

HEALTH LIBRARIANS

EVIDENCE-BASED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Health Libraries: **328**
Qualified staff: **1050**

Employees: : **1250**
Support staff: **200**

HEALTH LIBRARIANS HELP SAVE LIVES

All Australians benefit from health library and information professionals' expertise that is integral to evidence-based health care.

Patient outcomes

83% of health practitioners said services had helped them improve outcomes and 76% said it had changed their thinking and improved their diagnosis or treatment plan.

\$9 for every dollar

Hospitals, government departments, associations and other organisations in healthcare gain \$9 return for every dollar they invest in health libraries.

Skilled workforce

1250 people are employed in health libraries. 760 health librarians, 290 library technicians and 200 non-LIS qualified staff.

Essential information

Key information and resources which assist in patient care, education and research and development.

Needed by

Clinical staff, researchers, organisational staff, management, academics and students are the main users of health LIS services.

Organisations

Hospitals, universities, community health, mental health, public health, research institute, government departments



FACTS ABOUT HEALTH LIBRARIANS

The employed workforce is largely female .



NSW, VIC, QLD and SA are the states with the largest number of health libraries.

Forecast - shortage of health librarians. With a 7:4 ratio of retirees to new entrants, job vacancies were found to be running at almost 10 per cent, compared with a national job vacancy rate of 1.2 per cent.



Professional workforce delivering services and resources supporting safe, good quality clinical practice and consumer health literacy.

Data: 2014 Census of Aust Health Libraries, 2013 Worth Every Cent, 2012 Questions of Life and Death