

2023 Library Jobline Fast Facts

Library Jobline connects qualified job seekers with open positions in libraries and museums nationwide through tailored search options and a robust network of employer subscribers. In 2023, the number of job posting remained steady, dropping only 1% from 2022. Meanwhile, the number of new users declined by 10%. New users in 2023 were divided almost equally between employers (49%) and job seekers (51%).

2023 Quick Stats

In 2023 there were

- 1,260 jobs posted
- 276 new users
- 1,676,226 emails sent
- 297,203 site views

The Number of Job Postings By State in 2023

The top three states with the most job postings are Colorado with 49% of posts, Rhode Island with 10% of posts, and Massachusetts with 7% of posts.

The full list of states and their number of job postings is as follows:

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|----------------------|-----|----------------|-----|---------------|----|
| Alabama | 0 | Minnesota | 10 | Virginia | 4 |
| Alaska | 0 | Mississippi | 0 | Washington | 60 |
| Arizona | 8 | Missouri | 10 | West Virginia | 0 |
| Arkansas | 3 | Montana | 1 | Wisconsin | 11 |
| California | 10 | Nebraska | 7 | Wyoming | 56 |
| Colorado | 612 | Nevada | 4 | | |
| Connecticut | 24 | New Hampshire | 14 | | |
| Delaware | 0 | New Jersey | 1 | | |
| District of Columbia | 4 | New Mexico | 38 | | |
| Florida | 8 | New York | 1 | | |
| Georgia | 8 | North Carolina | 27 | | |
| Hawaii | 0 | North Dakota | 2 | | |
| Idaho | 2 | Ohio | 19 | | |
| Illinois | 5 | Oklahoma | 1 | | |
| Indiana | 3 | Oregon | 22 | | |
| Iowa | 5 | Pennsylvania | 4 | | |
| Kansas | 13 | Rhode Island | 123 | | |
| Kentucky | 16 | South Carolina | 0 | | |
| Louisiana | 1 | South Dakota | 5 | | |
| Maine | 1 | Tennessee | 3 | | |
| Maryland | 3 | Texas | 10 | | |
| Massachusetts | 89 | Utah | 0 | | |
| Michigan | 4 | Vermont | 2 | | |

On Average Job Salaries Rose In 2023

Regardless of education requirements, jobs posted had an average salary increase of over 5% from 2022 to 2023. Jobs that required an MLIS degree saw an average salary increase of over 8%.

Average hourly salaries:

| MLIS Required | | MLIS Preferred | | MLIS Not Required | |
|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 2018 | \$26.01 | 2018 | \$24.55 | 2018 | \$24.55 |
| 2019 | \$25.94 | 2019 | \$24.48 | 2019 | \$24.48 |
| 2020 | \$25.10 | 2020 | \$25.00 | 2020 | \$25.00 |
| 2021 | \$28.94 | 2021 | \$22.93 | 2021 | \$22.93 |
| 2022 | \$27.55 | 2022 | \$25.12 | 2022 | \$25.12 |
| 2023 | \$29.80 | 2023 | \$26.49 | 2023 | \$26.49 |

Average hourly wages are calculated based on the salary ranges employers report in job posts. Annual salaries are calculated based on an assumption of working 40 hours per week and 52 weeks per year.

Total Library Jobline Users

There are 4,328 total Library Jobline users.

In 2023 there were 142 new job seekers and 134 new employers.

Degree Requirements

32% of job posts indicated that an MLIS degree was required for the position. Slightly more (37%) did not require an MLIS degree. About 16% of job posts did not specify if a degree was required, preferred, or not required.

- Required MLIS Degree 32%
- Preferred MLIS degree 16%
- Did not require MLIS degree 37%
- No data 14%

Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

2022 Graduates

Compared to 2021 graduates, a slightly higher percentage of 2022 graduates of LIS programs were employed full time and employed in an LIS field after graduation.

According to Library Journal's Placements and Salaries Survey 2022, 87% of 2022 LIS graduates are employed full-time. Three of four (75%) are employed in an LIS field, and just over three quarters of survey respondents expressed satisfaction with their placement. This is similar to last year and up 11 percentage points from 2021.

Posts by Library Type

- Public 71%
- Academic 20%
- School (K-12) 1%
- Prison/Correctional <1%
- Other 7%

Percentages may not equal 100 due to rounding.

65% of job posts for all library types were for full-time positions. Full-time was defined as 30 or more hours per week.

The Number of Jobs Posted and Users Added Over 10 Years

The drop in job postings in 2020 was due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but also in 2020, the New England job site managed by the State of Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services merged with Library Jobline leading to a significant increase the number of posts post-pandemic. The number of new users has fluctuated little throughout the past 10 years.

| Jobs Posted | | Users Added | |
|-------------|-------|-------------|-----|
| 2014 | 613 | 2014 | 316 |
| 2015 | 656 | 2015 | 302 |
| 2016 | 674 | 2016 | 358 |
| 2017 | 700 | 2017 | 285 |
| 2018 | 815 | 2018 | 282 |
| 2019 | 783 | 2019 | 328 |
| 2020 | 542 | 2020 | 382 |
| 2021 | 1,083 | 2021 | 373 |
| 2022 | 1,271 | 2022 | 307 |
| 2023 | 1,260 | 2023 | 277 |

Library Jobline had a total of 1,029 total followers and has posted 9,746 total posts on social media.

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