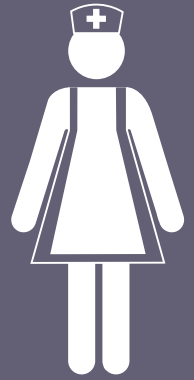


# Health Care and Social Assistance

# What you need to know



This industry includes human services, health care and social assistance.

**Occupations include:** Doctors, Registered Nurses, Aged and Disabled Carers, Welfare Support Workers, Medical Technicians, Child Care Centre Managers, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Community Workers, Residential Care Officers, Child Care Workers, Dentists and Dental Assistants. Many careers in this industry require higher education, however many VET courses offer pathways to university study.

## OUTLOOK

Over the next five years, about **108,000 employees<sup>1</sup>** are forecast to be needed in the Health Care and Social Services industry, including:

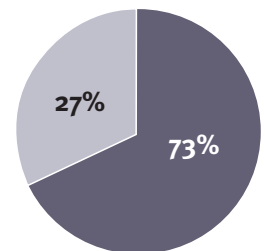
- 13,200 Registered Nurses
- 8150 Aged and Disabled Carers
- 5450 Receptionists

## Current Skills Shortages:

- Child Care Centre Manager
- Health Information Manager
- Sonographer
- Physiotherapist
- Registered Nurse
- Enrolled Nurse
- Community Worker
- Disability Services Officer
- Residential Care Officer
- Aged or Disabled Carer
- Welfare Centre Manager
- Medical Diagnostic Radiographer
- Occupational Therapist
- Midwife
- Welfare Worker
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Child Care Worker
- Clinical Coder

## FAST FACTS

- Contributed \$22.9 billion (seven per cent) to the Victorian economy in 2012-13
- Employs 343,900 people in Victoria
- Employment has grown by 74,400 people (28 per cent) over the past five years
- About 34 per cent of people are employed in the Medical Services and 28 per cent in hospitals
- 73 per cent of people are employed in metropolitan Melbourne
- 27 per cent of people are employed in regional Victoria



■ Employed in metropolitan Melbourne  
■ Employed in regional Victoria

## FINDING A JOB

Deciding what career is best for you can be a complex process. A professional careers practitioner can assist. There are a range of training opportunities available across Victoria to help you develop the skills needed to find a job in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry. Government financial support may be available to eligible students under the Victorian Training Guarantee.

**Notes:** Economic and employment data are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University. Occupations experiencing skills shortages are sourced from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's 2014 Victorian Skills Shortage List.

[1] This includes growth in overall employment as well as replacement of workers who exit the industry.