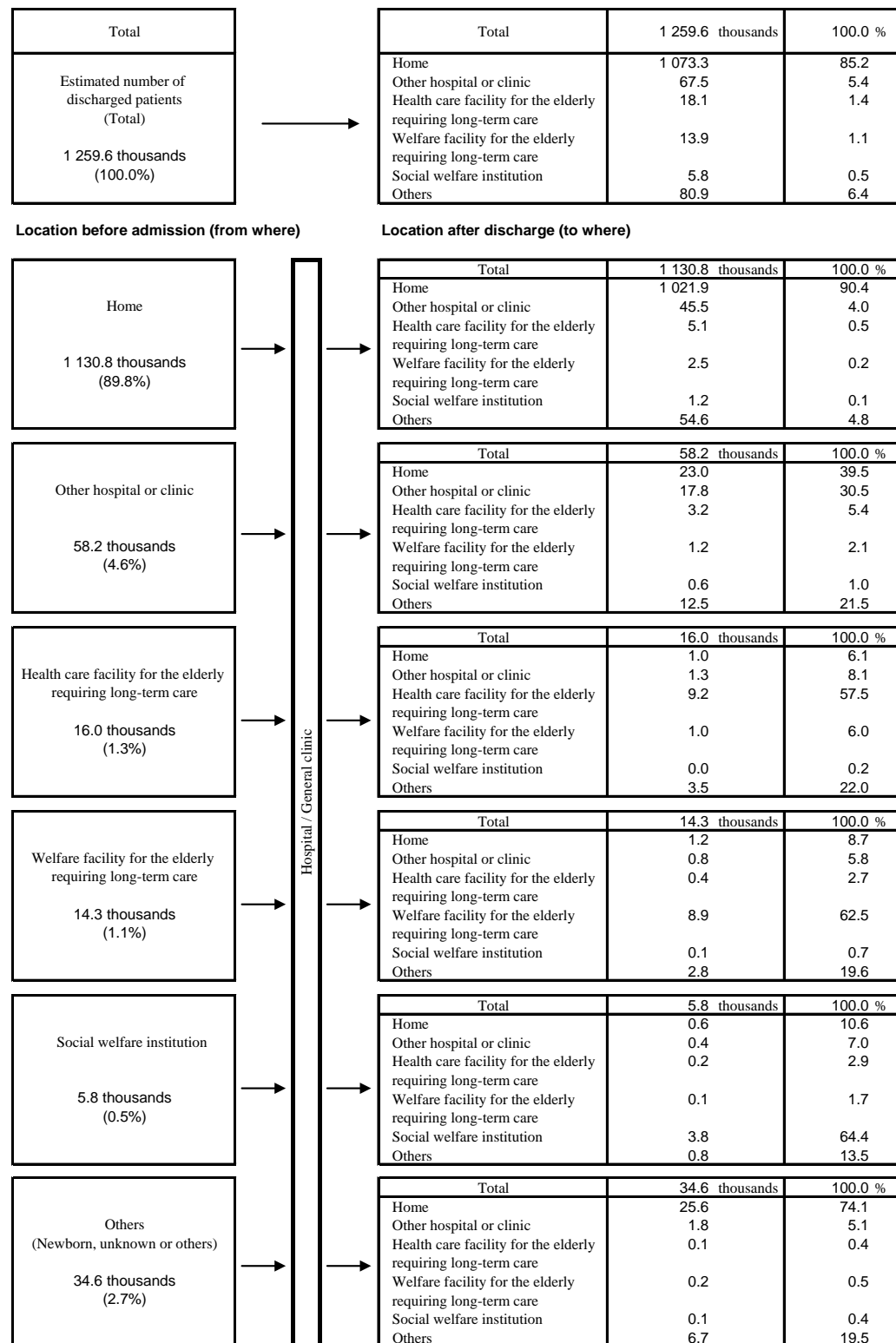


4 Location of Patients before Admission and after Discharge

Location of 1,130.8 thousand before admission is “Home” and this makes up 89.8% of the estimated number of discharged patients.

Location of 85.2% of the estimated number of discharged patients after discharge is also “Home” (Figure 11).

Figure 11 Estimated Number and Percentage of Patients by Location before Admission and after Discharge



Note: 1) Subjects of the survey were patients discharged during the period from 1st Sep to 30th Sep 2008.

2) “Home” includes outpatient visit to hospital/general clinic and home care.

3) “Others” in the location after discharge indicates patients whose location after discharge cannot be identified and includes those who died or unknown.