

## Librarian Demographics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Bureau of Labor Statistics provides employment information about librarians in the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) (OOH) and also in the [Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey](#) (CPS). The data in these two sources come from two different surveys. The surveys have different purposes, samples, and results.

[The Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) (OOH) provides information about how to become a librarian, lists average pay and gives employment estimates. The data represented in the OOH comes from the Occupational Employment Statistics Survey. The semiannual mail survey of 200,000 employers is designed to produce employment estimates and wages for about 800 occupations, including librarians.

Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)	
Quick Facts: Librarians	
2012 Median Pay ?	\$55,370 per year \$26.62 per hour
Entry-Level Education ?	Master's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation ?	None
On-the-job Training ?	None
Number of Jobs, 2012 ?	148,400
Job Outlook, 2012-22 ?	7% (Slower than average)
Employment Change, 2012-22 ?	11,000

Want to know how many librarians will be needed in the future?

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The [Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey \(CPS\)](#) tables provide the number of librarians, including age ranges, as self-reported in interviews of a sample of 60,000 households in 754 sample areas. The survey is conducted each month by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics and provides comprehensive data on the labor force. The employed and the unemployed are classified by such characteristics as age, sex, race, family relationship, marital status, occupation, and industry attachment. These areas are chosen to represent all counties and independent cities in the United States, with coverage in 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey (CPS)									
(Numbers in thousands)									
	Total, 16 years and over	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Median age
Total, all occupations	143,929	4,458	13,599	31,242	30,650	32,523	23,776	7,681	42.4
Librarians		194	2	7	27	35	54	53	50.5

Want to know the average age of librarians?

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