

Overbed tables



Photo: Space Tables

Snapshot

Highest priced unit:	\$220
Average priced unit:	\$125
Lowest priced unit:	\$60

Pricing Trends

2006-2007: Flat
2007-2008: Flat

Typical delivery time:
3 days

Typical delivery charges: \$10

Average life span of product:
2 to 10 years

Standard warranty:
Not available

Extended warranty:
Not available

Average maintenance cost per year:
Minor cleaning costs

(Figures cited are averages of all respondents' answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)

Sources: Invacare Continuing Care Group, Joerns Healthcare, Kwalu, Space Tables, Stanley-Senior Technologies

FROM THE FRONT LINES:

"We have purchased laminate wood-looking ones and the heavy plastic ones. Quite honestly, I think the plastics—the composite—are the best purchase. They clean more easily [and last longer]."

Nancy Tallent, Director of Nursing, Cumberland Valley Manor, Burkesville, KY

Buyer Notes

- Before making a purchase, providers should check to see if the overbed tables fit comfortably over beds and chairs. Many do not.
- Tables also should be able to accommodate large amounts of weight—up to 200 pounds. Keep in mind that many residents use overbed tables for items other than meal trays.
- Overbed tables also should last. They do not have to be a short-lived purchase. A high-pressure laminate is a strong material for the tabletop, some believe. Also, an overbed product with a solid base and powder-coated steel is less likely to rust.

**For a list of vendors go to the:
FURNISHINGS & FURNITURE section,
pages 117**