

Chart of the Week



Greenhouse Gas Emissions

FROM SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES: 2013 EDITION

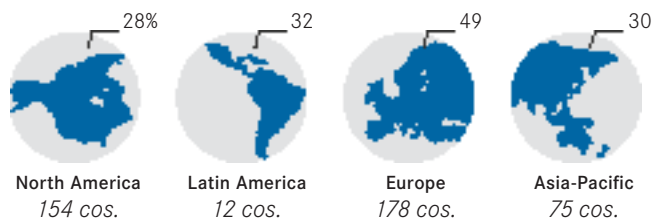
According to data from *Sustainability Practices: 2013 Edition*, 37 percent of S&P Global 1200 companies reported their total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, compared to 26 percent of the S&P 500 and 16 percent of the Russell 1000. A geographic analysis shows almost half of the companies in Europe reported their GHG emissions, compared to only 28 percent of companies in North America. Median GHG emissions were highest in the utilities, energy, and materials sectors.

Total GHG Emissions, Disclosure Rate by Index



Source: The Conference Board/Bloomberg, 2013.

Total GHG Emissions, Disclosure Rate by Geography



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Why it matters...

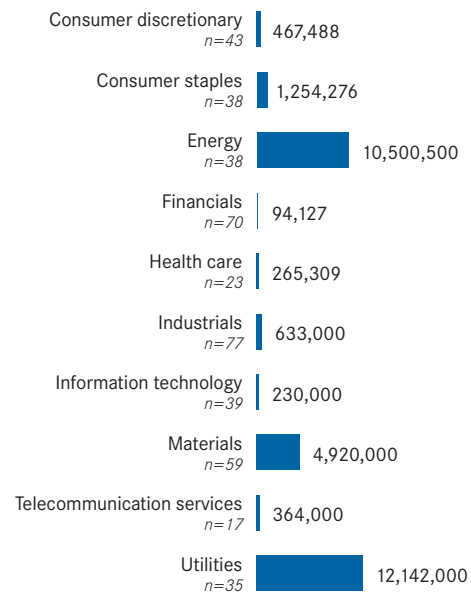
- GHGs absorb and trap sunlight infrared radiation in the atmosphere, contributing to the “greenhouse effect” of a gradual rise of the earth’s temperature that could trigger irreversible changes in the earth’s biosphere and oceans.
- The reporting of GHG emissions offers an important metric to assess and potentially reduce the incidence of business activities on climate change.

For more information on this and over 70 other sustainability metrics, download *Sustainability Practices: 2013 Edition* at: www.conferenceboard.org/sustainabilitypractices or contact Matteo Tonello at matteo.tonello@conference-board.org

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Total GHG Emissions, Median by Sector



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