

Introduction and methods

Practice Greenhealth's Sustainability Benchmark Report is the premier analysis of sustainability performance data for the U.S. health care sector. The data in this report is designed to help hospitals and health systems identify sustainability opportunities by benchmarking their performance alongside other Practice Greenhealth partner hospitals. This report is organized into 11 distinct impact areas.



Each section of the report highlights a mix of qualitative performance measures (actions hospitals have taken to implement sustainability programs) and key quantitative metrics (an assessment of how well the facility is performing on different programs it has implemented). The report also includes aggregate savings or impact for a range of programs. For qualitative measures, the report presents the percent of respondents answering in the affirmative for a given question (e.g. the percent of hospitals that indicated they have a sustainable procurement policy or are purchasing alternative fuel vehicles). For quantitative metrics, Practice Greenhealth reports median performance (50th percentile) and top performance (90th percentile) points across acute-care hospitals in the data set. The report also highlights the performance for academic medical centers.

In the case of most quantitative performance metrics, the report makes an effort to standardize the measurement of sustainability performance for each category through normalization of the data in order to support more informative comparisons among hospitals. Practice Greenhealth normalizes the data based on the most statistically significant factors, allowing hospitals of different sizes and scopes to more accurately compare their sustainability performance. For example, instead of reporting total water used by institutions of a certain size, it reports water utilization per sq. ft.

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Data cohorts

The report provides several distinct cohorts of hospital data to allow for the most useful comparisons. The table below highlights the different ways Practice Greenhealth distills data for maximum comparability.

COHORT	DESCRIPTION	COHORT SIZE
All	All hospitals with overnight beds and operating rooms that responded to a given question on either the Partner for Change or the Partner Recognition award application.	345 hospitals
Small	Hospitals with fewer than 200 staffed beds. Hospitals in this cohort ranged in size from 10 to 199 staffed beds.	167 hospitals
Large	Hospitals with more than 200 staffed beds. Hospitals in this cohort ranged in size from 200 to more than 1,500 staffed beds.	176 hospitals
Academic medical centers	An academic medical center is typically a hospital attached to a university medical school and/or a teaching hospital affiliated with a medical school. These hospitals are training grounds for residents, medical and nursing students, Ph.D. candidates, and post-doctoral researchers. Some academic medical centers (63 of the 152) include onsite research facilities, which host laboratories and other research amenities that can contribute to their environmental footprint.	152 hospitals
Academic medical center with onsite research	Hospitals that identify as academic medical centers/teaching hospitals and indicated they also have onsite research facilities.	63 hospitals
Academic medical center without onsite research	Hospitals that identify as academic medical centers/teaching hospitals but indicated they do not have onsite research facilities.	89 hospitals
Non- academic hospitals	Hospitals that do not identify as academic medical centers/teaching hospitals. This can include both community hospitals and federal health care facilities.	171 hospitals
90 th	The 90 th percentile is the value dividing the top 10% of high-performing hospitals from the data set. The 90th percentile informs hospitals on the long-term target, providing a data-driven determination of how well hospitals can actually perform on a given metric using valid data.	Varies



Methods and analysis

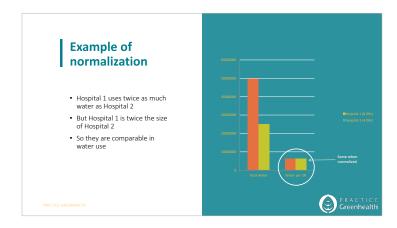
Data is from the 2021 calendar or fiscal year as reported on the 2022 Environmental Excellence Award applications. Hospitals completed the applications between November 2021 and May 2022. Practice Greenhealth reviews all data submitted by award applicants to identify outliers, which can sometimes indicate a mistake in reporting. Practice Greenhealth follows up with applicants where appropriate to inquire about outliers and to correct or remove data from the data set as necessary.

Throughout the report, the "N" (or sample size) for each group varies. This is because the "N" represents how many hospitals answered that question and can differ based on the number of hospitals reporting on that metric – not all hospitals respond to every question or provide data for every metric. Typically, the more hospitals that report on a metric (the larger the N), the better quality the data is.

Practice Greenhealth reports median values for quantitative measures, as these values typically provide a stronger basis for comparisons and benchmarking than averages and standard deviations. Averages and standard deviations can be influenced by outliers or incorrect data and can result in misleading conclusions. Median values (the middle value, or the 50th percentile) provide hospitals the chance to compare their sustainability performance, while the 90th percentile informs hospitals on a long-term target, providing a data-driven determination of how well hospitals can actually perform on a given metric. This data is then paired with analysis of the programmatic actions utilized by best performing hospitals to support improvement in these key metrics and identify potential opportunities for action.

Normalizing data

Normalizing data is an important step to allow comparisons of performance between hospitals and groups of hospitals, regardless of size or number of patients. Practice Greenhealth normalizes the data to help identify comparable metrics for each category. To normalize data is to determine how different characteristics are affected by other variables. For example, instead of looking at waste generation by tons alone, one would look at which variables might impact the amount of waste generated by a facility and then try to normalize or standardize data by those variables (e.g., tons of waste per patient day). Normalizing data not only helps compare metrics between hospitals but also helps a hospital compare their own data over a number of years, adjusting for variations in patient volume each year. Through the use of multiple regression techniques, Practice Greenhealth uses statistical analysis to determine which variables have the greatest impact on characteristics of interest that reveal which variables best correlate with each characteristic. The variables that emerge as important influences on each characteristic are called normalizing factors.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, applicants' demographic data may look somewhat different than in a typical year. Many hospitals dealt with several COVID-19 surges in 2021. Similar to last year, Practice Greenhealth will analyze how the pandemic may have affected sustainability performance.

Practice Greenhealth thanks the hundreds of individuals, hospitals, facilities, and health systems that provided data for this analysis through the Environmental Excellence Awards application process, which is open to all partners of Practice Greenhealth.



Normalization factors

Practice Greenhealth analyzes each of the following normalization factors (in alphabetical order) for all of the major areas of environmental impact.

NORMALIZER	DEFINITION	MEDIAN (50 TH PERCENTILE)
Adjusted patient days	Adjusted patient days (APD) take into account inpatient and outpatient activity and are generally calculated as: APD = (total patient days)x(total patient revenue/inpatient revenue); where total patient revenue = inpatient + outpatient revenue.	104,310
Cleanable square feet	Cleanable square feet denotes the space routinely cleaned by environmental services. To calculate cleanable square feet when a measured value is not available, the facility can estimate that cleanable square feet = gross square feet minus walls (1.5% of gross square feet) minus sq. ft.age of non-cleanable areas (i.e. electrical closets, mechanical rooms, storage rooms).	495,000
Gross square feet/gross floor area	The gross floor area (GFA) is the total property sq. ft.age, measured between the outside surface of the exterior walls of the building(s). This includes all areas inside the building(s), including supporting areas. GFA is not the same as rentable space, but rather includes all area inside the building(s), including lobbies, tenant areas, common areas, meeting rooms, break rooms, atriums (count the base level only), restrooms, elevator shafts, stairwells, mechanical equipment areas, basements, and storage rooms. Not included in GFA: exterior spaces, balconies, patios, exterior loading docks, driveways, covered walkways, outdoor courts (tennis, basketball, etc.), parking, the interstitial plenum space between floors (which house pipes and ventilation), and crawl spaces (per ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager glossary).	591,223
Licensed beds	The maximum number of beds a hospital is licensed to staff.	237
Operating rooms	An operating room is defined as a room in the surgical suite that meets the requirements of a restricted area and is designated and equipped for performing surgical operations or other invasive procedures that require an aseptic field. This is in contrast to a procedure room, which is defined as a room for the performance of procedures that do not require an aseptic field but may require the use of sterile instruments or supplies.	12
OR procedures	A count of total surgical cases with a primary surgical procedure(s) performed in an operating room. This count should not include the number of procedures that occur during a single surgical case, but rather the total number of surgery cases. This would be a total count of patient in OR to patient out of OR events. This count should include surgeries performed in hospital-based ORs and operationally affiliated ambulatory surgery center ORs.	7,555
Outpatient visits	A count of outpatient visits annually. An outpatient visit/use/event is any visit made during the person's reference period to a hospital outpatient department, such as a unit of a hospital (or a facility connected with a hospital) providing health and medical services to individuals who receive services from the hospital but do not require hospitalization overnight. Examples of outpatient clinics include well-baby clinics/pediatric OPD; obesity clinics; eye, ear, nose, and throat clinics; family planning clinics; cardiology clinics; internal medicine departments; alcohol and drug abuse clinics; physical therapy clinics; and radiation therapy clinics. Hospital outpatient departments may also provide general primary care.	191,159
Patient days	A unit of measure denoting lodging facilities provided and services rendered to one inpatient between the census-taking hour on two successive days (synonymous terms include inpatient day, inpatient service day, census day, bed occupancy day, occupied bed day).	46,917
Staffed beds	The number of beds available for use by patients during the reporting period. A bed means an adult bed, pediatric bed, birthing room, or newborn bed maintained in a patient care area for lodging patients in acute, long-term, or domiciliary areas of the hospital.	207
Total on-site full-time equivalents (FTEs)	Total on-site FTEs is the sum of full-time equivalent employees plus FTE physicians, FTE medical students, and FTE contracted full-time employees (such as environmental services, food services, and pharmacy services). The number of full-time equivalent workers should be computed as the total number of hours worked by all workers in a week divided by the standard hours worked by one full-time worker in a week. Workers may include employees of the property and volunteers who perform regular on-site tasks. Workers should not include visitors to the property such as clients, customers, patients, or subcontractors.	1,630

LEADERSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Any member of the executive leadership team actively implemented or led strategies to improve environmental performance or address sustainability considerations	63%	61%	64%	96%	100%
Has appointed or hired someone to lead sustainability efforts at the facility level	73%	71%	75%	96%	100%
Of the facilities indicating a sustainability lead, the position is:					
Full-time: Facility level	16%	11%	21%	25%	20%
Part-time: Facility level	4%	3%	5%	4%	20%
Other duties within existing job assignment	79%	86%	73%	71%	60%
Has appointed or hired someone to lead sustainability efforts at the health system level	88%	93%	83%	92%	100%
Of the facilities indicating a sustainability lead on the system level, the position is:					
Full-time: System level	77%	74%	80%	78%	90%
Part-time: System level	10%	14%	6%	22%	10%
Other	13%	12%	14%	0%	0%
Identified clinical champion(s) to lead efforts on clinical engagement and education	51%	47%	55%	100%	100%
Activities clinical champions participate in:					
Participates in sustainability committee	82%	83%	80%	96%	90%
Participates in health professional sustainability team	29%	19%	37%	36%	60%
Participates in Health Care Without Harm's Physician Sustainability Network	12%	6%	16%	16%	30%
Participates in Nurses Climate Challenge	15%	15%	15%	16%	30%
Leverage clinical research/practice to support sustainability goal-setting	37%	27%	44%	52%	70%
Educates staff	81%	79%	82%	100%	100%
Educates patients	33%	29%	36%	52%	60%
Conducts research	24%	15%	31%	40%	70%
Writes articles/blogs	23%	12%	32%	40%	80%
Professional presentations	35%	31%	39%	64%	90%
Other	13%	9%	16%	24%	40%

COVID-19	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Facility partnered with the community to address community needs brought on and/or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic	53%	49%	57%	92%	90%
How the facility's sustainability work has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:					
Increased focus on sustainability	10%	10%	10%	8%	10%
Reduced capacity for/focus on sustainability	55%	56%	55%	80%	80%
Sustainability work on hold for at least 3 months	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Sustainability work on hold for at least 6 months	11%	10%	13%	0%	0%
Sustainability work on hold until further notice	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Sustainability program eliminated	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Unaffected	7%	6%	9%	8%	10%
Other	5%	5%	5%	4%	0%
LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Established an organizational environmental commitment statement/principles/charter for integrating environmental sustainability that is approved by top leadership	70%	71%	69%	92%	90%
Conducted a materiality assessment to inform sustainability priorities	20%	20%	20%	52%	70%
Established a team charter for green or sustainability team	64%	61%	66%	92%	100%
Developed a minimum of three SMART sustainability goals	72%	72%	72%	100%	100%
Of those that developed SMART goals:					
Goals are publicly available	60%	61%	61%	92%	100%
Created a strategic sustainability plan that aligns with other organizational priorities or embeds sustainability objectives or goals within the overall strategic plan	56%	54%	58%	100%	100%

HUMAN RESOURCES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Added sustainability measures into performance objectives/evaluations for leadership staff	31%	29%	32%	80%	90%
Added language to job descriptions on the organization's commitment to the environment and the role that each employee plays	23%	22%	26%	72%	80%
Included an overview of organizational sustainability goals in new employee orientation	46%	46%	47%	100%	90%
Included questions about sustainability/environmental stewardship program in its employee engagement/satisfaction survey	8%	11%	6%	48%	40%
Employed or hosted interns, students, or residents related to sustainability	29%	27%	32%	80%	90%
FINANCE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Formulated a sustainability program budget	43%	44%	44%	80%	80%
Developed a green revolving fund	23%	22%	23%	68%	70%
REPORTING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Implemented annual sustainability reporting to the Board of Directors/Trustees	59%	57%	61%	92%	90%
Reported sustainability initiatives within its Community Benefit Report to the IRS (for non-profit organizations) through IRS Schedule H, Form 990	50%	44%	56%	72%	80%
Issues any report that specifically includes sustainability programming	43%	41%	44%	96%	90%
Of the facilities issuing reports that include sustainability, these types of reports were issued with sustainability included:					
Sustainability report	69%	77%	62%	46%	44%
Sustainability report using GRI framework	1%	1%	1%	4%	11%
Annual report	61%	59%	62%	63%	89%
Community benefit report	50%	48%	52%	71%	78%
Other report	7%	4%	10%	8%	0%

eloped a formal communication/branding plan with the Marketing/Communications team to convey the organization's	48%	470/			
ainability initiatives		47%	49%	68%	70%
Methods used to communicate sustainability efforts:					
nternal webpage for staff	75%	74%	77%	88%	80%
Public webpage	53%	49%	57%	80%	80%
E-learning modules	19%	19%	19%	44%	40%
Newsletter	57%	55%	59%	88%	100%
Poster campaign	27%	27%	27%	64%	80%
Social media	61%	59%	62%	84%	80%
Electronic bulletin	26%	25%	26%	76%	80%
Fownhall meeting	31%	28%	35%	44%	50%
Screen savers	10%	9%	10%	12%	20%
nternal recognition	35%	37%	33%	88%	90%
Advertising	8%	7%	9%	16%	20%
Blog	11%	11%	11%	12%	20%
Other	23%	23%	22%	44%	60%
cated the community on environmental topics	53%	49%	57%	92%	90%
red its environmental sustainability successes in a media story	52%	49%	55%	72%	90%
tured a sustainability topic connecting health and the environment in at least one grand rounds event	17%	11%	22%	56%	70%
sented publicly on the organization's sustainability efforts	35%	32%	38%	92%	100%
vided mentoring to other health care facilities either within health system or externally	49%	46%	52%	92%	90%
MMUNITY CONNECTIONS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
tainability team reviewed its organization's community health needs assessment (CHNA) to align sustainability priorities with ernal community needs	47%	48%	47%	80%	70%
ility educated the community on environmental topics	53%	49%	57%	92%	90%
lity partnered with the community to address community needs brought on and/or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic	76%	73%	79%	96%	90%
lity needs additional support in building and sustaining meaningful community partnerships	24%	22%	25%	8%	10%



Diversity, equity, inclusion (DEI) and community are important priority themes for health care right now. As such, we are pulling them out to highlight the new data in this space. These themes will likely be explored in more detail in future benchmark reports.

STRUCTURAL RACISM	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Undertook any intentional work on racial equity (internally or externally)	88%	88%	89%	96%	100%
Racial equity activities					
Internal evaluation of racial equity	60%	59%	62%	96%	90%
Internal committee focused on racial equity	67%	64%	69%	96%	90%
Designated staff	69%	67%	71%	79%	70%
Internal programs (anti-racism curriculum and trainings with administrators, clinicians and staff)	89%	92%	87%	96%	90%
Issued statement internally or externally	82%	82%	83%	96%	100%
Action to identify and address inequities in patients' health outcomes based on race and other socio-demographic factors	77%	78%	77%	96%	90%
Intentional effort to partner with community organizations representing Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)	75%	72%	79%	100%	100%
Advocacy efforts	65%	69%	63%	88%	80%
Other	34%	38%	30%	33%	20%

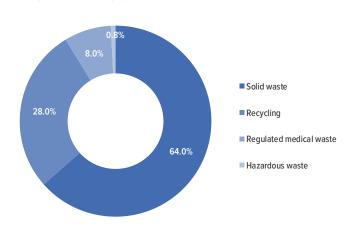


MEDIAN WASTE VOLUME (IN TONS) BY TYPE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL WASTE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Solid waste	66%	64%	68%	65%	55%
Recycling	23%	27%	21%	27%	40%
Regulated medical waste	6.5%	5.8%	8.0%	6.3%	5.0%
Hazardous waste	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.5%

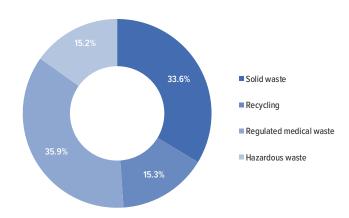
90^{th} percentile for percent of waste volume by type as a percent of total waste	ALL
Recycling (high is better)	43%
Regulated medical waste (low is better)	3.0%
Hazardous waste (low is better)	0.1%
Note: 90 th percentile indicates the top performers for these metrics, e.g., the organizations that achieved the best waste generation rates.	

MEDIAN COST OF WASTE DISPOSAL BY TYPE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL WASTE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Solid waste	33%	30%	33%	28%	27%
Recycling	14%	18%	13%	15%	16%
Regulated medical waste	34%	33%	36%	34%	34%
Hazardous waste	11%	7%	12%	14%	24%

Average tons of waste by type as a percent of total waste



Average cost of waste generation by type as a percent of total waste

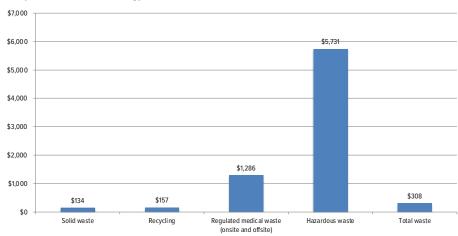




MEDIAN COST PER TON	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Solid waste	\$134	\$146	\$122	\$132	\$170
Recycling	\$157	\$165	\$151	\$194	\$157
Regulated medical waste (onsite and offsite)	\$1,286	\$1,435	\$1,135	\$1,835	\$2,402
Hazardous waste	\$5731	\$7378	\$4736	\$6243	\$6512
Total waste	\$308	\$322	\$305	\$325	\$372

Note: Total waste is the sum of solid waste, recycling, regulated medical waste, and hazardous waste. Pharmaceutical and food waste are counted as subsets of those four waste streams. Cost for recycling includes only those facilities that had a net cost (not a profit) for their recycling program.

Cost per ton of different waste types



SOLID WASTE MEDIANS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Solid waste as a percent of total waste (tons)	66%	64%	68%	65%	55%
Solid waste as a percent of total waste (cost)	33%	30%	33%	28%	27%
Median cost of solid waste per ton	\$134	\$146	\$122	\$132	\$170



DISPOSAL MECHANISM FOR SOLID WASTE (NON-PHARMACEUTICAL)	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Landfill	83%	83%	84%	72%	80%
Municipal waste incinerator	2%	3%	1%	20%	0%
Waste-to-energy incinerator	7%	6%	9%	8%	20%
SOLID WASTE REDUCTION AND PREVENTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Tracked a metric for total waste diversion from landfill or incineration	41%	41%	41%	84%	100%
DONATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Developed an equipment and supplies donation program (domestic or abroad) for materials, equipment and furniture that can no longer be used internally	77%	74%	80%	92%	100%
Of the 265 facilities that developed a donation program, this is the percent of facilities that routinely donate these materials:					
Unexpired/unopened consumable clinical supplies	74%	69%	77%	83%	60%
Expired/opened consumable clinical supplies	57%	55%	58%	78%	70%
Capital medical equipment	72%	72%	72%	74%	90%
Electronics	61%	67%	55%	61%	70%
Furniture	75%	72%	78%	57%	90%
Linens	37%	36%	38%	43%	70%
Other supplies	48%	40%	55%	48%	80%
PAPER REDUCTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Implemented a paper reduction program	66%	62%	69%	100%	100%
Of the 226 facilities that indicated they had a paper reduction program, these are the programmatic activities pursued:					
Reduced network printers	79%	79%	80%	96%	90%
Made double-sided printing the default on printers/copiers	65%	63%	67%	88%	80%
Reduced number of automatically printed reports	67%	63%	71%	96%	100%
Implemented EMR/EHR system	76%	71%	79%	88%	90%
Created digital signage	55%	45%	63%	72%	80%
Increased electronic meetings	77%	67%	84%	88%	90%
Engaged supply chain around paper reduction	44%	37%	51%	76%	80%
Other	22%	21%	22%	52%	90%



RECYCLING MEDIANS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Recycling as a percent of total waste (tons)	23%	27%	21%	27%	40%
Recycling as a percent of total waste (cost)	14%	18%	13%	15%	16%
Median cost of recycling per ton, includes universal waste (for those that have a cost)	\$157	\$165	\$151	\$194	\$157
Median cost of recycling per ton, not including universal waste	\$145	\$147	\$144	\$178	\$167
Note: Cost data above includes only those facilities that had a net cost (not a profit) for their recycling program. Median cost per ton for non-univ	ersal recycling when facilities th	nat made a profit are inc	luded is \$112.		
MEDIAN NORMALIZED RECYCLING METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Recycling (tons) per OR	18.86	16.12	21.22	25.15	34.37
Recycling (tons) per licensed beds	1.00	1.10	0.95	1.43	1.84
Recycling (tons) per staffed beds	1.28	1.58	1.08	1.59	2.04
Recycling (tons) per OR procedure	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06
Pounds recycling per staffed bed per day	7.00	8.68	5.90	8.69	11.17
Pounds recycling per patient day	9.86	12.63	8.11	10.86	17.68
Pounds recycling per adjusted patient day	4.19	4.41	4.12	4.72	5.35
Pounds recycling per total FTE	257	293	232	244	244
Pounds recycling per square feet	0.74	0.71	0.76	0.76	0.83
RECYCLING OF MEDICAL PLASTICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Recycled clinical/medical plastics	52%	49%	54%	84%	100%
Of the 178 facilities recycling clinical/medical plastics, the items recycled include:					
Irrigation bottles	73%	78%	69%	76%	90%
Skin prep solution bottles	48%	52%	45%	57%	70%
Trays	60%	59%	61%	57%	70%
Overwraps	20%	21%	19%	24%	10%
Rigid inserts	40%	37%	43%	67%	80%
Blue wrap	35%	28%	40%	62%	70%
Tyvek	3%	2%	4%	0%	0%
Basins	51%	62%	42%	71%	70%
Urinals/bedpans	17%	22%	14%	57%	60%
Other	14%	11%	17%	38%	70%



TOP 10 RECYCLED MATERIALS NOT PART OF MIXED RECYCLING (BY WEIGHT IN TONS)	SUM OF ALL
Paper-HIPAA	50,107
Cardboard	18,210
Paper-mixed (includes newspaper)	5,673
Food waste composting	5,602
Computers & electronic waste	3,051
Metals mixed (brass/copper/steel-not C&D)	2,107
Paper-white	1,894
Oil-cooking	873
Batteries	660
Wood (does not include avoided waste through pallet reuse)	604
FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL	ALL
Percent of facilities composting food waste	39%
Total tons of food waste composted	5,602
Median cost per ton food waste composting	\$157
Median cost per ton solid waste	\$134
AGGREGATE RECYCLING TOTALS	ALL
Total solid waste recycling tonnage for all facilities	136,886
Total universal waste recycling tonnage for all facilities	4,454
Total recycling tonnage for all facilities	141,340
Total recycling costs for all facilities (reporting a net cost for their recycling program)	\$8,953,600



REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE MINIMIZATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Disinfected/treated RMW using onsite technology	18%	11%	24%	12%	20%
Eliminated the standard use of red bag waste (RMW) containers in regular patient rooms	59%	61%	57%	96%	100%
Implemented a reusable sharps container program	80%	71%	90%	92%	80%
Of the 108 facilities that provided data on reusable sharps container program savings:					
Median reusable sharps container program cost-savings per facility annually	\$19,079	\$2,770	\$42,843	\$16,204	\$16,204
Median reusable sharps container program waste reduction per facility annually	15	7	29	10	13
Sum of all facilities: cost-savings through reusable sharps program	\$7,296,116				
Sum of all facilities: tons of waste prevented through reusable sharps program	4,366				
Implemented a single-use device (SUD) reprocessing program with an FDA-approved third party reprocessor	88%	83%	92%	84%	90%
REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Incinerated a portion of its regulated medical waste (RMW)	73%	72%	73%	100%	100%
Of the 251 facilities that indicated they incinerate a portion of RMW, the following medical waste streams are incin	nerated:				
General RMW	20%	23%	17%	32%	20%
Path/chemo	90%	90%	91%	100%	100%
Sharps	20%	22%	17%	20%	30%
Non-RCRA pharmaceuticals	43%	36%	50%	56%	40%
Other	4%	2%	5%	4%	20%
Disinfects/treats RMW using onsite technology	18%	11%	24%	12%	20%
Of the 62 facilities that treat RMW onsite, these treatment technologies are employed:					
Autoclave	84%	89%	81%	67%	100%
Rotoclave	3%	0%	5%	33%	0%
Chemical disinfection	3%	0%	5%	0%	0%
Incineration	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Note: While only 73% of all facilities reported incinerating a portion of RMW, it is Practice Greenhealth's belief that 100% of facilities are actually incinerating their anatomical/pathological/trace chemotherapeutic waste per standard treatment practice in the United States—and that this discrepancy represents a lack of understanding of the application question or incomplete knowledge of the treatment options being utilized by haulers.



REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE MEDIANS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
RMW as a percent of total waste (tons)	6.5%	5.8%	8.0%	6.3%	5.0%
RMW as a percent of total waste (cost)	34%	33%	36%	34%	34%
Median RMW cost per ton	\$1,286	\$1,435	\$1,135	\$1,835	\$2,402
COMPARISON OF MEDIAN COST PER TON OF REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE (RMW) FOR FACILITIES TREATING RMW ONSITE AND OFFSITE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
RMW cost per ton - onsite treatment	\$1,960	\$2,438	\$1,740	\$3,545	\$4,539
RMW cost per ton - offsite treatment	\$1,221	\$1,435	\$1,082	\$1,771	\$1,935
MEDIAN NORMALIZED REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
RMW (tons) per OR	5.71	3.53	8.06	6.06	5.37
RMW (tons) per licensed bed	0.27	0.24	0.34	0.32	0.26
RMW (tons) per staffed bed	0.35	0.31	0.37	0.36	0.33
Pounds RMW per staffed bed per day	1.91	1.72	2.05	1.99	1.79
Pounds RMW per patient day	2.94	3.02	2.84	2.48	2.14
Pounds RMW per adjusted patient day	1.18	0.98	1.52	1.27	0.53
Pounds RMW per OR procedure	17.59	12.33	22.69	18.03	20.35
Pounds RMW per FTE	75.29	59.35	85.72	71.80	31.11
Pounds RMW per sq. ft.	0.20	0.14	0.30	0.19	0.12
PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE AND COST AS PERCENT OF TOTAL WASTE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Pharm waste as a percent of total waste (tons)	0.57%	0.45%	0.69%	0.65%	0.59%
Pharm waste as a percent of total waste (cost)	4%	3%	8%	2%	7%
Median pharmaceutical waste cost per ton (RCRA and non-RCRA)	\$3,849	\$4,257	\$3,605	\$3,883	\$5,178
Note: Pharmaceutical waste is actually a subset of both RCRA-hazardous and either RMW or solid waste and thus is not shown in the breakdown by waste typ	e above.				



PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE DISPOSAL	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Segregates non-RCRA pharmaceutical waste into a separate waste stream for hauling	50%	49%	51%	64%	30%
Method of handling waste pharmaceuticals that are not regulated as Hazardous Waste (such as antidepressants, statins, antibio	tics, etc.)				
Treat all pharmaceutical waste as RCRA-hazardous to better protect human health and the environment	27%	26%	28%	48%	70%
Pharmaceutical waste is being disposed of in red bags or sharps containers	21%	18%	23%	8%	0%
Pharmaceutical waste is going down the drain	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Pharmaceutical waste is going into clear trash bags (solid waste)	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%
Other	16%	17%	15%	24%	40%
Don't know	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Taken any measures to reduce the generation of pharmaceutical waste					
Staff education	58%	60%	57%	100%	100%
Inventory management	49%	54%	44%	92%	90%
Implemented a samples policy	19%	22%	17%	48%	50%
Monitored dating and utilized stock rotation for emergency syringes	30%	32%	29%	56%	50%
Prescription review	26%	27%	25%	68%	40%
Primed and flushed chemotherapy IV lines with saline solution	22%	25%	19%	36%	40%
Replaced pre-packaged unit dose liquids with patient-specific oral syringes	20%	22%	18%	48%	50%
Other	6%	5%	8%	4%	10%
Utilizes a reverse distributor for potentially creditable (unused, surplus or expired) RCRA-hazardous prescription pharmaceuticals	51%	50%	53%	72%	40%
Of those utilizing a reverse distributor for RCRA pharmaceuticals:					
Ensured that that potentially creditable RCRA-hazardous prescription pharmaceuticals sent for reverse distribution are included and accounted for in the hospital's pharmaceutical waste totals	36%	41%	30%	67%	75%
Did not know that pharmaceuticals sent for reverse distribution should be included in the hospital's pharmaceutical waste totals	22%	23%	22%	17%	0%



MECHANISMS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DISPOSAL	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Wasting to drain	8%	6%	10%	12%	10%
Render irretrievable with a commercial controlled substance mechanism or service	44%	43%	45%	56%	20%
Solid waste landfill	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Solid waste incinerator	1%	0%	2%	4%	10%
Medical waste incinerator	5%	5%	5%	4%	0%
Hazardous waste incinerator	15%	13%	16%	20%	10%
Other	26%	28%	24%	52%	100%
MEDIAN HAZARDOUS WASTE AND COST AS PERCENT OF TOTAL WASTE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Hazardous waste as a percent of total waste (tons)	0.5%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.5%
Hazardous waste as a percent of total waste (cost)	10.8%	6.9%	11.7%	13.9%	24.1%
Median hazardous waste cost per ton	\$5,731	\$7,378	\$4,736	\$6,243	\$6,512
UNIVERSAL/HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Established a contract with a certified electronics waste/recycling vendor that is certified to e-Stewards (or subcontractors that use e-Stewards-certified vendors) for legal and environmentally responsible electronics (or e-waste) management and recycling.	67%	61%	73%	84%	70%
Handling of fluorescent lamps					
Ship to recycler	80%	80%	81%	100%	100%
Crush onsite	4%	3%	5%	0%	0%
Dispose in dumpster	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%
Other	5%	4%	5%	0%	0%
Recycled its batteries	91%	90%	93%	100%	100%



sums for all facilities.

BATTERY RECYCLING (BY TYPE)	ALL				
Of the 314 facilities that indicated they were recycling batteries, the following types of battery recycling were indicated:					
Ni-Cd	89%				
Lead-acid	90%				
Lithium ion	94%				
Alkaline	82%				
Mercuric oxide	36%				
Ni-MH	74%				
Other	10%				
HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Has a laboratory on-site	82%	80%	84%	100%	100%
Of the 282 facilities that have onsite laboratories, percent of facilities that did work to green their laboratories:	44%	43%	45%	80%	100%
SOLVENT DISTILLATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Recycled, reprocessed or distilled solvents, alcohols, or other chemicals from the lab (such as xylene, alcohols or formalin)	24%	15%	32%	44%	70%
Median total cost savings per hospital (among facilities that reprocess solvents)	\$13,442	\$2,874	\$15,160	\$15,077	\$15,453
90th percentile total cost savings per hospital (among facilities that reprocess solvents)	\$31,702	\$18,856	\$37,163	\$22,701	\$18,420
Total gallons distilled annually (sum of all facilities)	27,954	1,831	24,943	9,498	5,361
Total annual savings from avoided virgin solvent purchase (sum of all facilities)	\$236,328	\$28,191	\$188,716	\$124,695	\$74,639
Total annual savings from reduced disposal costs (sum of all facilities)	\$34,139	\$3,040	\$27,286	\$18,820	\$10,159
Total savings from solvent reprocessing (sum of all facilities)	\$270,467	\$31,231	\$216,002	\$143,515	\$84,798
TOTAL WASTE TONS AND COST	ALL				
Median tons of total waste generated per year per facility	1,036				

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Median total cost of waste disposal and treatment per facility	\$385,559
Total waste tons generated by all hospitals	443,217
Total waste disposal and treatment cost for all hospitals	\$82,499,468

Note: not all hospitals included costs for all waste streams. These facilities were omitted from the medians because they did not submit full costs. However, they are included in the



MEDIAN NORMALIZED TOTAL WASTE METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WASTE CIRCLE
Total waste (tons) per OR	89.18	66.19	96.65	92.65	95.41
Total waste (tons) per licensed bed	4.35	4.44	4.34	4.64	4.53
Total waste (tons) per staffed bed	5.32	6.16	5.06	5.99	5.29
Total waste (tons) per ORProc	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.14	0.17
Pounds total waste per staffed bed per day	29.15	33.77	27.70	32.81	28.99
Pounds total waste per patient day	41.98	49.70	37.93	43.67	49.33
Pounds total waste per adjusted patient day	18.97	18.21	19.66	17.50	16.56
Pounds total waste per OR procedure	270.42	241.41	293.97	281.73	341.70
Pounds total waste per total FTE	1224	1242	1189	1261	751
Pounds total waste per sq. ft.	3.29	2.87	3.57	3.00	2.51

CHEMICAL AUDITS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Contracted for, or performed internally, a hazardous chemical/material audit by hospital department and update at least annually	63%	62%	65%	100%	100%
CHEMICALS OF CONCERN	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Have chemical or purchasing policies that identify and avoid specific chemicals of concern contained in products and materials that may be hazardous to human health and the environment	74%	75%	73%	100%	100%
Of the 255 facilities that have chemical or purchasing policies, the policies include these chemicals of concern:					
Mercury	77%	80%	73%	100%	100%
Polyvinyl chloride, or PVC	81%	80%	81%	80%	91%
Lead	74%	79%	69%	68%	86%
Flame retardants, including chlorinated, brominated, and phosphate-based flame retardants	74%	75%	73%	68%	89%
Phthalates (DEHP, BBP, DnHP, DIDP, DBP, DINP, and DiBP)	77%	77%	77%	80%	93%
Latex	50%	49%	52%	72%	57%
Bisphenol A and its structural analogues	73%	75%	70%	68%	89%
Persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic substances (PBTs)	69%	72%	65%	72%	86%
Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	60%	58%	63%	72%	57%
Formaldehyde	55%	58%	53%	68%	89%
Triclosan	55%	56%	55%	72%	93%
Triclocarban	52%	53%	52%	68%	91%
CA Proposition 65 listed chemicals (carcinogens and reproductive toxicants)	53%	54%	51%	44%	16%
Polystyrene	24%	28%	20%	52%	39%
Per and poly-fluorinated compounds (PFAS)	55%	55%	55%	36%	82%
Other	20%	24%	16%	28%	75%
GREEN CLEANING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICAL CIRCLE
Conducted an inventory in the last 18 months of all products used at the facility for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces	67%	68%	66%	100%	100%
Actively working on the transition to third-party certified green cleaning chemicals, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Green Cleaning Goal	44%	48%	41%	84%	100%
Utilized any Green Seal or UL ECOLOGO-certified cleaning products	79%	81%	77%	96%	100%



MEDIAN GREEN SPEND ON CLEANERS BY CATEGORY (IF > ZERO)	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
General purpose (hard surface) cleaners	23%	22%	26%	82%	99%
Window/glass cleaners	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Carpet and upholstery cleaners	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Bathroom/restroom cleaners	79%	78%	90%	89%	100%
Floor cleaners	100%	100%	89%	100%	100%
Five target categories combined (general purpose, window/glass, bathroom, carpet/rug cleaner and floor cleaners) for those facilities that bought all five	64%	69%	64%	71%	73%
All cleaners	27%	23%	29%	51%	51%
TOTAL SPEND ON GREEN CLEANERS (SUM OF ALL FACILITIES)	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Five target categories combined (general purpose, window/glass, bathroom, carpet/rug cleaner and floor cleaners)	\$2,298,893	\$406,052	\$1,884,456	\$369,187	\$411,322
All cleaning categories	\$3,324,886	\$696,673	\$2,619,828	\$701,139	\$721,451
OTHER CLEANING METHODS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Utilized automatic scrubbing machines that use only water for floor cleaning	54%	47%	61%	80%	59%
Of those facilities that utilized automatic scrubbing machines:	188	79	108	20	26
Reduced or replaced other cleaning chemical use as a result of automatic scrubbing machines	91%	92%	91%	100%	100%
Utilized ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) technology for surface disinfection in any area of the organization	48%	43%	53%	76%	89%
Of those facilities that utilized ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UGVI) technology for surface disinfection, these are the	clinical areas where th	nis technology was	used:		
All patient rooms	42%	40%	44%	47%	36%
Isolation rooms	82%	83%	82%	74%	92%
OR	78%	89%	69%	79%	90%
Other	34%	32%	35%	68%	38%
Replaced any cleaning product types with a chemical-free method, such as ionized water or ozone	22%	16%	27%	60%	39%
Of those facilities that utilized a chemical-free cleaning method, the following methods were indicated:					
lonized water	69%	77%	65%	80%	94%
Ozone	13%	8%	17%	27%	12%
	25%	35%	21%	27%	24%

DISINFECTANTS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
The facility expanded its use of disinfectants/one-step disinfectant cleaners for environmental cleaning as a result of the COVID-19 condemic	67%	67%	68%	80%	93%
The 232 facilities that expanded use of disinfectants did it in these areas:					
All patient care areas	50%	47%	53%	50%	32%
Some patient care areas	19%	21%	18%	15%	5%
Food services	22%	23%	22%	15%	5%
Administrative areas	21%	21%	21%	25%	10%
Everywhere	53%	60%	48%	80%	93%
Other	6%	4%	8%	10%	2%
Consideration is given to the sustainability attributes of disinfectants/one-step disinfectant cleaners during the product selection process	49%	43%	55%	84%	43%
STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Eliminated the use of the high-level disinfectant glutaraldehyde and moved to safer alternatives while ensuring infection prevention parameters are met	77%	72%	81%	96%	98%
Of the 265 facilities that have eliminated the high-level disinfectant glutaraldehyde, these alternatives are used:					
OPA (ASP cidex OPA, metrex metricide OPA)	75%	74%	76%	83%	93%
Hydrogen peroxide	54%	48%	58%	79%	35%
Peracetic acid	20%	17%	24%	21%	9%
Other	15%	16%	14%	42%	16%
Eliminated the use of the sterilant ethylene oxide (EtO) onsite	74%	74%	74%	92%	100%
Of the 256 facilities that have eliminated the use of EtO, these alternatives are used:					
Steam sterilization	84%	84%	84%	74%	82%
Ozone plasma	4%	5%	3%	0%	0%
Low temperature hydrogen peroxide gas plasma	44%	37%	50%	65%	32%
Peracetic acid	16%	15%	17%	13%	9%
Other	4%	5%	4%	0%	0%

ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
67%	64%	71%	100%	100%
st 48%	47%	50%	96%	100%
50%	49%	51%	96%	80%
ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
PVC 54%	49%	59%	88%	100%
80%	85%	76%	95%	98%
64%	63%	64%	88%	95%
COMPLETELY ELIMINATED IN 2021	COMPLETELY ELIMINATED IN 2020 OR BEFORE	IN PROGRESS	DID NOT ADDRESS	NO RESPONSE
18%	40%	4%	4%	65%
2%	33%	4%	4%	43%
0%	33%	6%	3%	43%
1%	11%	22%	3%	37%
11%	50%	2%	3%	67%
17%	16%	9%	2%	45%
0%	10%	24%	3%	37%
0%	34%	4%	3%	41%
0%	2%	0%	2%	4%
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PVC AND DEHP IN THE NICU	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Of those applicants that indicated their facility had a NICU:					
Actively worked to achieve a DEHP-free NICU	58%	72%	54%	73%	32%
Actively worked to achieve a PVC-free NICU	63%	76%	60%	82%	32%
HEALTHY INTERIORS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Actively worked to purchase furnishings and furniture that eliminate the use of all of the following target chemicals of concern: flame retardants, formaldehyde, perfluorinated compounds, PVC (vinyl) and antimicrobials in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Interiors Goal	52%	47%	58%	92%	100%

HEALTHY INTERIORS: FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS	USING ONLY HEALTHY INTERIORS CRITERIA	USING ONLY CONVENTIONAL CRITERIA	USING BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND HEALTHY INTERIORS CRITERIA	DID NOT INDICATE BUYING IN 2021
Beds, mattresses, and pads (table pads, stretcher pads, pediatric pads)	28%	45%	7%	20%
Built-in and modular casework	45%	14%	12%	29%
Cubicle/privacy curtains	33%	30%	9%	28%
Panels and partitions	48%	12%	11%	29%
Seating (chairs, stools, sofas, benches, recliners, loungers, etc.)	60%	8%	23%	8%
Storage units and shelving (cabinets, filing cabinets, dressers, drawers, bookshelves, built-in shelves, etc.)	51%	16%	18%	15%
Systems (multi-component furniture systems)	49%	12%	14%	25%
Wall coverings	47%	10%	3%	40%
Window coverings	45%	12%	4%	38%
Work surfaces (tables, desks, overbed tables, etc.)	55%	17%	15%	12%

Note: Some facilities purchased products using both healthy interiors criteria and conventional criteria, and some facilities did not purchase anything in certain categories, so percentages will not always add up to 100%.

GREEN SPEND ON HEALTHIER INTERIORS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Median percent total spend on furnishings and furniture that eliminate 5 target chemical categories of concern (of those that reported green spend)	92%	92%	89%	92%	98%
Total dollars spent on furnishings that avoid target chemicals of concern	\$51,955,525	\$12,273,085	\$39,682,440	\$21,879,659	\$21,241,038

HEALTHY INTERIORS: FLOORING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Actively working to select and purchase healthier flooring in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Flooring Goal	43%	42%	44%	84%	98%
Actively working to select and purchase healthier carpet in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Carpet Goal	44%	39%	48%	52%	86%
Installed new flooring in the past year	38%	29%	47%	68%	36%
Median green percent spend on flooring (flooring materials only) that meet Healthy Flooring criteria	94.3%	91.2%	97.2%	89.9%	55.0%
Median green percent spend on flooring (materials and installation costs) that meet Healthy Flooring criteria	90.0%	78.6%	94.3%	90.0%	42.6%
Total sum of dollars spent on flooring materials that meet Healthy Flooring criteria	\$5,148,492	\$2,006,886	\$3,141,606	\$1,980,686	\$1,262,531
Total sum of dollars spent on flooring materials with installation costs that meet Healthy Flooring criteria (where materials could not be split out separately)	\$3,051,809	\$878,903	\$2,099,111	\$1,209,436	\$779,802

MERCURY ELIMINATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Percent of facilities that have won the Making Medicine Mercury Free Award (MMMF) at some point	40%	32%	48%	92%	59%
For those facilities that have already won the Making Medicine Mercury Free award:					
Periodically inventory purchasing practices to make certain that mercury-containing devices are not purchased and re-entering the facility	68%	74%	65%	100%	73%
Conducted an inventory of mercury-containing products within the institution in last five years	41%	50%	35%	91%	69%
For those facilities that have not yet won the Making Medicine Mercury Free award:					
Established a mercury-free purchasing policy (a stand-alone policy or included in a broader policy with other constituents of concern)	73%	77%	68%	100%	100%
Established protocols and written procedures for safe handling of any mercury remaining onsite	80%	78%	82%	50%	100%
Included proper mercury disposal language in demolition contract templates	53%	48%	60%	100%	17%
Included mercury-free language in building and renovation contract templates	54%	54%	53%	100%	17%
Inventoried (and labeled where possible) all mercury devices/sources within the organization and have a plan in place to substitute non-mercury devices	57%	57%	57%	100%	100%
Replaced all clinical thermometers with mercury-free patient thermometers	88%	84%	92%	100%	100%
Eliminated the use of mercury-containing blood pressure devices (sphygmomanometers)	80%	76%	86%	100%	100%
Eliminated the use of mercury-containing clinical devices (e.g., bougies, miller-abbott tubes, cantor tubes, dilators)	73%	70%	77%	100%	100%
Specified and purchased, where possible, these laboratory items free of mercury:					
Thermometers	85%	83%	87%	100%	100%
Solutions	71%	68%	73%	100%	100%
Equipment	61%	53%	70%	100%	17%
Spoke with the lab manager to inventory mercury-containing laboratory chemicals	55%	53%	57%	50%	100%
Eliminated the use of B5 fixative in the laboratory	66%	68%	64%	100%	100%
Eliminated the use of Zenkers solution in the laboratory	60%	55%	65%	100%	22%
Identified other product substitutions in the lab that eliminate mercury	42%	36%	48%	100%	17%



FOOD SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO TO COVID-19	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Percentage out of all hospitals that shut down any food service areas for any period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	36%	38%	34%	64%	70%
The 124 facilities that shut down food service areas, they shut down for these lengths of time:					
0-2 weeks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2-4 weeks	4%	5%	3%	6%	0%
4-6 weeks	10%	11%	8%	13%	14%
Longer than 6 weeks total	84%	83%	85%	81%	86%
Changed its food and nutrition services protocols as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.	68%	65%	70%	68%	90%
Worked with the community to address increased food insecurity as a result of the pandemic.	37%	35%	40%	56%	90%
SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICY AND PRACTICES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Had a clinical champion outside of the food service department that supports increased access to healthy, local, and sustainable foods for patients, staff, and the community	50%	47%	52%	96%	100%
Developed and implemented a sustainable food service policy	41%	35%	46%	64%	40%
Developed and implemented contract and/or request for proposal (RFP) language that includes local and sustainable food purchasing and other environmental stewardship goals with food vendors	37%	34%	41%	88%	70%
Outsourced its food services department or management	45%	43%	48%	44%	30%
LESS MEAT: MEAT REDUCTION STRATEGIES AND OUTCOMES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Actively worked to reduce the amount of meat and poultry purchased for cafeteria/retail and patient food service, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Less Meat Goal	70%	66%	74%	100%	100%
Of the 240 facilities actively working to reduce meat, the following strategies were implemented:					
Committed to the World Resource Institute (WRI) Cool Food Pledge in an effort to reduce GHG emissions from food production	21%	18%	24%	48%	70%
Decreased portion size	45%	42%	48%	68%	90%
Meat-free day(s)	30%	26%	33%	60%	50%
Substituted with seafood	53%	45%	61%	68%	80%
Substituted with whole plant-based proteins (beans, nuts, seeds, soy, etc.)	75%	72%	78%	88%	90%
Meat blending strategies	33%	26%	38%	40%	60%
Station layout to highlight salad bar or plant-based options	61%	56%	65%	72%	80%
Increased offering of vegetarian and vegan dishes	79%	75%	83%	92%	100%
A la carte menu	44%	39%	48%	44%	40%
Other	8%	6%	10%	12%	20%



NORMALIZED MEAT AND CO2E	10TH PERCENTILE	MEDIAN	90TH	I PERCENTILE	COUNT PROVIDING DATA
Pounds meat per food budget dollar (for those submitting meat by category for all three areas: catering, cafeteria, and patient food)	0.069	0.051 0.039		0.039	123
Pounds CO2e from meat per food budget dollar (for those submitting data for all three areas: catering, cafeteria, and patient food)	5.5	3.67		2.33	123
MTCO2e per pound of meat (for those submitting data for all three areas: catering, cafeteria, and patient food)	0.041	0.033		0.024	124
LESS MEAT FROM BASELINE YEAR METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 117 facilities reporting valid meat data for current and baseline year:	117	46	71	24	10
Total aggregate pounds of all meat bought by those facilities in current year	12,669,154	1,525,207	11,143,947	2,636,716	1,551,628
Total aggregate pounds of all meat bought by those facilities in baseline year	15,833,387	2,005,385	13,828,001	3,332,241	1,907,032
Reduction in total aggregate pounds of all meat bought by those facilities since baseline year	3,164,233	480,178	2,684,054	695,525	355,404
Percent change in total pounds of all meat bought by those facilities since baseline year	20%	24%	19%	21%	19%
Percentage of facilities reporting a decrease in total pounds of meat	88%	91%	86%	88%	80%
Of the 103 facilities reporting a valid decrease in meat from baseline year:	103	42	61	21	8
Median percent meat reduction from baseline year	20%	21%	20%	19%	18%
Of the 14 facilities reporting a valid increase in meat from baseline year:	14	4	10	3	2
Median percent meat increase from baseline year	9%	8%	13%	7%	12%

Note: Practice Greenhealth eliminated the use of the per meal normalizer, because it was being tracked inconsistently from facility to facility. The organization instead was looking at absolute meat reduction, but there are still some challenges in that it does not account for increases of meat due to patient census or other new activities at the site. It is likely that for the facilities reporting an increase in meat/poultry purchases and are currently working to reduce meat/poultry, it is because they have increased their food service in some way.

LESS MEAT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 131 facilities reporting valid meat data for current and previous year:	131	52	79	22	8
Total aggregate pounds of all meat bought by those facilities in current year	14,708,424	1,744,259	12,964,165	2,358,386	1,076,916
Total aggregate pounds of all meat bought by those facilities in previous year	14,757,203	1,754,099	13,003,103	2,360,443	1,074,632
Reduction in total pounds of all meat bought by those facilities since previous year	48,779	9,841	38,938	2,057	-2,284
Percent change in total pounds of all meat bought by those facilities since previous year	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Percentage of facilities reporting a decrease in total pounds of meat	47%	46%	47%	55%	50%
Of the 61 facilities reporting valid decrease in meat from previous year:	61	24	37	12	4
Median percent meat reduction from previous year	7%	8%	6%	5%	5%
Of the 70 facilities reporting valid increase in meat from previous year:	70	28	42	10	4
Median percent meat increase from previous year	7%	7%	6%	5%	5%

Note: Many facilities had significantly altered food service operations in 2020 due to the pandemic. This may affect the proportion of facilities that were able to report a "decrease" in meat from previous year-as previous year's meat purchasing is likely lower than typical.

Additionally, Practice Greenhealth eliminated the use of the per meal normalizer, because it was being tracked inconsistently from facility to facility. The organization instead was looking at absolute meat reduction, but there are still some challenges in that it does not account for increases of meat due to patient census or other new activities at the site. It is likely that for the facilities reporting an increase in meat/poultry purchases and are currently working to reduce meat/poultry, it is because they have increased their food service in some way.



LESS MEAT-BY-CATEGORY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCL
Of the 240 facilities actively working to reduce the amount of meat and poultry purchased for cafeteria/retail and patien	t food service, in alignme	nt with Practice Gre	enhealth's Less Me	at Goal:	
Tracked their meat/poultry purchases by category	85%	84%	87%	80%	80%
Of the 114 facilities providing valid category-level meat data for current and previous year:	114	43	71	17	6
Percent of facilities reporting a decrease in GHG emissions from meat from previous year	58%	63%	55%	71%	67%
Median percent reduction in GHG emissions from meat from previous year (for the 66 facilities achieving a reduction)	9%	7%	10%	9%	11%
Median percent increase in GHG emissions from meat from previous year (for the 47 facilities that increased)	12%	13%	12%	7%	21%
Of the 97 facilities providing valid category-level meat data for current and baseline year:	97	38	59	19	8
Percent of facilities reporting a decrease in GHG emissions from meat from baseline year	84%	92%	78%	89%	75%
Median percent reduction in GHG emissions from meat from baseline year (for the 81 facilities achieving a reduction)	24%	20%	24%	23%	25%
Median percent increase in GHG emissions from meat from baseline year (for the 16 facilities that increased)	9%	7%	12%	9%	20%
BETTER MEAT: SUSTAINABLY-PRODUCED MEAT AND POULTRY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCI
Preferentially purchase sustainably-produced (better) meat and poultry.	60%	56%	64%	96%	100%
Of the 206 facilities that preferentially purchase sustainably-produced meat, the following certifications or label claim therapeutic antibiotics	ns were used to verify tha	meat and/or poult	ry items purchased	were raised witho	ut routine, non-
Regenerative Organic	0%	0%	1%	4%	10%
Certified Humane (Raised and Handled)	37%	35%	39%	46%	70%
Certified Organic	19%	14%	24%	42%	70%
Global Animal Partnership		18%	25%	21%	30%
	22%				
American Grassfed Certified	22%	20%	31%	33%	50%
American Grassfed Certified Certified Grassfed by A Greener World		20%	31% 2%	33%	50%
	26%				
Certified Grassfed by A Greener World	26%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Certified Grassfed by A Greener World Certified Grassfed by Food Alliance	26% 1% 3%	0%	2% 4%	0% 4%	0%
Certified Grassfed by A Greener World Certified Grassfed by Food Alliance 100% Grassfed Certified by PCO	26% 1% 3% 3%	0% 2% 2%	2% 4% 4%	0% 4% 4%	0% 0% 10%



BETTER MEAT METRIC	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 122 facilities that provided volume numbers for sustainably-produced meat/poultry:	122	53	69	21	10
Median percent of sustainably-produced meat/poultry (out of total pounds)	17%	14%	19%	45%	63%
Total aggregate pounds of sustainably-produced meat and poultry	3,791,054	256,402	3,534,652	1,508,382	1,087,933
LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Encouraged their food suppliers (including distributors and GPOs) to improve tracking and traceability of local and sustainable foods and beverages in their ordering, invoicing, and reporting systems	68%	65%	70%	100%	100%
Purchased locally grown and produced foods and beverages	70%	66%	73%	100%	100%
Of the 242 facilities indicating they purchased local food and beverages, these are the methods used:					
On contract with GPO	52%	50%	53%	52%	80%
On contract with food service management company	36%	35%	37%	32%	20%
Greenhealth Exchange (GX)	1%	0%	2%	4%	10%
Food hub or aggregator	4%	1%	6%	8%	20%
Farm-direct purchasing	8%	7%	9%	20%	20%
Farmer cooperative	7%	5%	9%	24%	30%
Local produce vendors	43%	34%	50%	68%	90%
Other	10%	10%	10%	32%	30%
LOCAL FOOD METRIC	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 115 facilities providing valid data for local food purchasing:	115	52	63	18	9
Median percent spend on local food purchases	5%	4%	6%	15%	13%
Total dollars spent on local food and beverage purchasing (by all facilities reporting valid, separate spend data*)	\$23,184,741	\$2,754,079	\$20,430,661	\$8,041,425	\$5,967,505
*Only facilities that indicated they were successfully able to separate spend numbers for local and sustainable food and beverage purchases were used in the	e percent and total spen	id analysis.			



SUSTAINABLE FOOD PURCHASING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Encouraged their food suppliers (including distributors and GPOs) to improve tracking and traceability of local and sustainable foods and beverages in their ordering, invoicing, and reporting systems	68%	65%	70%	100%	100%
Purchased sustainably grown and produced foods and beverages	70%	67%	73%	100%	100%
Of the 243 facilities indicating they purchased sustainably grown and produced food and beverages, these are the categoria	es prioritized:				
Produce (All forms: fresh, whole or minimally-processed; frozen; canned)	49%	45%	54%	76%	80%
Meat and poultry	57%	55%	60%	84%	90%
Seafood	33%	28%	39%	40%	50%
Dairy (including fluid milk)	48%	48%	49%	40%	60%
Eggs (shelled, fluid and hard boiled)	35%	29%	41%	52%	60%
Grocery/dry goods	26%	21%	31%	36%	50%
Beverages	31%	29%	33%	52%	50%
SUSTAINABLE FOOD METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 115 facilities providing data for sustainable food purchasing:	115	50	65	18	9
Median percent spend on sustainable food purchases	14%	13%	15%	20%	27%
Total dollars spent on sustainable food and beverage purchasing (by all facilities reporting valid, separate spend data*)	\$41,790,863	\$3,721,801	\$38,069,061	\$12,898,375	\$8,924,806
*Only facilities that indicated they were successfully able to separate spend numbers for local and sustainable food and beverage purchases were used in the	e percent and total spen	d analysis.			



FOOD AND BEVERAGE ENVIRONMENTS: EDUCATION & PROMOTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Strategies utilized to market healthy local and sustainable food options:					
Communication of healthy local and sustainably produced foods through menu labeling	50%	45%	55%	76%	90%
Pricing incentives on healthy local and sustainable food options	30%	32%	27%	24%	60%
Placement of healthy local and sustainable food options	59%	56%	60%	88%	80%
Sampling of healthy local and sustainable food options	38%	33%	43%	56%	60%
Other promotions	28%	22%	34%	72%	70%
We do not yet promote local and sustainable foods	15%	17%	13%	4%	0%
Conducted a facility-wide education campaign that improves the visibility of local and sustainable food	61%	59%	62%	92%	100%
Methods used to educate on healthier/sustainable food:					
Cafeteria signage	69%	65%	73%	88%	100%
Internal newsletters	44%	43%	45%	92%	80%
Featured events	54%	52%	56%	80%	80%
Catering	12%	11%	13%	24%	30%
Patient trays	21%	21%	22%	60%	60%
Other	19%	16%	22%	40%	60%



TAP WATER ACCESS AND HEALTHY BEVERAGES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE	
The following activities have been implemented to increase access to tap water and to promote the purchasing of healthier bever	erages:					
Provided and promoted reusable beverage containers	39%	38%	40%	76%	80%	
Eliminated bottled water from patient menus and cafeterias	10%	11%	10%	20%	10%	
Installed filtered water stations and/or installed water bottle filling stations throughout the facility or in cafeterias	46%	44%	48%	60%	50%	
Provided free 'spa water' at functions and meetings instead of bottled water	18%	16%	20%	36%	30%	
Increase the availability of healthy beverages by fountains and dispensers	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Changed the relative price of healthy vs. unhealthy beverages to make healthy choices more affordable and desirable	25%	24%	26%	36%	50%	
Prioritized the placement of healthier beverages in coolers and at fountain stations	51%	45%	57%	80%	80%	
Other	14%	12%	16%	40%	50%	
Actively worked to increase healthy beverage options in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthier Beverages Goal	63%	64%	63%	96%	90%	
Strategies to increase access to healthy food:						
Hosted local farmers market	30%	22%	39%	56%	60%	
Hosted on-site community supported agriculture (CSA) food box program for patients, employees, and/or community residents	15%	10%	19%	28%	40%	
Supported on-site hospital farm and/or food-producing garden	18%	16%	20%	44%	30%	
Supported off-site community garden or farm	18%	16%	20%	56%	60%	
Developed and offered a fruit and vegetable prescription program	11%	8%	13%	36%	50%	
Conducted food insecurity screenings	29%	26%	32%	64%	70%	
Offer medically tailored meal programs	16%	17%	15%	16%	10%	
Other	33%	34%	33%	52%	60%	
STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS AND SYSTEMS IN THE COMMUNITY	FOR-PROFIT		NON-PROFIT	FEDERAL		
Strategies the facility uses to promote healthy food access/healthy food systems in the community:						
Count of facilities responding	5		248		37	
Financial investments	40%		21%		5%	
Grants	20%		23%		5%	
Staff time	40%		39%		46%	
In-kind support	0%		26%		14%	
Engaged in any of the above activities	60%		53%		51%	
We do not engage in these activities	0%		12%		19%	
Do not know	20%		15%		32%	



FOOD SERVICEWARE: PURCHASING AND DISPOSAL	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Areas where reusable food serviceware was used:					
Cafeteria dine-in	23%	24%	20%	36%	10%
Cafeteria to-go	8%	8%	7%	28%	10%
Patient tray	77%	74%	80%	100%	100%
Catering	32%	30%	34%	28%	40%
Other retail outlets	3%	1%	4%	8%	30%
Areas where plastic straws have been removed:					
Retail	43%	38%	48%	84%	90%
Catering	41%	34%	49%	72%	70%
Patient meals	16%	9%	22%	24%	10%
Other	5%	5%	5%	8%	10%
Virtually eliminated polystyrene (Styrofoam) purchase and usage in food service	55%	51%	59%	80%	90%
Offered the option to recycle in the cafeteria as part of a commingled or other recycling program	62%	62%	63%	92%	90%
Purchased certified commercially compostable single-use food serviceware (such as certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI))	62%	57%	65%	76%	90%
Of the 213 facilities that purchased compostable food serviceware, the following are methods being used for disposal:					
On-site digestion	6%	4%	7%	16%	0%
On-site compost	3%	4%	3%	0%	0%
Off-site digestion	3%	2%	3%	5%	0%
Off-site compost	23%	15%	30%	37%	56%
Landfill	71%	75%	67%	68%	44%



LESS FOOD TO LANDFILL	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Working on prevention/source reduction of food waste	72%	69%	76%	100%	100%
Has a plan or strategy to maximize food as a resourceincluding reducing wasted food	61%	56%	67%	92%	90%
Working on food recovery and donation	30%	23%	36%	40%	40%
Of the 104 facilities that are working on food recovery and donation:					
Had a food waste donation policy/plan that is implemented and tracked	44%	38%	47%	80%	50%
Undertaken any other efforts to divert food waste from the landfill or incinerator	51%	39%	63%	76%	90%
Of the 176 facilities that have undertaken other efforts to divert food waste from the landfill and incinerato	r, the following activities were utilize	d:			
Composting	65%	60%	69%	47%	67%
Digestion	14%	8%	17%	32%	0%
Animal feed	10%	12%	8%	11%	11%
Other	17%	22%	15%	21%	44%
FOOD WASTE DIVERSION METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Of the 97 facilities providing any data for food waste diversion:	97	32	65	15	10
Median food waste diverted from landfill (tons)	23.6	12.9	37.0	59.0	79.9
Total food waste diverted from landfill (tons)	11,714	538	11,176	5,818	5,821
Of the 70 facilities providing data for composting:	70	21	49	9	8
Median food waste diverted as compost (tons)	24	19	35.7	59	77
Of the 14 facilities providing data for digestion:	14	2	12	5	1
Median food waste digested (tons)	39.7	9.1	52.1	10.8	61.2
Of the 38 facilities providing data for food donation (tons):	38	12	26	9	6
Median food donated (tons)	2.6	1.1	5	1.7	3.7
Total all food donated all facilities (tons)	5,235	46	5,188	5,071	5,068
Of the 28 facilities providing tons data for food donation (\$ value):	28	8	20	9	6
Median dollar (\$) value of food donated	\$8,826	\$629	\$19,500	\$8,378	\$22,963
Total dollar (\$) value of all food donated, all facilities	\$509,482	\$32,818	\$476,664	\$125,251	\$159,400
Of the 9 facilities providing data for food animal feed:	9	2	7	0	0
Median food diverted for animal feed (tons)	36.1	19.0	83.0	No Data	No Data

COVID RESPONSE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Cancelled or postponed elective surgeries for any period of time (either by organizational decision or mandate) during 2020 due to COVID-19	53%	50%	55%	80%	60%
Of the 182 facilities that cancelled or postponed elective surgeries, this is the length of time those delays were in place:					
0-2 weeks	11%	11%	10%	15%	17%
2-4 weeks	11%	11%	11%	10%	0%
4-6 weeks	30%	37%	24%	30%	17%
Longer than 6 weeks total	39%	36%	43%	45%	67%
Changes were made to operating room protocol as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic	53%	52%	54%	76%	70%
SUSTAINABILITY CHAMPION IN THE OR	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Has a sustainability champion in the OR	48%	43%	52%	100%	100%
WASTE SEGREGATION, MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING IN THE OR	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Process in place to reduce and divert waste in the operating room:					
Diverted pre-incision (prior to case) waste from regulated medical waste stream into solid waste or recycling stream	57%	58%	57%	88%	100%
Segregated non-infectious solid waste from the regulated medical waste stream during the procedure	59%	61%	57%	84%	80%
Segregated non-infectious solid waste from the regulated medical waste stream after the procedure	52%	54%	49%	80%	80%
Recycled clinical/medical plastics in the OR	42%	43%	41%	72%	100%
FLUID MANAGEMENT	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Utilized a fluid management system that does not use disposable suction canisters as a means of collecting and disposing fluid medical waste (i.e., mobile cart, reusable canister systems, or direct-to-drain system)	64%	63%	65%	88%	90%
Of the 221 facilities that utilized a reusable canister fluid management system:					
Being utilized for fluid management in more than 75% of ORs	84%	90%	78%	100%	89%
AVOIDED ANNUAL WASTE AND COST SAVINGS FROM REUSABLE CANISTER FLUID MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	SUM OF ALL	PER FACILITY (MEDIAN)	PER OR (MEDIAN)	PER FACILITY (AVERAGE)	PER OR (AVERAGE)
Avoided waste (tonnage)	1,843	11.70	1.49	44.96	2.04
Avoided waste disposal fees from disposable canisters	\$2,504,718	\$20,657	\$1,555	\$54,450	\$2,730
Avoided purchase cost of disposable canisters	\$2,279,270	\$32,781	\$2,646	\$58,443	\$2,824
Avoided purchase cost of chemical solidifiers (if applicable)	\$1,165,866	\$32,638	\$2,546	\$52,994	\$2,850
Total cost savings from fluid management system	\$5,698,314	\$66,124	\$4,883	\$123,876	\$6,063

CLINICAL PLASTICS RECYCLING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Recycled clinical/medical plastics in the OR	42%	43%	41%	72%	100%
Of the 145 facilities that recycled clinical plastics in the OR:					
Tracked the weight of clinical/medical plastics recycled in the OR	15%	13%	18%	50%	40%
Of the facilities that recycled clinical plastics in the OR, the following types of plastics are recycled:					
Basins, pitchers, bowls and medicine cups	66%	73%	60%	94%	90%
Blister packs/shrink wrap	21%	21%	21%	28%	50%
Blue wrap	39%	34%	42%	72%	80%
Corrugated respiratory tubing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Disposable clean suction canisters	24%	30%	19%	6%	0%
Irrigation bottles (Sterile saline and water bottles)	83%	85%	81%	100%	100%
IV bags, tubing and outer plastic wrap	17%	23%	12%	39%	40%
Light handle covers	31%	34%	29%	11%	40%
Medication vials and caps	20%	21%	19%	44%	40%
Overwraps	24%	25%	23%	39%	60%
Oxygen tubing	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Peel pouches	18%	18%	18%	28%	50%
Perfusion tubing	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Respiratory face masks	2%	1%	3%	11%	10%
Rigid inserts	61%	66%	56%	72%	90%
Skin prep solution bottles	35%	31%	40%	61%	70%
Syringe casings	11%	13%	10%	28%	40%
Trays	59%	58%	62%	61%	60%
Tyvek	10%	7%	12%	17%	40%
Urinals/bedpans	13%	18%	8%	33%	20%
Other	17%	15%	18%	44%	50%

MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Implemented a medical device reprocessing program with an FDA-approved third party reprocessor	88%	83%	92%	84%	90%
MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING AGGREGATE DATA	TOTAL				
Total weight of devices collected (lbs.)	1,610,599				
Total weight of devices collected (tons)	805				
Total avoided waste disposal costs	\$1,210,950				
Total dollars spent on purchase of reprocessed devices	\$50,986,069				
Total dollars saved annually through medical device reprocessing purchasing program	\$42,286,509				
Total dollars saved through SUD reprocessing including both avoided waste disposal costs and reduced purchasing cost	\$43,497,459				
MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING MEDIANS	ALL				
Pounds of reprocessed devices collected per OR procedure (lbs.)	0.57				
Pounds of reprocessed devices collected per OR (lbs.)	393				
ANNUAL COST-SAVINGS FROM MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING	PER FACILITY	PER OR			
Median cost-savings from medical device reprocessing program	\$117,645	\$8,599			
Median cost-savings from avoided waste disposal costs from devices collected for reprocessing	\$1,729	\$109			
Median cost-savings on reprocessed devices from both purchasing reprocessed devices and avoided waste disposal	\$96,110	\$7,062			

REPROCESSED DEVICES: RATE OF COLLECTING AND PURCHASING	COLLECT ONLY	PURCHASE ONLY	COLLECT AND PURCHASE
Of the 303 facilities that have implemented a medical device reprocessing program with an FDA-approved third party rep	rocessor, this percentage are collecting and/or	purchasing these devices:	
Pneumatic tourniquet cuffs	20%	1%	57%
DVT sleeves/sequential compression	19%	1%	55%
Ligasure sealers/dividers	30%	0%	51%
Pulse oximetry probes and sensors	27%	1%	44%
EP catheters	6%	1%	39%
Lateral transfer device (Hovermatt)	14%	0%	38%
EP diagnostic catheters	8%	0%	33%
Trocars	44%	0%	33%
EKG cables and lead wires	14%	1%	31%
Ultrasonic scalpels	33%	0%	30%
Bits/burs/blades	38%	1%	30%
Arthroscopic wands and shavers	47%	0%	30%
Laparoscopic scissors/scissor tips	25%	0%	30%
Laparoscopic graspers	28%	0%	30%
Catheter introducer sheaths	16%	0%	29%
EP cables	10%	1%	28%
Laparoscopic dissectors	28%	0%	28%
Fall alarms	16%	0%	23%
ECG leads and cables	18%	1%	21%
Ultrasound catheters	10%	0%	20%
ICE catheter	5%	0%	20%
Laparoscopic needle drivers/suture passers	30%	1%	18%
Reamers	14%	0%	17%
External fixation devices	20%	1%	15%
Multiclip appliers	19%	0%	12%
Hot biopsy forceps	19%	0%	2%
Chisels	11%	0%	2%
Cold biopsy forceps	13%	0%	2%
Note: This table is sorted by the percent of facilities that both collected and purchased different devices for reprocessing.			

TYPES OF REPROCESSED DEVICES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Median number of types of devices collected only (out of 28 types)	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.5	8.0
Median number of types of devices purchased only (out of 28 types)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
Median number of types of devices collected and purchased (out of 28 types)	7.5	6.0	8.0	6.0	6.0
OR KIT REFORMULATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Reformulated custom procedure packs—removing supplies not typically used—to reduce purchase and disposal fees for excess supplies, and decrease the environmental impact of manufacture and disposal of those supplies	75%	77%	74%	96%	100%
Had a process in place to regularly compare, review and update surgeon preference cards for the same type of procedure	77%	80%	74%	96%	90%
Of the 260 facilities that indicated they reformulated OR kits and provided data:					
Median percent of kits reformulated*	100	100	100	100	100
*A median of 100% for OR kit reformulation is an indication that hospitals that chose to reformulate kits tended to reformulate all of them.					

ANNUAL COST-SAVINGS FROM OR KIT REFORMULATION	PER FACILITY	PER OR
Median avoided purchase costs	\$24,560	\$1,055
Median avoided waste disposal costs	\$800	\$70
Aggregate annual cost-savings from OR kit reformulation (for 50 facilities providing data)	\$2.432	.182

REUSABLE ITEMS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCL
Purchased and used reusable surgical items where environmentally and clinically preferable	75%	75%	74%	96%	100%
Of the 259 facilities that use reusable surgical items, the following items are indicated as being used more th	at 75% of the time:				
Anesthesia circuits	2%	2%	2%	8%	20%
Back table covers	3%	3%	4%	8%	10%
Blood pressure cuffs	32%	31%	32%	58%	60%
Cautery handles and cords	14%	13%	14%	25%	40%
Corner protectors	20%	20%	19%	33%	30%
Cubicle curtains	27%	25%	27%	25%	30%
Isolation gowns	21%	18%	24%	21%	10%
EKG/ECG leads and cables	34%	38%	28%	21%	20%
Endotracheal tubes (ETT)	0%	1%	0%	4%	0%
Grounding pads	14%	13%	15%	13%	0%
Laryngeal mask airways (LMA)	10%	11%	9%	21%	10%
Laryngoscope blades/handles	42%	40%	44%	54%	60%
Light handles	27%	32%	24%	29%	50%
Mayo stand covers	2%	2%	2%	4%	10%
Patient belonging bags	3%	3%	4%	4%	0%
Patient linens (gowns, sheets, bath blankets, pillow cases)	74%	76%	71%	88%	90%
Patient positioning devices	71%	72%	69%	88%	90%
Patient transfer devices	47%	48%	44%	63%	80%
Patient warming devices	14%	12%	15%	21%	20%
Pneumatic compression tourniquets	26%	29%	24%	21%	30%
Pulse oximetry sensors	34%	40%	30%	38%	40%
Sterilization wrap	5%	7%	4%	17%	30%
Surgical staplers	4%	3%	5%	4%	10%
Suction canisters	8%	10%	6%	8%	20%
Surgical attire (including scrubs, jackets, hats/caps, shoes)	50%	51%	48%	54%	60%
Surgical drapes	6%	6%	7%	13%	10%
Surgical gowns	12%	13%	12%	21%	20%

REUSABLE ITEMS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLI
Surgical towels	24%	24%	24%	50%	50%
Safety belts	49%	52%	44%	71%	90%
Surgical basins, pitchers and medicine cups	31%	33%	27%	71%	80%
Trocars	18%	22%	14%	42%	50%
Velcro straps	24%	29%	19%	42%	50%
Visitor jump suits	4%	6%	2%	0%	0%
Other	8%	6%	10%	29%	30%
REUSABLE ITEM COUNT	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLI
Median number of reusable product categories (out of 34)	7.0	7.0	7.0	10.5	12.0
REUSABLE LINENS	AGGREGATE SUM		MEDIAN PER FACILITY		DIAN PER OR ROCEDURE

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Tons of reusable linens	5,947				0.0061
Cost savings from reusable linens	\$1,200,6			\$4.05	
RIGID STERILIZATION CONTAINERS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Utilized reusable sterilization containers for surgical instrumentation and reduction of disposable sterile wrap	77%	77%	77%	100%	100%
Of the facilities using reusable rigid sterilization containers who provided data:					
Median percent of kits utilizing reusable sterilization containers	65%	65%	66%	67%	67%
Total avoided waste disposal pounds from using rigid sterilization containers per OR procedure	1.6	1.4	4.0	3.8	1.5
ANNUAL COST INFORMATION FROM RIGID STERILIZATION CONTAINERS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Of the facilities using reusable rigid sterilization containers who provided data:					
Median spent on blue wrap per facility	\$19,771	\$8,067	\$37,794	\$35,500	\$22,144
Median spent on blue wrap per OR	\$1,622	\$1,476	\$1,805	\$1,884	\$1,384
Median spent on blue wrap per OR procedure	\$2.73	\$2.82	\$2.69	\$2.67	\$1.97
Percent of facilities that decreased total blue wrap spend per OR procedure	62%	67%	57%	71%	78%
Of those 53 facilities that decreased total blue wrap spend per OR procedure, this is the median decrease	14%	14%	15%	8%	16%
Percent of facilities that increased total blue wrap spend per OR procedure	38%	33%	43%	29%	22%
Of those 33 facilities that increased total blue wrap spend per OR procedure, this is the median increase	16%	22%	14%	25%	19%

	MEDIAN PER FACILITY \$15,000		MEDIAN PER OR	MEDIAN PER OR PROCEDURE	
Median cost-savings for avoided disposable bluewrap purchase			\$1,250		\$3.01
Median cost-savings for avoided waste disposal fees	\$1,76	3	\$71		\$0.15
Median cost-savings from rigid sterilization containers	\$15,00	0	\$1,329		\$3.22
Aggregate cost-savings from rigid sterilization containers (sum for all facilities reporting savings)	\$1,883,	45			
ENERGY MANAGEMENT IN THE OR	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Programmed the HVAC system to reduce air changes per hour (HVAC setback) when the ORs are unoccupied to reduce energy consumption	39%	38%	39%	68%	80%
Of the 135 facilities that utilized HVAC setback, these mechanisms were used:					
Building automation system	77%	73%	83%	94%	100%
Occupancy sensors	45%	41%	49%	71%	75%
Scheduling system	34%	27%	41%	71%	75%
Mushroom button	7%	8%	6%	12%	0%
Other	10%	9%	10%	35%	38%
Utilized LED surgical lighting	70%	68%	73%	100%	100%
Set back or turned down ambient lighting to reduce energy consumption when the OR is unoccupied and not in use	66%	68%	64%	96%	100%
Of the 227 facilities setting back ambient lighting:					
Staff behavior	85%	92%	78%	96%	100%
Occupancy sensors	49%	46%	54%	67%	70%
Scheduling system	15%	14%	17%	25%	30%
Building automation system	18%	12%	24%	29%	40%
Other	7%	10%	5%	0%	0%

ENERGY METRICS IN THE OR	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Median percent of ORs using HVAC setback (for those facilities that have HVAC setback)	100	100	90	100	100
Percentage of all ORs in the dataset that use HVAC setback	18%	9%	30%	24%	23%
Median rate of air exchanges per hour (ACH) during normal hours/when the OR is occupied	21	21	20	20	20
Median rate of air exchanges per hour (ACH) during unoccupied/setback mode	10.5	11	10	10	10.5
Median percent reduction in air exchange rate (occupied to unoccupied)	52	50	53.7	61.5	55
Median percent of ORs with LED surgical lighting (for those facilities that utilize LED surgical lighting)	100	100	100	100	100
Percentage of all ORs in the dataset that utilize LED surgical lighting	18%	8%	28%	17%	19%

Note: A median of 100% for HVAC setback and LED surgical lighting means that if facilities utilized these technologies they tended to use them for 100% of their ORs. That said, Practice Greenhealth suspects the HVAC setback numbers may be over reported—as many hospitals tend to keep 1-2 emergency ORs online and ventilated at full air changes for emergency cases at night.

ANNUAL COST-SAVINGS FOR ENERGY REDUCTION IN OR	ALL				
Median energy cost-savings from HVAC setback per facility	\$30,000				
Median energy cost-savings from HVAC setback per OR	\$1,150				
Median energy cost-savings from LED surgical lighting per facility	\$3,089				
Median energy cost-savings from LED surgical lighting per OR	\$185				
Aggregate cost-savings for energy reduction in OR (HVAC+LED) (for all facilities reporting cost-savings)	\$922,106				
ANNUAL ENERGY SAVINGS FOR ENERGY REDUCTION IN OR	ALL				
Median kWh savings from HVAC setback per facility	352,932				
Median kWh cost-savings from HVAC setback per OR	22,356				
Median kWh savings from LED surgical lighting per facility	28,284				
Median kWh cost-savings from LED surgical lighting per OR	1,476				
CHEMICALS OF CONCERN	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Facility has implemented a surgical smoke evacuation system	54%	56%	51%	76%	80%
Facility has implemented strategies to reduce exposure to chemicals of concern in the OR	24%	25%	24%	28%	60%

PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE REDUCTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Purchased or had in-house pharmacy prepare pre-filled syringes (not including boxed bristojets) to minimize waste of unneeded pharmaceuticals	73%	70%	75%	100%	100%
Of the 251 facilities that that utilize pre-filled syringes, the following types are purchased:					
Atropine	61%	61%	61%	64%	30%
Calcium chloride	60%	61%	60%	52%	30%
Ephedrine	58%	56%	61%	84%	90%
Epinephrine	69%	66%	71%	60%	30%
Ketamine	43%	41%	45%	64%	60%
Lidocaine	62%	60%	64%	76%	60%
Phenylephrine	58%	50%	66%	92%	80%
Succinylcholine	47%	44%	50%	72%	90%
Propofol	9%	8%	11%	20%	20%
Other	58%	58%	58%	60%	60%
Purchased the smallest pharmaceutical vials possible to minimize pharmaceutical wastage	67%	65%	68%	96%	100%
REDUCTION STRATEGIES FOR ANESTHETIC GASES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Provided or held anesthesia staff education on environmental impacts of inhaled anesthetics and reduction strategies for clinicians	55%	52%	58%	88%	100%
Removed desflurane from its formulary/general use	33%	34%	32%	36%	20%
Of the 170 facilities that did not remove desflurane from the formulary:					
Removed desflurane vaporizers from the operating room to minimize use	32%	24%	40%	38%	75%



VOLUME AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (GHGS) FROM INHALED ANESTHETICS	AGGREGATE SUM ALL FACILITIES	MEDIAN PER OR PROCEDURE	MEDIAN PER GENERAL ANESTHESIA CASE	MEDIAN PER GENERAL ANESTHESIA HOUR
Volume of inhaled anesthetic agents purchased				
Sevoflurane (mL)	40,169,233	20.1	17.5	9.5
Isoflurane (mL)	4,414,050	0.14	0.09	0.22
Desflurane (mL)	4,294,560	0.57	0.46	0.21
Nitrous oxide (pounds)	586,332	0.17	0.19	0.12
Total GHG emissions from inhaled anesthetics in metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2e)				
MTCO2e from sevoflurane	7,948	0.0040	0.0035	0.0019
MTCO2e from isoflurane	3,368	0.0001	0.0001	0.0002
MTCO2e from desflurane	15,981	0.0021	0.0017	0.0008
MTCO2e from nitrous oxide	55,748	0.0228	0.0303	0.0143
Total MTCO2e emissions from all inhaled anesthetics	116,066	0.0440	0.0444	0.0254
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM INHALED ANESTHETICS	ALL			
Of the 65 facilities that had a reduction from previous year, the median reduction was:*				
Median % reduction (in MTCO2e) from previous year	24%			
Of the 80 facilities that had a reduction from baseline year, the median reduction was:*				
Median % reduction (in MTCO2e) from baseline year	47%			
*It is important to note that because of the unusual reduction in surgeries due to COVID-19 in 2020, some hospitals had an increase in GHGs from inhal due to sustainability programming, but rather to increased patient load in 2021.	ed anesthetics that was likely not			

Of the 12 facilities that increased normalized GHGs from inhaled anesthetics from baseline:

Median % increase (in MTCO2e) per anesthesia case from inhaled anesthetics from baseline year 56%

Of the 39 facilities that achieved a reduction in normalized GHGs from inhaled anesthetics from baseline:

Median % reduction (in MTCO2e) per anesthesia case from inhaled anesthetics from baseline year 61%

*Emissions prevented was determined by calculating the difference in emissions per case each year for each facility. It is then assumed that this is the amount per case that would be added to current emissions if the facility had not changed their practices. This amount is multiplied by the number of current-year cases to determine the emissions avoided.

Total aggregate prevented for those facilities tracking spend

REDUCED EMISSIONS FROM INHALED ANESTHETICS FROM BASELINE	MTCO2E EMISSIONS				
Of the 50 facilities that tracked volume of anesthetics in both baseline and current year, 39 reduced emissions. For the 78% (39) that reduced emissions per case from anesthetics:					
Count in this category	39				
Median % reduction in emissions per case	61%				
Median amount of MTCO2e emissions prevented per case	0.085				
Median MTCO2e emissions prevented per facility	589				
Sum MTCO2e emissions prevented for these facilities tracking spends	20,430				
Emissions prevented was determined by calculating the difference in emissions per case each year for each facility. It is then added to current emissions if the facility had not changed their practices. This amount is multiplied by the number of currents.					

REDUCED SPEND FROM INHALED ANESTHETICS FROM BASELINE	DOLLARS SPENT	MTCO2E EMISSIONS (IF ALSO TRACKING COST)
Of the 14 facilities that tracked cost (and volume) of anesthetics in both baseline and current year, 12 reducase from anesthetics:	uced GHG emissions. For those that reduced	GHG emissions per
Count in this category	12	12
Median % reduction per case	52%	71%
Median amount prevented per case	\$7.71	0.0899
Median prevented per facility	\$48,013	622

Emissions and spend prevented was determined by calculating the difference in spend per case each yearfor each facility. It is then assumed that this is the amount per case that would be added to current spend if the facility had not changed their practices. This amount is multiplied by the number of current-year cases to determine the spend avoided. Spend per case for each year was calculated separately for each year. Some facilities experienced price changes that may affect amount money saved that is not accounted for here.

\$1,146,650

12,838

MEDIAN COST-SAVINGS FOR KEY GREENING THE OR PROGRAMS	PER OR	PER FACILITY
Collection and purchase of reprocessed medical devices (SUDs)	\$7,062	\$96,110
Reusable canister fluid management systems	\$4,883	\$66,124
OR kit reformulation	\$1,249	\$26,458
Reusable sterilization containers	\$1,329	\$15,000
HVAC setback	\$1,150	\$30,000
Reusable linens	\$2,352	\$26,089
LED surgical lighting	\$185	\$3,089
All greening the OR cost-savings programs	\$9,998	\$112,003

TOTAL ANNUAL COST-SAVINGS FROM GREENING THE OR INITIATIVES (FOR ALL FACILITIES REPORTING COST-SAVINGS)	TOTAL
Collection and purchase of reprocessed medical devices (SUDs)	\$43,497,459
Reusable canister fluid management systems	\$5,698,314
OR kit reformulation	\$2,432,182
Reusable sterilization containers	\$1,883,145
HVAC setback	\$908,844
Reusable linens	\$1,200,654
LED surgical lighting	\$13,262
All greening the OR cost-savings programs	\$55,633,860





SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT GOAL PROGRESS	GOAL STATUS
Set sustainable procurement goals	53%
Of the 184 facilities that reported number and status of goals:	
Reported only one goal	34%
Reported two goals	7%
Reported three goals	60%
Percent of goals identified that were:	
Incomplete	1%
In progress	60%
Complete	40%

PROCESS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility reviewed a calendar (a list of upcoming contracts) for sustainable procurement opportunities in the past year	60%	62%	58%	68%	75%
Of the 207 facilities that reviewed a calendar, these calendars were reviewed:					
GPO	37%	38%	36%	59%	9%
Organization	22%	23%	21%	59%	12%
Both GPO and organization	80%	83%	77%	76%	97%
The facility has a process or Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that identifies how and when to consider sustainability in the various procurement processes	40%	42%	38%	72%	20%
Sustainability criteria is included in the evaluation, scoring and weighting when the facility makes purchasing decisions	50%	46%	53%	92%	43%
The facility assesses the total cost of ownership or used life-cycle costing when the facility makes purchasing decisions	34%	37%	31%	68%	23%
Of the 117 facilities assessing total cost of ownership:					
Percent using the Greenhealth Cost of Ownership (GCO) Calculator	3%	2%	5%	0%	0%
The facility prioritized high-impact procurement opportunities (HIPO) for specific goods and services for sustainable procurement in 2020	53%	54%	52%	64%	82%



HIGH-IMPACT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES (HIPO)	ALL
Prioritized high-impact procurement opportunities (HIPO)	53%
Of the 173 facilities that reported number and status of goals:	
Reported only one goal	7%
Reported two goals	5%
Reported three goals	35%
Reported four goals	53%
Of the opportunities identified:	
Not started	3%
In progress	23%
Procured	74%

TRAINING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility trained supply chain staff on sustainable procurement in the past year	45%	49%	41%	92%	100%
Procurement leadership and staff were introduced to the following resources:					
Practice Greenhealth Sustainable Procurement in Health Care Guide	49%	46%	51%	80%	98%
Sustainable Procurement in Health Care Guide's list of ecolabels	36%	35%	37%	44%	82%
Practice Greenhealth's Standardized Environmental Criteria v2.0	38%	37%	39%	64%	93%
ENGAGING SUPPLIERS & GROUP PURCHASING ORGANIZATIONS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility engaged suppliers on sustainable procurement	81%	80%	82%	84%	98%
The facility asked the supplier about its commitment to corporate responsibility as part of RFP or business reviews	60%	60%	59%	88%	100%
Of the 207 facilities that asked suppliers about their corporate responsibility:					
The supplier's commitment to corporate responsibility impacted decision-making	95%	95%	95%	100%	98%
The facility requires suppliers to meet standards for fair and decent labor practices set by the International Labor Organization (ILO), Fair Labor Association or an organization-specific supplier code of conduct	44%	50%	39%	56%	11%
The facility has a representative on a GPO Advisory Board or Committee that makes contracting decisions (with an external GPO or your own GPO)	74%	69%	77%	88%	98%
The facility engaged with its GPO on sustainable procurement in the past year	76%	72%	79%	96%	100%



ACTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility purchased any environmentally preferable products or services in the past year	80%	80%	81%	96%	100%
Of the 277 facilities that purchased sustainable products and services, this percentage purchased in these categories:					
Count of facilities providing data	256	16	240	23	44
Computers, telecom, IT equipment	38%	56%	36%	48%	75%
Food	33%	6%	35%	52%	91%
Medical supplies	32%	6%	34%	48%	23%
Cleaners	28%	13%	29%	43%	34%
Office supplies and equipment	28%	25%	28%	30%	70%
Building furnishings	26%	25%	26%	30%	82%
Surgical/operating room	21%	6%	22%	13%	5%
Food service equipment and supplies	16%	13%	17%	17%	55%
Building, facilities, maintenance	15%	44%	13%	26%	25%
Other	14%	6%	14%	30%	14%
Personal care	9%	6%	9%	4%	2%
Pharmaceuticals	5%	13%	5%	4%	2%
Sterile processing, sterilization, high-level disinfection	3%	6%	3%	9%	2%
Landscape	3%	6%	3%	22%	0%
Fleet	3%	25%	1%	0%	0%
Laboratory	2%	0%	2%	9%	2%
Dental	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
The facility is purchasing goods or services that support a circular economy	50%	52%	47%	92%	100%
The facility avoided the purchase of any goods due to sustainability considerations in the last year	51%	49%	52%	72%	93%
The facility wrote internal or external articles or documentation describing sustainable procurement successes (such as sustainable procurement case studies)	12%	11%	13%	48%	20%
Some RFX (RFP,RFI,RFQ) were sent out in the last year that include sustainable procurement criteria	53%	52%	53%	84%	91%



STATUS OF RFX WITH SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT CRITERIA	ANY RFX
Sent out any RFX (RFP,RFI,RFQ) sent out that include sustainable procurement criteria	53%
Of the 182 facilities that reported number and status of RFX:	
Sent out only 1 RFX	17%
Sent out 2 RFX	21%
Sent out 3 RFX	50%
Sent out 4 RFX	12%
Percent of RFX that were:	
Awarded to sustainable product (100% of contract)	61%
Partially awarded	21%
In progress	15%
Not awarded to sustainable product	2%
Canceled	0%

METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility tracks and reports metrics regarding green spend (what is spent on sustainable products)	74%	76%	72%	88%	100%

MEDIAN PERCENT GREEN SPEND ON SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS BY CATEGORY	CURRENT PERCENT SPEND	INCREASE IN PERCENT SPEND SINCE PREVIOUS YEAR (2020) (FOR THOSE WITH INCREASE)
5 target cleaning products	64%	36%
Copy paper	58%	20%
EPEAT electronics	98%	44%
Healthy interiors	92%	17%
Local food and beverage purchases	5%	70%
Sustainable food and beverage purchases	14%	35%
Average % sustainable spend combining all categories above	17%	58%



PAPER SPEND	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The organization purchases copy paper made with post-consumer recycled content	81%	84%	79%	96%	100%
The facility limited options within its purchasing system/catalog to ensure that all white copy paper purchased contains at least 30% post-consumer recycled content	30%	34%	27%	50%	82%
Of those purchasing recycled paper and providing spend numbers:					
Count of those providing paper data	218	106	111	23	44
Median percent green spend on copy paper >=30% recycled*	58%	68%	30%	62%	74%
Median green spend (dollars) on copy paper	\$13,736	\$7,958	\$22,442	\$16,638	\$19,711
Total sum of green spend (dollars) on copy paper for all facilities	\$8,439,764	\$1,987,056	\$6,433,688	\$1,235,899	\$1,759,666

*Paper with less than 30% post-consumer recycled content is not considered a sustainable product.

EPEAT SPEND	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility purchased EPEAT-registered products in the past year in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Greener Electronics Goal	79%	78%	79%	100%	100%
EPEAT-registered computers, monitors, and laptops	94%	95%	94%	100%	100%
EPEAT-registered imaging equipment (copiers, printers, fax, MFD, scanners, digital duplicators, mailing machines)	80%	77%	84%	100%	100%
EPEAT-registered televisions	60%	62%	58%	64%	70%
EPEAT-registered mobile phones	32%	28%	34%	56%	68%
EPEAT-registered servers	15%	14%	16%	48%	30%

EPEAT SPEND METRICS	ALL
Median percent green spend on EPEAT-registered computers, monitors and laptops	99%
Median percent green spend on EPEAT-registered imaging equipment (copiers, printers, fax, MFD, scanners, digital duplicators, mailing machines)	100%
Median percent green spend on EPEAT-registered televisions	100%
Median percent green spend on EPEAT-registered mobile phones	100%
Median percent green spend on EPEAT-registered servers	100%
Median percent green spend on all EPEAT-registered product categories	98%
Note: A median of 100% indicates that if the facility is purchasing EPEAT-registered electronics; they tend to be purchasing all EPEAT-registered products in a partic	ular category.



TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT ON EPEAT-REGISTERED ELECTRONICS (SUM OF ALL FACILITIES)	ALL
Dollars spent on EPEAT-registered computers, monitors and laptops	\$176,368,002
Dollars spent on EPEAT-registered imaging equipment	\$16,721,147
Dollars spent on EPEAT-registered televisions	\$599,533
Dollars spent on EPEAT-registered cell phones	\$1,539,144
Dollars spent on EPEAT-registered servers	\$7,178,188
Total EPEAT spend by all facilities	\$202,406,014



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT ACTIVITIES IN OTHER AREAS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
The facility implemented a reusable sharps container program	80%	71%	90%	92%	80%
The facility established a contract with a certified electronics recycling vendor that is certified to e-Stewards (or subcontractors that use e-Stewards certified vendors) for legal and environmentally responsible electronics (or e-waste) management and recycling	67%	61%	73%	84%	70%
The facility has chemical or purchasing policies that identify and avoid specific chemicals of concern contained in products that may be hazardous to human health and the environment	74%	75%	73%	100%	100%
The facility utilizes any Green Seal or UL Ecologo certified cleaning products	79%	81%	77%	96%	100%
The facility completely eliminated both PVC and DEHP from at least two product lines	64%	63%	64%	88%	95%
The facility is actively working to purchase furnishings and furniture that eliminate the use of all of the following target chemicals: flame retardants, formaldehyde, per and poly-fluorinated compounds (PFAS), PVC (vinyl) and antimicrobials, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Interiors Goal	52%	47%	58%	92%	100%
The facility implemented a medical device reprocessing program with an FDA-approved third party reprocessor	88%	83%	92%	84%	90%
The facility purchased and used reusable surgical items where environmentally and clinically preferable	75%	75%	74%	96%	100%
The facility preferentially purchased sustainably-produced (better) meat and poultry	60%	56%	64%	96%	100%
The facility purchased locally grown and produced foods Local is defined as grown/raised and processed less than 250 miles from the facility.	70%	66%	73%	100%	100%
The facility purchased sustainably grown and produced foods Sustainable is defined as a product that has an allowed sustainability certification or label claim.	70%	67%	73%	100%	100%
The facility is purchasing certified commercially compostable single-use food service ware (such as certified by Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI))	62%	57%	65%	76%	90%
The facility generated or purchased renewable energy	32%	25%	39%	64%	80%
The facility purchased energy-efficient equipment that is ENERGY STAR-labeled	39%	34%	44%	84%	70%
The facility has a policy that includes environmental criteria for vehicle purchases	17%	16%	19%	32%	86%
The organization has integrated green/sustainable aspects into master specifications for all new buildings/renovations	60%	64%	56%	96%	100%
Does the organization require its designers, builders and contractors to have experience with LEED or other green building rating systems	47%	50%	44%	84%	80%
The organization has added language to contract specifications that building contractors will follow LEED or GGHC requirements and provide documentation	50%	50%	49%	76%	100%
The facility consciously selects flooring, wall coverings, paints, materials, finishes, furniture or exterior materials that avoid chemicals of concern	53%	54%	52%	92%	90%



ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
32%	25%	39%	64%	80%
4%	1%	7%	16%	10%
12%	14%	10%	16%	30%
32%	23%	41%	52%	50%
ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
61%	53%	67%	76%	70%
59%	60%	58%	74%	100%
57%	58%	57%	74%	57%
18%	16%	19%	32%	29%
78%	78%	77%	74%	71%
69%	72%	67%	74%	86%
13%	11%	14%	32%	29%
19%	23%	17%	0%	0%
74%	74%	74%	93%	100%
3%	2%	4%	7%	0%
ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
52%	49%	53%	96%	90%
65%	60%	69%	92%	100%
50%	51%	48%	88%	100%
26%	28%	24%	60%	60%
53%	50%	56%	92%	90%
42%	41%	43%	76%	80%
41%	41%	41%	68%	70%
39%	34%	44%	84%	70%
32%	23%	41%	80%	90%
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ENERGY STAR-LABELED PRODUCT PURCHASES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Total spend on top 3 categories of ENERGY STAR-labeled products	\$138,184,556	\$5,467,150	\$132,717,405	\$14,568,129	\$10,677,369
Median spend on top 3 categories of ENERGY STAR-labeled products	\$46,535	\$31,899	\$52,532	\$9,900	\$102,230
ENERGY TRACKING AND MONITORING	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Used ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager	81%	77%	84%	100%	100%
Of the 278 facilities that indicated they use ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager:					
Benchmarked using ENERGY STAR's Portfolio Manager	86%	90%	83%	100%	100%
Of the 59 facilities that indicated they did NOT use ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager:					
Used other software to benchmark the facility's energy performance	64%	63%	67%	No applicants saw this question.	No applicants saw this question.
MEDIAN ENERGY METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Energy use intensity (EUI) in kBtus per sq foot	241	219	255	236	212
ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager EUI	248	247	251	235	234
Weather-normalized EUI (from ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager)	246	242	249	247	239
ENERGY STAR score	65	69	61	54	82
Percent reduction in energy use intensity from baseline year (of those that reduced)	8%	9%	8%	14%	11%
Percent reduction in energy use intensity from previous year (of those that reduced)	6%	4%	6%	6%	7%
PRACTICE GREENHEALTH COMPARED TO 2012 CBECS CLIMATE ZONES DATA	VERY COLD/COLD/ SUBARCTIC	MIXED-HUMI	D .	-DRY/MIXED- /HOT-HUMID	MARINE
CBECs number of hospitals reporting	118	110		100	15
Practice Greenhealth number of hospitals reporting	82	29		45	30
CBECs median energy use intensity (in kBtus/sq. ft.)	240	236		215	209
Practice Greenhealth median energy use intensity (in kBtus/sq. ft.)	216	235		279	266
Note: It is important to note that Practice Greenhealth is comparing 2021 data to 2012 data in this table. It is meant to highlight how committed Practice Greenhealth is comparing 2021 data to 2012 data in this table.	eenhealth partners fared relative	to the sector at large.			



NORMALIZED ENERGY USE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Total kBtus per sq. ft. (EUI)	241	219	255	236	212
Total kBtus per adjusted patient day (APD)	1,280	1,260	1,290	1,320	1,290
Total kBtus per onsite FTE*	83,200	91,300	73,700	86,600	82,300
Total kBtus per operating room (OR)	13,600,000	12,200,00	0 14,700,000 1	15,900,000	15,800,000
Total kBtus per patient day	3,280	4,850	2,720	3,600	2,630
Total kBtus per licensed bed	726,000	885,000	692,000	973,000	691,000
Total kBtus per OR procedure	21,100	21,400	21,100	22,600	23,400
Total kBtus per staffed bed	830,000	1,033,000	766,000	1,019,000	776,000
*Total on-site full-time equivalents (FTEs) is the sum of FTEs, FTE physicians, FTE medical students, and contracted FTEs.					
ENERGY REDUCTION PROJECTS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Percent of facilities reporting any energy efficiency projects	37%	34%	39%	84%	100%
Median energy savings per facility (in kBtus)	555,808				
Median energy cost savings per facility (in \$)	\$48,830				
Total energy efficiency savings in kbtus	19,234,204,832				
Total energy savings in dollars	\$8,944,905				
SAVINGS FROM COGEN (COMBINED HEAT AND POWER/COGENERATION PROJECT)	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Put a combined heat and power/cogeneration project into place in the last five years	4%	1%	7%	16%	10%
Total dollars saved last year from cogen projects	\$20,057,633				
ENERGY PROJECT CATEGORY	MEDIAN ENERGY PER PROJECT IN		MEDIAN COST-SAVINGS PER PROJECT	?	BER OF PROJECTS PORTED WITH \$ SAVINGS
Heating	2,265,39	1	\$13,188		43
Cooling	949,393	393 \$27,916			40
Water heating	618,465		\$33,105		2
Lighting	309,525		\$7,914		57
Information technology	482,262		\$149,487		1
Medical technology	None in this ca	tegory	None in this category		0
Other	165,081		\$20,838		15



RENEWABLE ENERGY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Percent of facilities reporting any generation or purchase of renewable energy	32%	25%	39%	64%	80%
Median percent of energy portfolio from renewable sources (facilities with sufficient data)	18.6%	16.1%	24.8%	9.0%	12.1%
Median percent of onsite renewable energy (facilities with sufficient data)	0.6%	2.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%
Median percent of offsite renewable energy (facilities with sufficient data)	27.2%	27.2%	27.6%	10.3%	15.2%
Total avoided greenhouse gas emissions from use of renewable energy sources (in MTCO2e)	338,542				
Total spend on renewable energy	\$1,968,204				
Total KBTUs of renewable energy	4,242,058,957				

TYPE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY	NUMBER OF REPORTING FACILITIES WITH ONSITE RENEWABLE ENERGY	NUMBER OF REPORTING FACILITIES WITH OFFSITE RENEWABLE ENERGY OR RECS
Solar or photo-voltaic	27	7
Geothermal heating and electric	2	2
Biomass	0	0
Wind	0	22
Bio-gas	1	2

MEDIAN ENERGY-RELATED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY FUEL TYPE (IN METRIC TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT:-MTCO2E)	BASELINE YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYPE	PREVIOUS YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYPE	CURRENT YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYP
Electricity (location-based)	6,015	8,217	5,956
Natural gas	3,360	3,239	3,453
Fuel oil (#2)	51	49	48
District steam	9,109	11,173	7,601
District hot water	2,579	1,758	3,208
District chilled water-electric driven chiller	7,480	7,007	6,948
District chilled water-absorption chiller using natural gas	None in this category	None in this category	1,601
District chilled water-engine-driven chiller natural gas	None in this category	None in this category	7,149
Diesel	39	27	40
Propane	52	15	28
Scope 1 (direct) energy-related GHG emissions total	3,352	3,164	3,386
Scope 2 (indirect) energy-related GHG emissions total	6,201	10,165	6,205



TOTAL ENERGY-RELATED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM FUEL TYPE (AGGREGATE FOR ALL FACILITIES REPORTING IN MTCO2E)	BASELINE YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYPE	PREVIOUS YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYPE	CURRENT YEAR GHG EMISSIONS BY ENERGY TYPE
Electricity (location-based)	2,177,173	1,817,589	2,094,697
Natural gas	1,217,029	944,002	1,145,276
Fuel oil (#2)	14,525	5,626	13,530
District steam	500,415	448,891	407,915
District hot water	19,209	13,198	16,850
District chilled water-electric driven chiller	177,215	191,749	195,309
District chilled water-absorption chiller using natural gas	None in this category	None in this category	1,601
District chilled water-engine-driven chiller natural gas	None in this category	None in this category	7,149
Diesel	4,917	4,563	6,064
Propane	2,914	1,818	2,568
Scope 1 (direct) energy-related GHG emissions total	1,239,384	956,008	1,167,437
Scope 2 (indirect) energy-related GHG emissions total	2,874,012	2,471,427	2,723,520
LAUNDRY	ALL SMAL	L LARGE	TOP 25 ENERGY CIRCLE
Of the 27 that have onsite laundry:			
Have laundry machines that are ENERGY STAR-certified	33% 47%	10%	40% 25%
Median pounds per patient day of laundry processed on site	41 41	36	43 28



WATER PLANNING AND REDUCTION STRATEGY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCL
Actively worked to reduce water use, in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Less Water Goal	40%	40%	41%	96%	100%
Submetered any departments and/or individual pieces of equipment	35%	32%	37%	84%	100%
Set measurable goals for the reduction of water use	27%	26%	28%	64%	100%
Had a written plan to reduce water use over time	30%	30%	30%	76%	100%
Conducted a water audit	29%	26%	32%	76%	60%
Benchmarked water usage	61%	60%	63%	92%	100%
Implemented any of the following strategies or technologies for the reuse of non-potable water					
Boiler blow-down collection for reuse	11%	9%	13%	32%	40%
Condensate collection for reuse	34%	32%	37%	80%	60%
Gray water reuse system	3%	1%	5%	8%	10%
Rainwater harvesting system	4%	4%	5%	20%	30%
Use of non-potable water for laundry	2%	1%	2%	4%	20%
Other	6%	2%	10%	0%	10%
Purchased any of the following US EPA WaterSense-labeled devices and equipment					
Bathroom sink faucets/accessories	45%	43%	47%	76%	80%
Flushing urinals	23%	20%	27%	60%	70%
Flushometer valve toilets	24%	23%	24%	60%	70%
Irrigation controllers	9%	4%	13%	20%	10%
Pre-rinse spray valves	5%	4%	6%	32%	20%
Showerheads	25%	22%	28%	56%	80%
Spray sprinkler bodies	4%	2%	6%	20%	10%
Toilets	32%	32%	34%	60%	80%
MEDIAN WATER USE AND SAVINGS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCI
Median water use intensity (gallons per sq. ft.)	42.0	41.8	42.4	37.6	32.8
Cost of water per 1,000 gallons (kgal)	\$7.03	\$6.50	\$7.96	\$8.09	\$7.92



NORMALIZED WATER CONSUMPTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCLE
Gallons per cleanable sq. ft.	52.0	52.0	52.1	49.4	43.5
Gallons per gross sq. ft.	42.0	41.8	42.4	37.6	32.8
Gallons per total onsite FTEs	15,917	18,100	14,738	12,093	11,117
Million gallons per operating room (OR)	2.3	2.0	2.4	2.8	3.5
Gallons per adjusted patient day (APD)	238	244	233	233	152
Gallons per patient day	563	755	459	527	591
Gallons per staffed bed	135,520	168,185	118,956	139,533	194,314
Gallons per OR procedure	3,572	3,543	3,586	3,609	7,108
INDOOR WATER CONSUMPTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCLE
Median indoor gallons per sq. ft.	37.9	33.3	38.7	35.7	36.1
Median indoor gallons per cleanable sq. ft.	49.4	48.2	50.1	49.9	48.8
Median indoor gallons per FTE	13,417	13,992	12,091	12,119	10,375
Note: Indoor water use could only be calculated accurately for those who either had no irrigation or for those who facilities that irrigated and	d also provided irrigation data (actual or es	timated).			
IRRIGATED LANDSCAPES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCLE
Irrigated some landscaped areas	63%	58%	67%	92%	70%
Used any alternative landscaping methods that reduce the need for irrigation	40%	35%	45%	76%	90%
Of the 23 facilities that provided data on water savings from alternative landscaping methods:					
Median water savings (gallons) from alternative irrigation	143,444	25,000	312,500	237,500	55,000
Total gallons of water saved through alternative landscaping (all facilities)	17,835,044	10,919,599	6,915,445	5,531,705	2,062,650
WATER USE COMPARED TO OTHER INDUSTRY COHORTS	ALL				
Median water use intensity (gal/sq. ft.) for Practice Greenhealth hospitals (2021)	42.0				
Median water use intensity (gal/sq. ft.) for CBECS inpatient health care facilities (2012)	46.3 gal/sq. ft.				
Average water use intensity (gal/sq. ft.) for Grumman/Butkus health care facilities (2020)	36.1 gal/sq. ft.				
Note: CBECS is the Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey which is administered by the federal government in 2012. A more receibut the full data set was not yet available when this report went to press. Grumman/Butkus Associates is an engineering consultancy that habenchmarking survey in the Midwest since 1995. Water costs and usage were added in 2006.	,				



WATER REDUCTION METRICS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCLE	
Percent reduction in water use intensity from baseline year:	23%	24%	21%	30%	44%	
Percent reduction in water use intensity from previous year:	12%	16%	11%	12%	10%	
Note: Percent reduction calculated using current year gallons per gross sq. ft. compared to baseline or previous year gallons per gross sq. ft. This includes only facilities that reduced their water use intensity.						

WATER REDUCTION PROJECTS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	WATER CIRCLE
Percent of facilities reporting any water reduction projects with gallons saved	6%	5%	7%	32%	80%
Median water cost-savings per facility from water reduction projects	\$2,215	\$1,556	\$2,719	\$2,719	\$1,428
Median gallons of water saved per facility through water reduction projects	250,755	238,710	560,550	331,775	170,855
Total gallons saved through water reduction projects (22 facilities)	15,000,845	6,075,605	8,925,240	4,844,395	2,926,105
Total cost-savings through water reduction projects (20 facilities)	\$124,941	62,474	62,467	51,196	49,936

COVID-19	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE	
Did the facility have pre-determined flexible space it could utilize for surge capacity for the COVID-19 pandemic?	47%	40%	53%	72%	80%	
Did the facility adapt other usable space to accommodate surge capacity for COVID patients during the pandemic?	50%	47%	52%	72%	90%	
GREEN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE	
Designed and built any projects (>1000 sq. ft.) in the last five (5) years	52%	44%	60%	96%	90%	
Integrated any green/sustainable aspects into master specifications for all new buildings/renovations	60%	64%	56%	96%	100%	
Implemented a facility policy or commitment to design and construct all new buildings and/or major renovations to LEED (or another green building) design standard	60%	62%	57%	84%	100%	
Required to build to a certain minimum LEED standard (certifiable) due to municipal, state, region or federal legislative requirements	13%	15%	11%	24%	20%	
Required its designers, builders and contractors to have experience with LEED or other green building rating systems	47%	50%	44%	84%	80%	
Used an integrated design process for all new building and major renovation projects	54%	55%	54%	76%	100%	
Added language to contract specifications that building contractors will follow LEED or GGHC requirements and provide documentation	50%	50%	49%	76%	100%	
Tracked loss days/productivity within green buildings	5%	5%	5%	36%	20%	
NUMBER OF LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED)-CERTIFIED PROJECTS COMPLETED	2021 COMPLETED IN PAST 5			ST 5 YEARS		
LEED Platinum		7		0		
LEED Gold		17		4		
LEED Silver		26		8		
LEED Certified		8		1		
Total LEED projects		58		13		
Total square footage (of LEED projects providing square footage)		2,836,541		9,864,59	95	
COUNT OF GREEN BUILDING PROJECTS USING OTHER RATING SYSTEMS		2021		COMPLETED IN PA	ST 5 YEARS	
Designed to LEED but not certified		28		94		
Followed GGHC	3			8		
Green Globes	0			1		
WELL Certified		0		0		
Followed other rating system		13		38		
Total square footage of green building projects not using LEED certification		989,979		4,672,68	34	

ALL 33%	SMALL 28%	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE
	28%	200/		
E00/		39%	96%	100%
59%	52%	65%	88%	100%
28%	20%	35%	59%	60%
9%	5%	13%	23%	20%
82%	75%	87%	95%	60%
26%	30%	24%	55%	40%
34%	34%	34%	59%	80%
ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE
53%	54%	52%	92%	90%
AVOIDED CH	EMICALS OF CONCE	RN	INCLUDED IN SPECS	
	45%		42%	
58%			52%	
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ENERGY AND WATER-SAVING ELEMENTS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE
Implemented a building and renovation strategy that maximizes daylighting for patients, employees, visitors	56%	53%	59%	100%	100%
Installed water saving measures that will substantially reduce potable water use or reuse non-potable water	48%	43%	52%	80%	100%
Integrated design elements that will reduce or reuse process water	31%	27%	35%	68%	80%
Instituted other innovative green design and construction elements	29%	23%	35%	88%	100%
Installed energy systems that exceed ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2013	30%	24%	35%	48%	80%
Of the 102 facilities indicating yes to installing systems that exceed ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA standard 90.1-2013:					
<10%	17%	20%	15%	17%	0%
10-25%	37%	38%	37%	50%	25%
>25%	22%	18%	24%	33%	75%
CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE
Recycled construction & demolition debris (C&D)	49%	40%	59%	100%	90%
Of the 69 facilities that provided valid recycling numbers:					
Median percent recycling rate for construction and demolition debris	70%	60%	65%	65%	85%
Achieved a minimum 80% construction and demolition debris recycling rate	42%	10%	67%	22%	26%
Total tons of construction and demolition debris recycled, sum of all facilities	50,403				



DEMONSTRATING CLIMATE LEADERSHIP	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CLIMATE CIRCLE
Facilities tracking GHG emissions as a key metric and reporting progress at regular intervals	56%	53%	58%	100%	100%
Made a formal external commitment to climate change or a signed a commitment	50%	48%	51%	96%	100%
Of the 172 facilities indicating formal external commitment(s) to climate change, the commitments were:					
Cool Food Pledge	22%	18%	27%	46%	30%
Divestment from or frozen future investments in fossil fuels	31%	29%	32%	8%	30%
Health Care Climate Challenge	61%	63%	60%	54%	60%
Health Care Climate Council	64%	63%	66%	58%	80%
Federal/state/regional/local commitment	25%	20%	30%	54%	40%
University Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitment (higher education institutions only)	4%	0%	8%	4%	20%
We Are Still In	42%	36%	48%	50%	80%
Other	49%	51%	47%	54%	70%
Advocated for or promoted policies or regulations that protect public health from the causes of climate change (e.g. testifying or submitting comments at public hearings, Op Eds, sign-on letters/statements, meeting with public officials to educate or lobby) (Out non-federal facilities)	of 33%	34%	32%	85%	89%
Of the 105 facilities that have promoted policies or regulations that protect public health from the causes of climate char	ige, the following level	ls of policies were in	ndicated:		
At the local level	61%	57%	63%	100%	89%
At the state level	85%	94%	77%	95%	100%
At the federal level	84%	87%	81%	100%	89%
Provided education on the connection between climate and health to its staff, patients, clinicians and/or the community	48%	45%	51%	92%	100%
Of the 165 facilities that provide education on the connection between climate and health to its staff, patients, clinicians	and.or the community,	the following group	os were engaged:		
Staff	94%	96%	92%	100%	100%
Patients	52%	53%	50%	65%	40%
Community	61%	53%	67%	78%	60%
Physicians	85%	85%	86%	91%	100%
	82%	81%	83%	87%	100%
Nurses					



Carbon neutral

Renewable energy

Other

Greenhouse gas reduction

Aggressive energy reduction

DEMONSTRATING CLIMATE LEADERSHIP	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CLIMATE CIRCLE
Employee home solar discounts	12%	13%	11%	4%	10%
Electric bicycle discounts	11%	13%	9%	8%	20%
CSAs	14%	11%	17%	52%	60%
Fossil fuel-free retirement options	14%	15%	14%	8%	50%
Alternative transportation discounts/stipends	43%	37%	48%	68%	80%
Other	21%	20%	22%	52%	50%
Incorporated climate change language or a connection to climate change in activities of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) process for community benefit	23%	22%	24%	64%	40%
Monitors air quality and notifies vulnerable patient populations	10%	9%	11%	8%	0%
CEO or Board of Directors identified climate change as a business risk by requiring regular reporting on climate change mitigation and preparedness	25%	23%	26%	44%	60%
CLIMATE MITIGATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CLIMATE CIRCLE
Generated or purchased renewable energy	32%	25%	39%	64%	80%
Median percent of energy from renewable sources	19%	16%	25%	9%	12%
Set either a GHG reduction or renewable energy goal	50%	47%	52%	64%	100%
Purchased carbon offsets	13%	10%	16%	4%	30%
Tracking market-based Scope 2 emissions	33%	31%	34%	48%	80%
CLIMATE GOALS	ALL				
Of the 74 facilities reporting any climate or renewable energy goal type, the following have set a goal of this type:					
Carbon net positive	15%				

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CURRENT YEAR EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECTS	SUM OF ALL FACILITIES	MEDIAN PER FACILITY	MEDIAN PER THOUSAND SQUARE FEET	COUNT OF FACILITIES CONTRIBUTING
Of the facilities reporting any emissions reduction project:				
MTCO2e savings from GHG emission reduction projects for all hospitals	330,821	358	0.95	72
Cost-savings from GHG emission reduction projects for all hospitals (for projects with cost-savings)	\$9,421,184	\$40,970	\$102	40
Expenditures for GHG emission reduction projects for all hospitals (for projects costing money)	\$207,515	\$33,886	\$29	6
SCOPES 1 & 2 ENERGY-RELATED EMISSIONS PER FACILITY	ALL			
Median MTCO2e from Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions per facility	10,642			
Of the 159 facilities that decreased total energy-related MTCO2e				
Median percent decrease from baseline in MTCO2e from baseline for Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions per facility	7.3%			
Of the 126 facilities that increased total energy-related MTCO2e				
Median percent increase from baseline in MTCO2e from baseline for Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions per facility	5.9%			
SCOPES 1 & 2 ENERGY-RELATED EMISSIONS PER SQ. FT.	ALL			
Median MTCO2e per thousand square feet from Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions	18			
Of the 190 facilities that decreased energy-related MTCO2e per square feet:				
Median percent decrease in MTCO2e per thousand square feet from Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions	9.0%			
Of the 96 facilities that increased energy-related MTCO2e per square feet:				
Median percent increase in MTCO2e per thousand square feet from Scope 1 & 2 energy-related emissions	4.7%			

DISTRIBUTION OF SCOPES 1 & 2 ENERGY-RELATED EMISSIONS PER SQUARE FEET	10TH PERCENTILE	25TH PERCENTILE	MEDIAN	75TH PERCENTILE	90TH PERCENTILE
Due to the difference in greenhouse gas emissions per KBTU based on energy source, MTCO2e per sq. ft. for energy-related emission	ons has a wide range.				
MTCO2e (energy-related) per thousand square feet	12	14	18	22	27

CHANGE IN TOTAL MTCO2E PER FACILITY	ALL
Of the 194 facilities that decreased total MTCO2e	
Median percent decrease from baseline in MTCO2e from baseline per facility	8.6
Of the 104 facilities that increased total MTCO2e	
Median percent increase from baseline in MTCO2e from baseline per facility	5.2
Note: Practice Greenhealth is not providing total MTCO2e per facility because most facilities did not provide all categories, and the	ne number and type of categories of MTCO26

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CHANGE IN TOTAL MTCO2E PER SQUARE FEET	ALL
Of the 88 facilities that decreased total MTCO2e per square feet:	
Median percent decrease in MTCO2e per thousand square feet from total GHG emissions	14%
Of the 18 facilities that increased total MTCO2e per square feet:	
Median percent increase in MTCO2e per thousand square feet from total GHG emissions	4%
PERCENT REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS FROM ANESTHETIC GASES FROM BASELINE YEAR	ALL
Percent change in MTCO2e per anesthesia case from baseline year	52%

CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL APPLICANTS	YES	STARTED BUT NOT COMPLETED	PERCENT OF FACILITIES REPORTING ANY PROGRESS
Analyzed local disaster risks due to climate change and its role in addressing them.	38%	25%	63%
Reviewed the evidence of health risks from climate change (from local public health epidemiology/vulnerability assessments: e.g. migration of vector borne diseases, extreme heat, etc.) that may impact its community.	50%	15%	65%
Participated in city, regional, or state climate resilience planning efforts.	27%	24%	51%
Acted on one or more of top vulnerabilities to improve the resilience of building infrastructure, energy, water, and food systems.	28%	30%	58%
Engaged in long term activities that restore and improve functioning ecosystem services	16%	31%	47%
Engaged in long term activities that restore and improve functioning ecosystem services in order to foster more resilient communities (e.g. working to preserve or restore ecosystem services - forests, coastal zones, wetlands, river basins, fisheries).	16%	31%	47%
Developed a plan and included climate risks in both facility and regional emergency preparedness planning and implementation for addressing key health care service delivery needs during or following extreme weather events such as cold or heat waves, hurricanes, droughts, wildfires.	45%	19%	64%
Completed an assessment tool (such as the Building Health Care Sector Resilience Toolkit), and developed an action plan to address climate change-related building and infrastructure vulnerabilities.	10%	41%	51%

EXTREME WEATHER	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CLIMATE CIRCLE
Facility was impacted in the past year by an extreme weather event	25%	22%	28%	40%	70%
Of those facilities impacted by an extreme weather event:					
Response to the extreme weather event was complicated by the COVID-19 pandemic	45%	36%	52%	40%	29%

TRANSPORTATION LEADERSHIP	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Is the facility actively working to reduce the impact of transportation on the environment and the local community in alignment with Practice Greenhealth's Transportation Goals?	52%	49%	57%	92%	100%
Has the facility designated someone to manage Transportation functions for the facility (including parking management, fleet management, commuter programs and incentives, etc.)?	33%	37%	30%	28%	43%
Does the facility participate in regional transportation planning?	25%	16%	34%	60%	86%
FLEET VEHICLE STRATEGIES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Does the facility have a policy that includes environmental criteria for vehicle purchases?	17%	16%	19%	32%	86%
Additional fleet vehicle strategies used to reduce mobile fuel emissions and toxins					
Route/vehicle informatics and optimization	21%	18%	24%	64%	71%
Nitrogen to inflate tires to increase fuel efficiency	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Lead-free wheel weights	2%	2%	2%	4%	14%
Re-refined motor oil	4%	3%	5%	12%	14%
Other	8%	5%	10%	20%	14%

FLEET VEHICLES FUEL	ALL	FEDERAL FACILITIES	NON-FEDERAL FACILITIES	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Percent of facilities indicating a particular fuel type is used for fleet vehicles (out of facilities indicating fuel for any vehicles):					
Count of facilities contributing data	242	34	208	23	7
Gasoline	98%	91%	99%	91%	71%
Diesel	50%	79%	45%	61%	43%
E85 ethanol	31%	71%	24%	22%	71%
Gasoline-electric hybrid	18%	71%	10%	35%	43%
Electricity	10%	15%	10%	13%	29%
Biodiesel (B20)	2%	9%	1%	9%	29%
Propane	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Biodiesel (B100)	1%	3%	1%	9%	43%
CNG-electric hybrid	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Diesel-electric hybrid	1%	0%	1%	9%	14%
Fuel cell electric-hydrogen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Natural gas (CNG)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Median percent of vehicles using alternative fuel (for facilities reporting count and fuel type for all vehicles) (if more than zero)	21%	46%	13%	12%	85%
Median percent of new vehicles using alternative fuel (purchased/leased in 2021) (if more than zero)	66%	60%	73%	80%	80%
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REDUCTION IN GHG EMISSIONS FROM FLEET VEHICLES FUEL	ALL	COUNT CONTRIBUTING
Median reduction from baseline of GHG emissions (in MTCO2e) from purchased fleet vehicles (Scope 1) (for those that reduced)	45%	3
Median reduction from baseline of GHG emissions (in MTCO2e) from leased fleet vehicles (Scope 3) (for those that reduced)	45%	5
Median reduction from baseline of GHG emissions (inMTCO2e) from all fleet vehicles (for those that reduced)	37%	9

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Has the facility installed EV charging stations?	35%	19%	50%	52%	43%
Of the facilities that installed EV charging stations and provided types, this percentage installed these types of stations:					
Count providing charging station data	107	31	76	13	3
Type 1 EV chargers (120-volt)	29%	23%	32%	46%	33%
Type 2 EV chargers (240-volt)	75%	71%	76%	77%	100%
Direct current (DC) "fast" chargers (480-volt)	7%	13%	4%	8%	0%
Median number of charging stations per facility	6	3	6	10	20
Median number of charging stations per 1000 FTE	2.0	4.1	1.6	2.1	1.7
Total number of charging stations all facilities	1,555	634	921	179	114
Access for EV charging stations:					
Available to employees, free of charge	20%	8%	31%	44%	43%
Available to employees, self-pay	10%	7%	14%	0%	14%
Available to public, free of charge	11%	2%	20%	32%	43%
Available to public, self-pay	15%	10%	19%	4%	14%
Available for fleet vehicles	8%	6%	10%	16%	29%
DLE REDUCTION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCL
Does the facility have a policy, guidance or protocols that address idle reduction?	29%	29%	29%	68%	86%
Has the facility worked to reduce idling from ambulances?	24%	23%	25%	56%	57%

TELEHEALTH	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCL
Does the facility provide telehealth services?	70%	64%	75%	100%	100%
Of the 241 facilities that provide telehealth services:					
Facility (or outside authority) require eligible outpatient visits be delivered via telehealth for any period of time in the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic	35%	29%	41%	52%	57%
Of the 85 that required telehealth visits, they were required for the following lengths of time:					
0-2 weeks	7%	6%	7%	0%	0%
2-4 weeks	2%	0%	4%	0%	0%
4-6 weeks	6%	3%	7%	0%	0%
Longer than 6 weeks total	53%	65%	46%	85%	50%
Other	5%	3%	6%	15%	50%
Of the 241 facilities that provide telehealth services:					
The following types of outpatient visits have been transitioned to telehealth:					
Home health care	24%	32%	19%	23%	75%
Mental health	68%	84%	59%	100%	100%
Occupational therapy	39%	48%	33%	54%	75%
Physical therapy	52%	58%	48%	92%	100%
Primary care	67%	77%	61%	100%	100%
Pre-surgery testing	12%	3%	17%	0%	25%
Rehabilitation	46%	55%	41%	92%	100%
Specialty care	65%	77%	57%	100%	100%
Urgent care (screening, triage)	35%	42%	31%	85%	75%
Wellness	55%	61%	52%	92%	75%
Other	4%	6%	2%	0%	0%
Of the 241 facilities that provide telehealth services:					
Calculated the environmental benefits, particulate matter or greenhouse gas emissions reduction associated with its telehealth visits	13%	13%	13%	32%	57%
Median percent of telehealth visits out of total outpatient visits in 2019 (baseline)	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Median percent of telehealth visits out of total outpatient visits in 2021	13%	10%	15%	32%	11%
Median percent increase in percent telehealth visits: 2019 to 2021 (of those that increased)	1359%	827%	7521%	1276%	2034%

ALL 71%	SMALL 69%	LARGE 73%	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
71%	69%	73%		
		1570	96%	86%
1%	3%	0%	0%	0%
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2%	7%	0%	0%	0%
83%	90%	80%	93%	100%
4%	0%	7%	0%	0%
2.2%	2.1%	2.7%	12.2%	3.6%
7.6%	7.5%	7.6%	15.0%	11.3%
287%	249%	433%	96%	300%
14%	13%	14%	44%	43%
ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
24%	25%	23%	40%	57%
20%	20%	20%	100%	25%
20%	17%	22%	36%	29%
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EMPLOYEE COMMUTE SURVEY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Does the facility conduct an annual survey to collect mode of transportation by employees commuting to work?	20%	14%	25%	20%	43%
Of the 27 facilities that conducted a survey and provided data:					
Median percent single-occupant vehicle (SOV) rate (number of single occupancy (drive alone) commute trips divided by total number of commute trips) baseline year	87%	91%	81%	79%	95%
Median percent single-occupant vehicle (SOV) rate (number of single occupancy (drive alone) commute trips divided by total number of commute trips) current year	76%	No data	76%	85%	79%
Median percent reduction in SOV commute trips from baseline year (for those that reduced)	8%	No data	8%	5%	32%
Percentage of facilities that have implemented the following strategies to support alternative commuters:					
Cash bonus for employees who do not drive alone to work	4%	4%	4%	4%	14%
Provide emergency ride home for alternative commuters	17%	10%	24%	16%	71%
Participate in employee alternative commute recognition and award programs	11%	7%	16%	8%	29%
Percentage of facilities that have implemented the following strategies to support employees who walk and bike to work:					
Bikeshare stations and/or loaner bicycles	10%	6%	14%	24%	71%
Free or discounted bicycles or bicycle service	6%	5%	7%	8%	0%
Participate in Bike to Work Day, Ecochallenge, National Bike Challenge	27%	22%	32%	32%	57%
Provide bike racks, bike paths, walkways, and shower facilities for alternative commuters	53%	48%	59%	92%	100%
Free or discounted membership with bikeshare services	11%	9%	13%	32%	43%
Other	11%	11%	12%	8%	14%



PUBLIC TRANSIT AND ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
Percentage of facilities that have implemented the following strategies to support employees who use public	c transit and carpool/vanpool/shuttle	rideshare services:			
Free or subsidized public transit pass	26%	17%	35%	32%	71%
Incentives for vanpool drivers	12%	11%	14%	12%	71%
Shuttle services	23%	9%	36%	56%	71%
Free or discounted membership with rideshare services	13%	10%	15%	20%	57%
Carpool matching services	21%	18%	24%	24%	71%
Other	7%	3%	11%	28%	43%
Percentage of facilities that have implemented the following strategies to encourage visitors and staff to use	e alternative transportation modes:				
Charge visitors for parking	20%	5%	35%	36%	57%
Charge employees for parking	16%	3%	28%	28%	57%
Provide preferred parking for carpool vehicles	22%	17%	27%	48%	71%
Provide preferred parking for electric vehicles	25%	16%	35%	44%	57%
Other	6%	4%	9%	16%	0%



Changes to operational protocols continued in 2021 due to the pandemic. The following tables highlight key aspects of operations that were impacted by the pandemic.

CHANGE IN EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FEDERAL FACILITIES
Percent seeing an increase in total ER visits from previous year (of those reporting)	83%	83%	83%	95%	62%
Median percent increase in total ER visits from previous year (for those with an increase)	17%	16%	17%	17%	19%
Median percent decrease in total ER visits from previous year (for those with a decrease)	8%	8%	10%	7%	30%
COVID EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FEDERAL FACILITIES
Median percent of emergency room visits related to COVID (not including zero) in 2021	5%	5%	5%	5%	7%
Median percent of emergency room visits related to COVID (not including zero) in 2020	3%	5%	3%	2%	6%
Percent seeing an increase in total COVID-related ER visits from previous year (of those reporting)	84%	88%	80%	93%	74%
Median percent increase in total COVID-related ER visits from previous year (for those with an increase)	153%	82%	103%	214%	60%
Note: Only 10% of hospitals reported 22% or more of their ED visits were related to COVID					
COVID PATIENT DAYS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FEDERAL FACILITIES
Median percent of patient days due to patients hospitalized in an adult or pediatric inpatient bed who had laboratory-confirmed or suspected COVID-19	11%	5%	10%	12%	6%
SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
Has your facility partnered with the community to address community needs brought on and/or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic?	76%	73%	79%	96%	90%
How the facility's sustainability work been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:					
Increased focus on sustainability	10%	10%	10%	8%	10%
Reduced capacity for/focus on sustainability	55%	56%	55%	80%	80%
Sustainability work on hold for at least 3 months	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Sustainability work on hold for at least 6 months	11%	10%	13%	0%	0%
Sustainability work on hold until further notice	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Sustainability program eliminated	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Other	5%	5%	5%	4%	0%



DISINFECTANTS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	CHEMICALS CIRCLE
Has the facility expanded its use of disinfectants/one-step disinfectant cleaners for environmental cleaning as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?	67%	67%	68%	80%	93%
The 232 facilities that expanded use of disinfectants did it in these areas:					
All patient care areas	50%	47%	53%	50%	32%
Some patient care areas	19%	21%	18%	15%	5%
Food services	22%	23%	22%	15%	5%
Administrative areas	21%	21%	21%	25%	10%
Everywhere	53%	60%	48%	80%	93%
Other	6%	4%	8%	10%	2%
OPERATING ROOMS	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GOR CIRCLE
Did the facility cancel or postpone elective surgeries for any period of time (either by organizational decision or mandate) during the past year due to COVID-19?	53%	50%	55%	80%	60%
The 182 facilities that cancelled or postponed elective surgeries did it for these lengths of time:					
0-2 weeks	11%	11%	10%	15%	17%
2-4 weeks	11%	11%	11%	10%	0%
4-6 weeks	30%	37%	24%	30%	17%
Longer than 6 weeks total	39%	36%	43%	45%	67%
Were there any changes made to operating room protocol as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?	53%	52%	54%	76%	70%
FOOD SERVICES	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	FOOD CIRCLE
Percentage out of all hospitals that shut down any food service areas for any period of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	36%	38%	34%	64%	70%
The 124 facilities that shut down food service areas did it for these lengths of time:					
0-2 weeks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2-4 weeks	4%	5%	3%	6%	0%
4-6 weeks	10%	11%	8%	13%	14%
Longer than 6 weeks total	84%	83%	85%	81%	86%
Did the facility change any of its food and nutrition services protocols as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?	68%	65%	70%	68%	90%
Did your facility work with the community to address increased food insecurity as a result of the pandemic?	37%	35%	40%	56%	90%



SUPPLY CHAIN	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	PROCUREMENT CIRCLE
Has the facility created procedures to re-use or extend the use of PPE in response to COVID-19?	74%	77%	72%	92%	100%
The 124 facilities that re-used or extended the use of PPE did it with these products:					
Reusable/launderable isolation gowns	60%	61%	59%	61%	55%
PAPRs or elastomerics	59%	57%	62%	78%	95%
N95 masks	91%	94%	89%	96%	100%
Other	34%	33%	35%	17%	61%
Did the facility leverage its supply chain relationships to address the critical shortage of supplies and PPE over the past year?	88%	87%	89%	96%	100%
Has your facility partnered with the local community to address supply gaps brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic?	70%	68%	72%	80%	45%
Has the facility (or parent health system) made (or is planning to make) any changes to its long-term buying/supply chain strategy based on the COVID-19 pandemic?	85%	84%	86%	96%	100%
ENERGY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	ENERGY CIRCLE
Did the facility make changes to its air handling protocols to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic?	61%	53%	67%	76%	70%
The 124 facilities that made changes to their air handling protocols to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic, used the following measures:					
Increase in outside air	59%	60%	58%	74%	100%
Increased number of air changes	57%	58%	57%	74%	57%
Discontinued use of HVAC setback	18%	16%	19%	32%	29%
Negative pressure rooms	78%	78%	77%	74%	71%
Negative pressure isolation rooms	69%	72%	67%	74%	86%
Other	13%	11%	14%	32%	29%
The 124 facilities that increased outside air utilized it in the following areas:					
100% outside air for entire facility	19%	23%	17%	0%	0%
By department or unit	74%	74%	74%	93%	100%



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77%	57%	100%	100%
61%	52%	92%	75%
58%	48%	92%	100%
48%	33%	54%	75%
55%	41%	92%	100%
42%	31%	85%	75%
3%	17%	0%	25%
32%	19%	23%	75%
6%	2%	0%	0%
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CLIMATE, TELEHEALTH, AND TELEWORK	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	TRAN. CIRCLE
0-2 weeks	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%
2-4 weeks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
4-6 weeks	2%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Longer than 6 weeks total	83%	90%	80%	93%	100%
Other	4%	0%	7%	0%	0%
Median percent of FTEs who teleworked in baseline year (2019)	2.2%	2.1%	2.7%	12.2%	3.6%
Median percent of FTEs who teleworked in current year (2021)	7.6%	7.5%	7.6%	15.0%	11.3%
Median percent increase in telework: 2019 to 2021	286.9%	248.6%	432.6%	96.0%	300.0%
Does the facility calculate the environmental benefits, particulate matter or greenhouse gas emissions reduction associated with employees who telework?	14%	13%	14%	44%	43%
BUILDING CAPACITY	ALL	SMALL	LARGE	TOP 25	GREEN BUILD. CIRCLE
Did the facility have pre-determined flexible space it could utilize for surge capacity for the COVID-19 pandemic?	47%	40%	53%	72%	80%
Did the facility adapt other usable space to accommodate surge capacity for COVID patients during the pandemic?	50%	47%	52%	72%	90%
Of those facilities answering both questions (did they have pre-determined flexible space, and did they adapt other usable space):					
Used predetermined and had to adapt other space	47%	35%	58%	52%	70%
Adapted other space, did not have pre-determined space	25%	30%	21%	20%	20%
Used predetermined, did not need to adapt other space	19%	19%	18%	20%	10%
Did not need either	9%	15%	3%	8%	0%



An academic medical center is defined by Practice Greenhealth as a hospital attached to a university medical school and/or a teaching hospital affiliated with a medical school. These hospitals are training grounds for residents, medical and nursing students, Ph.D. candidates, and post-doctoral researchers. Some academic medical centers (126 of the 193) include on-site research facilities, which host laboratories and other research amenities that can contribute to their environmental footprint.

	METRIC	COMMUNITY HOSPITALS (NON-ACADEMIC) MEDIAN	ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS WITH NO ON-SITE RESEARCH MEDIAN	ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS WITH ON-SITE RESEARCH MEDIAN	ALL HOSPITAL APPLICANTS
	Recycling as a % of total waste	24.5%	23.0%	22.0%	23.0%
	RMW as a % of total waste	6.0%	12.9%	8.8%	6.5%
	Total waste in lbs per patient day	40.9 lbs.	37.4 lbs.	43.7 lbs.	42.0 lbs.
	% Green spend on 5 cleaning chemicals	24%	40%	22%	64%
	% Spend on healthy interiors	93%	88%	87%	92%
	% OR kit types reviewed	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Lbs SUDs collected per OR procedure	0.63 lbs.	0.38 lbs.	0.61 lbs.	0.57 lbs.
OR	# Reusable prod types (out of 34)	8	8	8	7
	% of ORs with HVAC setback	100.0%	87.9%	85.4%	100%
	MTCO2e from inhaled anesthetics per OR procedure	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.04
	Lbs meat per food/bev dollar spend	0.054 lbs.	0.055 lbs.	0.051 lbs.	0.069 lbs.
	% Spend on local food/bev	4.0%	5.6%	7.1%	5.0%
TIP .	% Spend on sustainable food/bev	11.1%	8.7%	14.6%	14.0%
	% Change in MTCO2e from meat	21.3%	16.4%	23.7%	24.0%
	% Sustainable meat (by weight)	19.4%	24.7%	19.0%	17.0%
	% Green spend on EPEAT devices	94.8%	95.7%	99.2%	98.4%
	% Spend on sustainable procurement	15.8%	14.3%	24.4%	16.7%
	% Green spend on copy paper	100%	49.8%	98.6%	100%



	METRIC	COMMUNITY HOSPITALS (NON-ACADEMIC) MEDIAN	ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS WITH NO ON-SITE RESEARCH MEDIAN	ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS WITH ON-SITE RESEARCH MEDIAN	ALL HOSPITAL APPLICANTS
	Energy use intensity (EUI)	230	274	244	241
(=	% Change in EUI from baseline	10.6%	7.5%	10.0%	8.0%
	ENERGY STAR score	63	66	55	65
	Total gallons per sq. ft.	40.7 gals	50.1 gals	39.1 gals	42.0 gals
	% Change in water use from baseline	18.3%	14.1%	13.2%	23.0%
	Indoor gallons per sq. ft.	38.49	36.91	36.63	37.14
	Gallons per FTE	18,938	15,733	11,792	14,708
	% Renewable energy	11.7%	30.7%	8.6%	18.6%
(co)	% Change in energy Scope 1 & 2 MTCO2e	7.6%	5.2%	10.7%	7.3%
	% Alt fuel fleet vehicles	50.0%	10.1%	15.7%	21.4%
	% C&D waste recycled	60.0%	85.4%	72.7%	70.0%





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