

2017 HIMSS Leadership and Workforce Survey

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The **2017 HIMSS Leadership and Workforce Survey** reflects the perspectives of U.S. health IT leaders on a myriad of topics influencing the health IT industry. Weaving together key components from two historically seminal HIMSS research efforts (the annual **HIMSS Leadership Survey** and the biennial **HIMSS Workforce Study**), the present report provides a robust profile of health IT priorities as well as their linkage to various health IT strategic initiatives (e.g. employment of select IT leaders) and industry economic measures (e.g. workforce projections).

Based on the feedback from **368** U.S. health IT leaders (**210** from a healthcare Provider organization; **158** from a healthcare IT Vendor/Consulting organization), the findings yield a few notable themes:

- Health IT leaders concur on the top clinical IT priorities for the coming year with divergent priorities pointing to a “healthy tension” within the marketplace.
- Vendors/Consultants generally have a “good pulse” on the clinical IT priorities of Hospital-associated Providers with exciting opportunities to target interests in the non-Hospital Provider market.
- Health IT continues to be a “bright spot” in the U.S. economy with select markers suggesting potential challenges ahead in extending health IT’s footprint beyond the hospital environment.
- The majority of health IT employers grew or at least maintained the size of their IT workforce over the past year.
- IT budgets projected to continue to rise with the trend much more pronounced among vendor/consultant organizations.

- Demand for health IT talent is strong however; data suggests that many organizations are struggling to fill open staff positions.

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