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Chart of the Week

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Greenhouse gas emissions

Of the 3,000 global companies analyzed, 21 percent reported their total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Among these companies, those in the utilities and energy sectors reported the highest median GHG emissions.

Total GHG Emissions, Disclosure Rate by Index

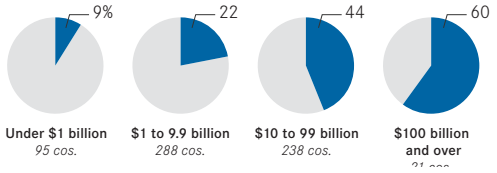
Twenty-seven percent of S&P 500 companies reported total GHG emissions.

21%	27	15
642 cos.	*136 cos.*	*151 cos.*
Bloomberg ESG 3000	**S&P 500**	**Russell 1000**

Sources: The Conference Board/Bloomberg, 2012.

Total GHG Emissions, Disclosure Rate by Revenue Group

Bloomberg-listed companies with annual revenue of $100 billion or more were most likely to report total GHG emissions.



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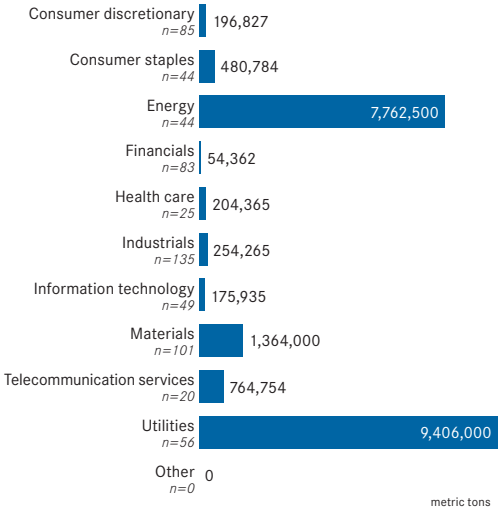
Total GHG Emissions, Median by Sector

The utilities sector reported the highest median total GHG emissions.



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Why it matters…

- GHGs absorb and trap sunlight infrared radiation in the atmosphere, contributing to the "greenhouse effect"–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 parameter 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: 2012 Edition* at: http://www.conferenceboard.org/sustainabilitypractices or contact Matteo Tonello at matteo.tonello@conferenceboard.org

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