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## Chart of the Week



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### Environmental fines

Of the 3,000 global companies analyzed, 7 percent reported the total number of environmental fines paid. Among these companies, those in the energy and telecommunication services sectors reported the highest median number of environmental fines paid.

#### Number of Environmental Fines, Disclosure Rate by Index

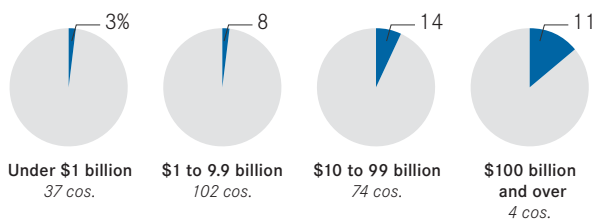
Six percent of Russell 1000 companies reported the total number of environmental fines paid.



Sources: The Conference Board/Bloomberg, 2012.

#### Number of Environmental Fines, Disclosure Rate by Revenue Group

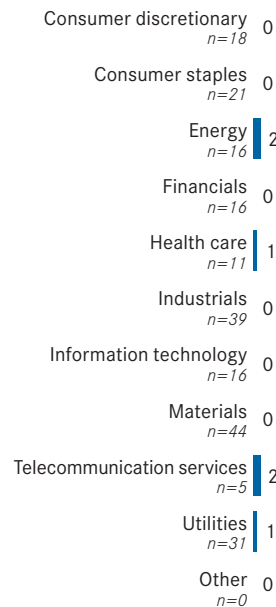
Companies in the second highest revenue group were most likely to report the number of environmental fines.



Sources: The Conference Board/Bloomberg, 2012.

#### Number of Environmental Fines, Median by Sector

The energy and telecommunication services sectors reported the highest median number of environmental fines.



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### Why it matters...

- A high number of environmental fines can be a potential indicator of broader problems in a company's management systems.
- A high number of environmental fines may also raise a company's risk profile and affect investment decisions.

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