

2023 Northern Ireland environmental BENCHMARKING survey REPORT



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25 YEARS

OF THE NORTHERN
IRELAND ENVIRONMENTAL
BENCHMARKING SURVEY





THE SURVEY IN 2023

The NI Environmental Benchmarking Survey is Northern Ireland's leading environmental benchmarking exercise, attracting organisations from numerous industries. It is a free, annual, self-disclosure exercise open to members and non-members of Business in the Community.

Taking part enables an organisation to publicly demonstrate its commitment to being environmentally responsible and transparent and the process and results allow organisations to examine and reflect on their environmental performance, to compare themselves to others and to drive improvements.

Started 25 years ago by George Dawson, the Survey is now recognised as a positive influencer that is helping organisations throughout Northern Ireland to achieve more sustainable ways of doing business.

For an overview of the findings outlined in this report in video format, please click on the image below.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY



FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THE NI
ENVIRONMENTAL
BENCHMARKING
SURVEY



THE RESULTS | BY ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL



TOP PERFORMER

Spirit Aerosystems

PLATINUM

AG Paving & Building Products	↑	
Allstate Northern Ireland	↑	
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (Civic Centre)	↔	
Belfast Harbour	↔	25
Coca Cola Hellenic	↔	
Collins Aerospace	↑	
Danske Bank	↔	
Encirc Ltd	↔	
Felix O'Hare & Co Ltd	↑	
Firmus Energy	↔	
Foyle Food Group	↔	10+
George Best Belfast City Airport	↔	10+
Graham Construction Ltd	↔	
Henderson Group	↔	
Henry Brothers (Magherafelt) Ltd	↔	25
Interface Europe Ltd	↑	
JP Corry Group Limited	↑	10+
Moy Park Ltd	↔	25
NIE Networks Ltd	↔	10+
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	↔	
Openreach NI	↔	
Ove Arup & Partners	↔	
Phoenix Energy	↔	20+
Queen's University Belfast	↑	20+
Seagate Technology (Ireland) Ltd	↔	25
Spirit Aerosystems	↔	25
Translink	↔	25
Ulster University	↔	20+

GOLD

ABP Food Group	↔	
Almac Group Ltd	NEW	
Belfast International Airport	↑	25
Belfast Metropolitan College	↔	10+
Breedon Group	↓	
Business in the Community NI	↔	10+
Caterpillar (NI)	↔	20+
Dawson Wam	NEW	
Dunbia	↓	
Farrans Construction Ltd	↓	20+
Fibrus	↑	
Gilbert-Ash Limited	↓	
Grant Thornton NI	↑	
Heron Bros Ltd	↓	10+
James F McCue T/A McCue	↓	
Kier Integrated Services	↓	

GOLD

Marcon Fit Out	↔	
McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd	↓	20+
Metal Technology Limited	NEW	
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	↓	
Northstone Materials Limited	↔	
Stothers M&E Limited (Belfast)	↑	

SILVER

A & L Goodbody	↔	
ARAMARK	↑	
Ards and North Down Borough Council	↔	
Bassetts	NEW	
Belfast City Council	NEW	
Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	↔	10+
Campbell Contracts Limited	NEW	
CDE Global Ltd	NEW	
Ciena	↔	
Combined Facilities Management	↔	
DHL International (UK) Ltd	NEW	
Dowds Group	↔	
Enisca	↓	
Galgorm	NEW	
Haldane Fisher Ltd	↔	20+
Huhtamaki Foodservice Delta	↓	
ISS UK	↔	
Jenkins Group Ltd	NEW	
John Thompson & Sons LTD	NEW	
Kilwaughter Chemical Company Ltd	↔	
LM Services	NEW	
Mannok	↔	
Mivan Limited	NEW	
Mutual Energy Ltd	↔	
National Museums Northern Ireland	NEW	
NI Assembly	↓	10+
Nicobrand Ltd	NEW	
Police Service of Northern Ireland	↔	
Portview Fit-Out Limited	NEW	
Power NI (Energia)	↔	
SHS Group Ltd	NEW	
SlurryKat	NEW	
South West College Enniskillen	↔	
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	↔	
System Operator for NI Ltd	↔	
The McAvoy Group Ltd	NEW	
Thompson Aero Seating Limited	NEW	
Ulster Carpet Mills (Holdings) Limited	↓	
Veolia	NEW	
Western Health and Social Care Trust	↔	10+

BRONZE

Antrim Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Ltd	↔	
Arbour Housing	NEW	
Ardmore Advertising & Marketing Ltd	↓	
Baker McKenzie	NEW	
Blk Box Fitness	↑	
Co-Ownership Housing	↔	
Habinteg Housing Association	↓	
Hinch Distillery	NEW	
Hughes Insurance Services Ltd	NEW	
Irish Football Association	NEW	
Kane Group	NEW	
McAdam Design	↔	
Premier Electrics Ltd	NEW	
Public Prosecution Service	↓	
ReCon Waste Management	↓	
Suki Tea	↔	
Survitec Group	NEW	
T&J Recycling	NEW	
Technidrive	↔	
TST Group	NEW	
Unitrunk Ltd	NEW	

GREEN

Antrim Supplies T/A Work Wear Mallusk	↔	
Connswater	NEW	
Crosby Cleland Farm	NEW	
NI Authority for Utility Regulation	NEW	
NI Fishery Harbour Authority	↔	
Solmatix Renewables	NEW	
SW & ME Chesney	NEW	
The Linen Hall	NEW	
Titanic Belfast	NEW	
Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd	↔	

KEY

New to the Survey in 2023	NEW
Remained in the same band as 2022	↔
Moved up from 2022	↑
Dropped from 2022	↓
Participated for at least 10 consecutive years	10+
Participated for at least 20 consecutive years	20+
Participated for 25 consecutive years	25





TOP PERFORMING SMALL BUSINESS

Technidrive

BRONZE

ReCon Waste Management	BRONZE	↓
Suki Tea	BRONZE	↔
Technidrive	BRONZE	↔
T&J Recycling	BRONZE	NEW

GREEN

Antrim Supplies T/A Work Wear Mallusk	GREEN	↔
Crosby Cleland Farm	GREEN	NEW
NI Fishery Harbour Authority	GREEN	↔
Solmatix Renewables	GREEN	NEW
SW & ME Chesney	GREEN	NEW
The Linen Hall	GREEN	NEW
Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd	GREEN	↔





CONSTRUCTION

Antrim Electrical & Mechanical Engineers Ltd	BRONZE
Campbell Contracts Limited	SILVER
Combined Facilities Management	SILVER
Dawson Wam	GOLD
Dowds Group	SILVER
Farrans Construction Ltd	GOLD
Felix O'Hare & Co Ltd	PLATINUM
Gilbert-Ash Limited	GOLD
Graham Construction Ltd	PLATINUM
Haldane Fisher Ltd	SILVER
Henry Brothers (Magerafelt) Ltd	PLATINUM
Heron Bros Ltd	GOLD
James F McCue T/A McCue	GOLD
JP Corry Group Limited	PLATINUM
Kane Group	BRONZE
LM Services	SILVER
Marcon Fit Out	GOLD
McLaughlin & Harvey Ltd	GOLD
Metal Technology Limited	GOLD
Mivan Limited	SILVER
Portview Fit-Out Limited	SILVER
Premier Electrics Ltd	BRONZE
Solmatix Renewables	GREEN
Stothers M&E Limited (Belfast)	GOLD
The McAvoy Group Ltd	SILVER

EDUCATION

Belfast Metropolitan College	GOLD
Queen's University Belfast	PLATINUM
South West College Enniskillen	SILVER
Ulster University	PLATINUM

ENGINEERING

Blk Box Fitness	BRONZE
Caterpillar (NI)	GOLD
CDE Global Ltd	SILVER
Enisca	SILVER
McAdam Design	BRONZE
Ove Arup & Partners	PLATINUM
Slurrykat	SILVER
Spirit Aerosystems	PLATINUM
Technidrive	BRONZE
Thompson Aero Seating Limited	SILVER
Unitrunk Ltd	BRONZE

FINANCIAL

Danske Bank	PLATINUM
Grant Thornton NI	GOLD
Hughes Insurance Services Ltd	BRONZE

FOOD AND DRINK

ABP Food Group	GOLD
Coca Cola Hellenic	PLATINUM
Crosby Cleland Farm	GREEN
Dunbia	GOLD
Foyle Food Group	PLATINUM
Galgorm	SILVER
Henderson Group	PLATINUM
Hinch Distillery	BRONZE
John Thompson & Sons LTD	SILVER
Moy Park Ltd	PLATINUM
SHS Group Ltd	SILVER
Suki Tea	BRONZE
SW & ME Chesney	GREEN

GENERAL MANUFACTURING

AG Paving & Building Products	PLATINUM
Almac Group Ltd	GOLD
Collins Aerospace	PLATINUM
Encirc Ltd	PLATINUM
Huhtamaki Foodservice Delta	SILVER
Nicobrand Ltd	SILVER
Seagate Technology (Ireland) Ltd	PLATINUM
Survitec Group	BRONZE

GENERAL SERVICES

ARAMARK	SILVER
Ardmore Advertising & Marketing Ltd	BRONZE
Baker McKenzie	BRONZE
Belfast Harbour	PLATINUM
Belfast International Airport	GOLD
DHL International (UK) Ltd	SILVER
George Best Belfast City Airport	PLATINUM
ISS UK	SILVER
Jenkins Group Ltd	SILVER
Titanic Belfast LTD	GREEN
Translink	PLATINUM
TST Group	BRONZE

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY

National Museums Northern Ireland	SILVER
NI Authority for Utility Regulation	GREEN
NI Fishery Harbour Authority	GREEN
Police Service of Northern Ireland	SILVER
Public Prosecution Service	BRONZE

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust	SILVER
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	SILVER
Western Health and Social Care Trust	SILVER

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Allstate Northern Ireland	PLATINUM
Ciena	SILVER
Fibrus	GOLD

LOCAL AUTHORITY

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council (Civic Centre)	PLATINUM
Ards and North Down Borough Council	SILVER
Belfast City Council	SILVER
Connswater	GREEN
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council	GOLD
NI Assembly	SILVER
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	PLATINUM

MINING AND QUARRYING

Breedon Group	GOLD
Kilwaughter Chemical Company Ltd	SILVER
Mannok	SILVER
Northstone Materials Limited	GOLD

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION

A & L Goodbody	SILVER
Arbour Housing	BRONZE
Business in the Community NI	GOLD
Co-Ownership Housing	BRONZE
Habinteg Housing Association	BRONZE
Irish Football Association	BRONZE
The Linen Hall	GREEN
Volunteer Now Enterprises Ltd	GREEN

RETAIL

Bassetts	SILVER
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TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

Antrim Supplies T/A Work Wear Mallusk	GREEN
Interface Europe Ltd	PLATINUM
Ulster Carpet Mills (Holdings) Limited	SILVER

UTILITIES

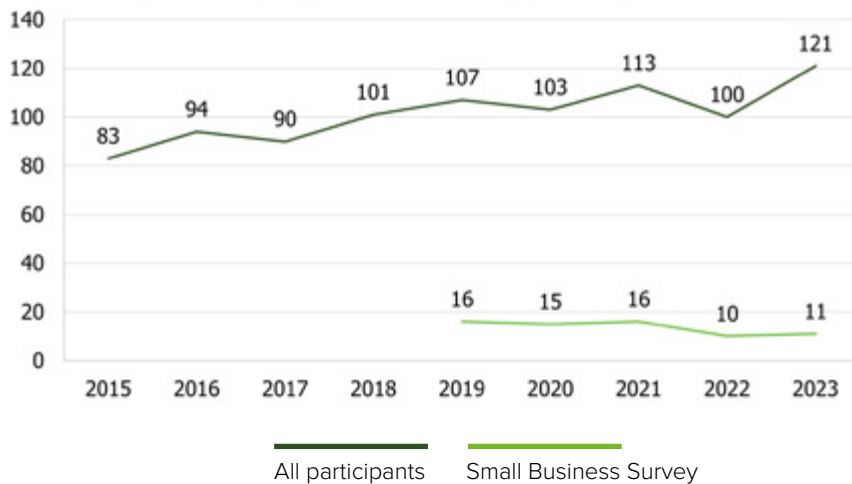
Firmus Energy	PLATINUM
Kier Integrated Services	GOLD
Mutual Energy Ltd	SILVER
NIE Networks Ltd	PLATINUM
Openreach NI	PLATINUM
Phoenix Energy	PLATINUM
Power NI (Energia)	SILVER
System Operator for NI Ltd	SILVER

WASTE/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ReCon Waste Management	BRONZE
T J Recycling	BRONZE
Veolia	SILVER



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

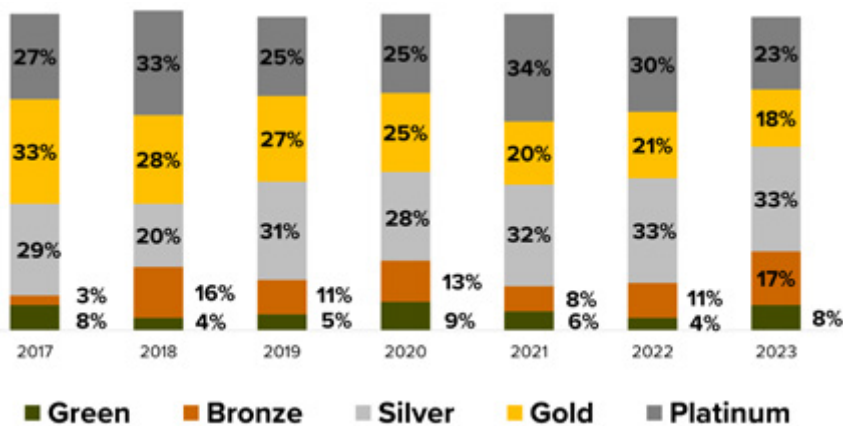


BRING A BUSINESS

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ORGANISATIONS
DEMONSTRATED
ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP
BY INTRODUCING
ANOTHER
BUSINESS TO JOIN
THE SURVEY

PROPORTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH BAND

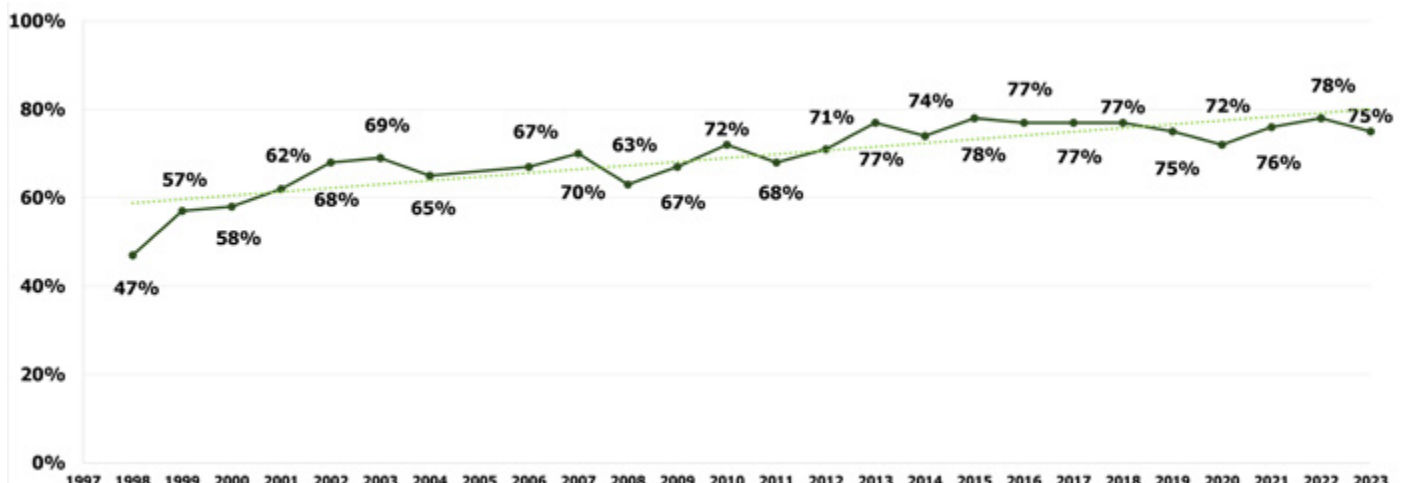


THE AVERAGE
SCORE IS

75%

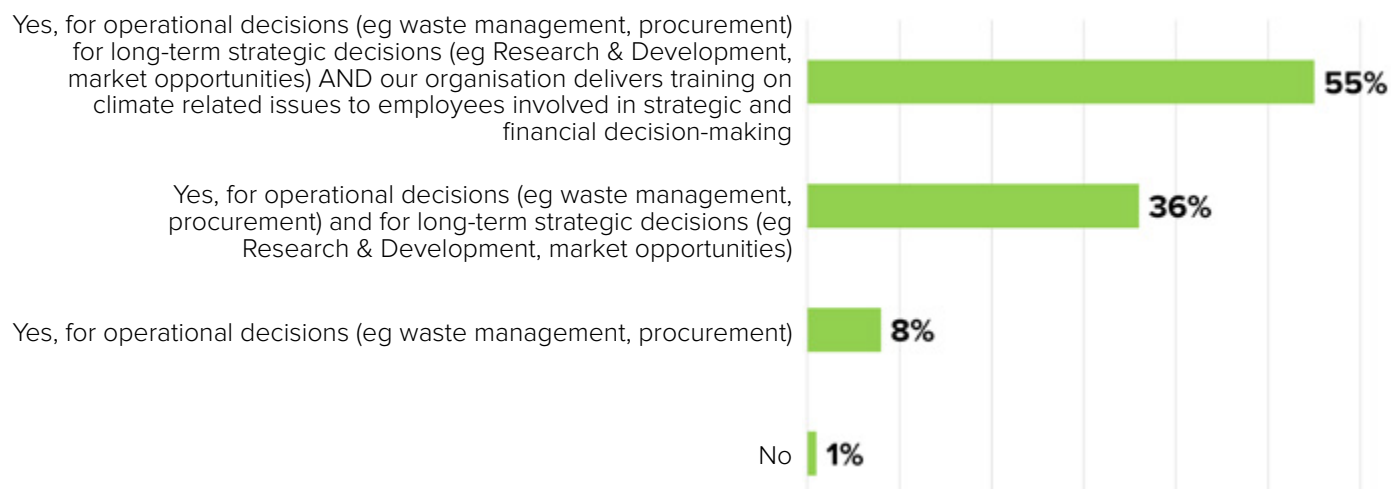
INFORMATION AND
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TECHNOLOGY
WAS THE HIGHEST
SCORING SECTOR,
WITH UTILITIES A
CLOSE SECOND

SURVEY SCORES OVER TIME

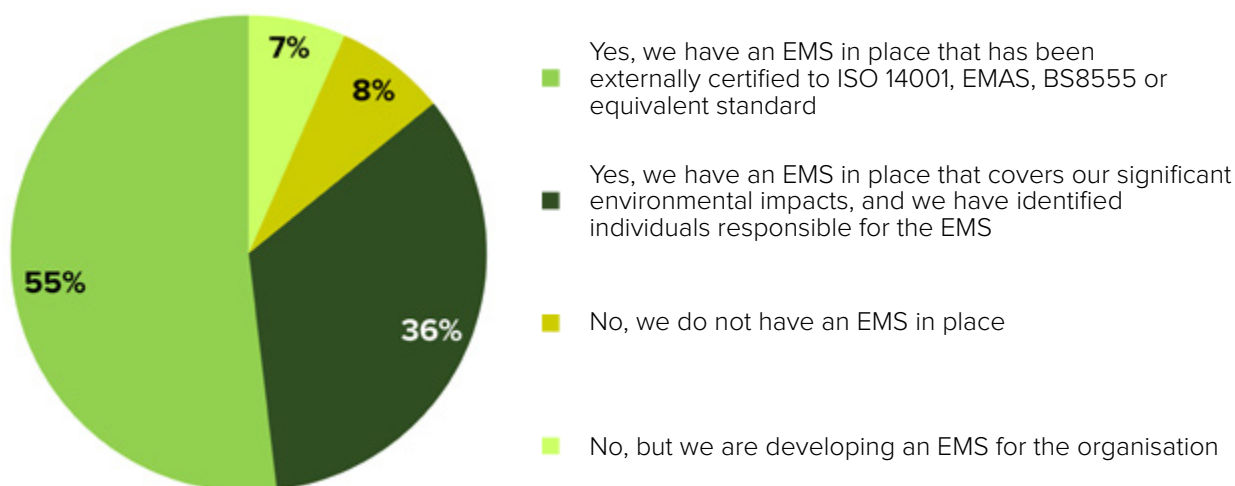




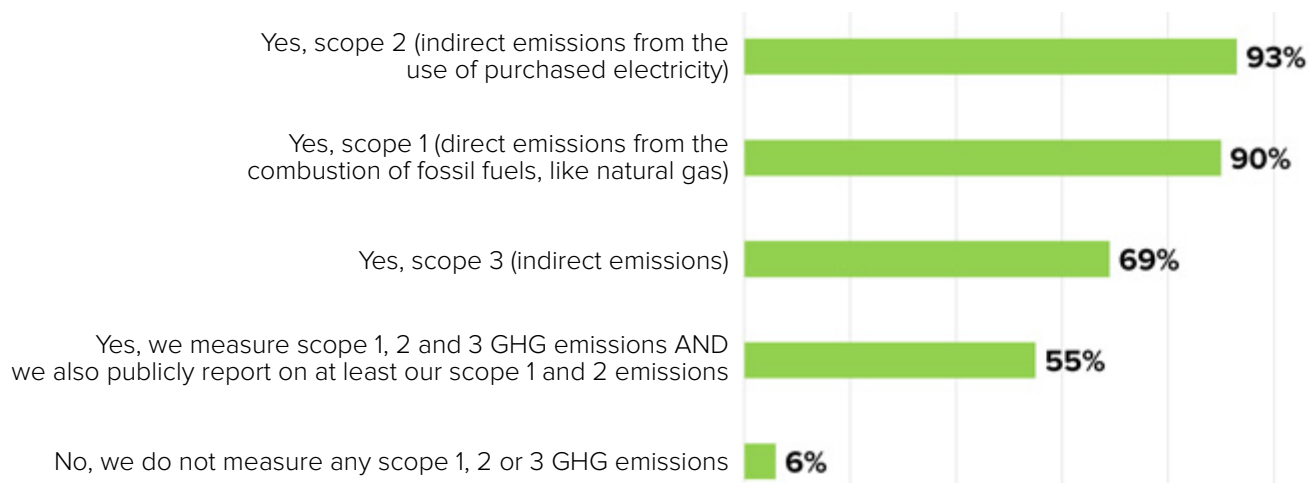
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

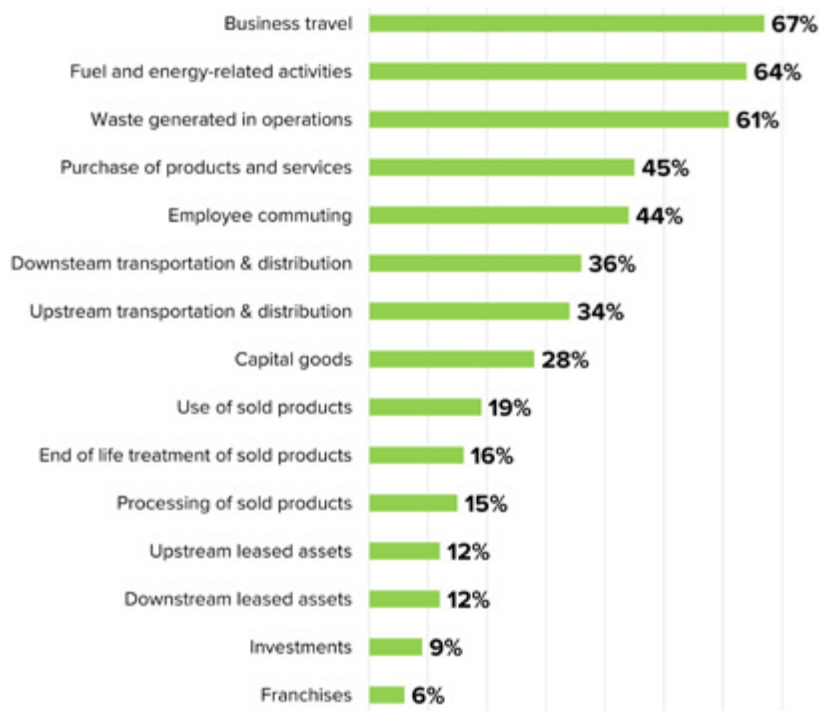


MEASURING AND REPORTING ON GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG)





WHAT GHG EMISSIONS (SCOPE 3) DATA IS BEING COLLECTED?



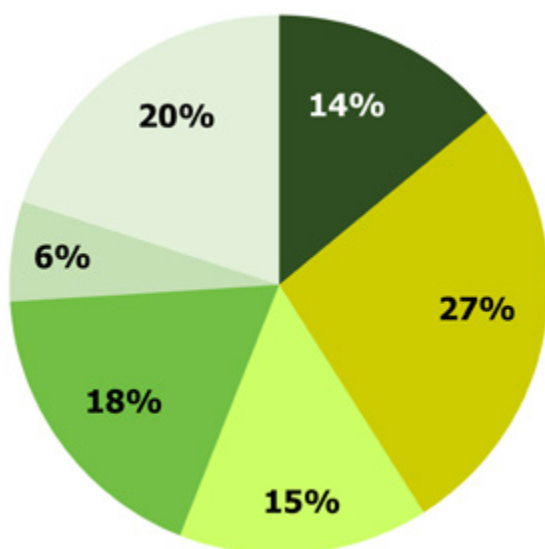
91%

OF PARTICIPANTS
HAVE A CURRENT GHG
EMISSIONS REDUCTION
PROJECT UNDERWAY

28%

OF ORGANISATIONS
INVEST IN CARBON
OFFSETS

USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

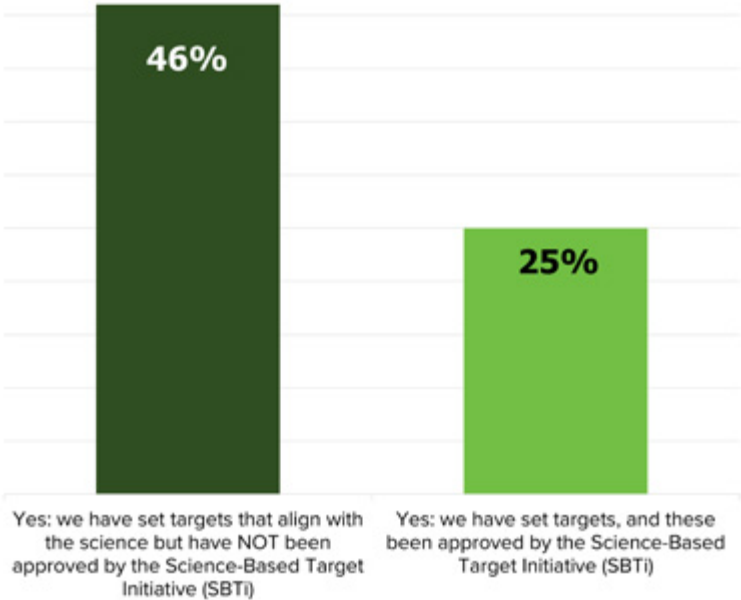


0%
1%-25%
26%-50%
51%-75%
76%-94%
>95%

These percentages refer to the proportion of renewable energy sourced by participants (0% to >95%).



SCIENCE BASED TARGETS



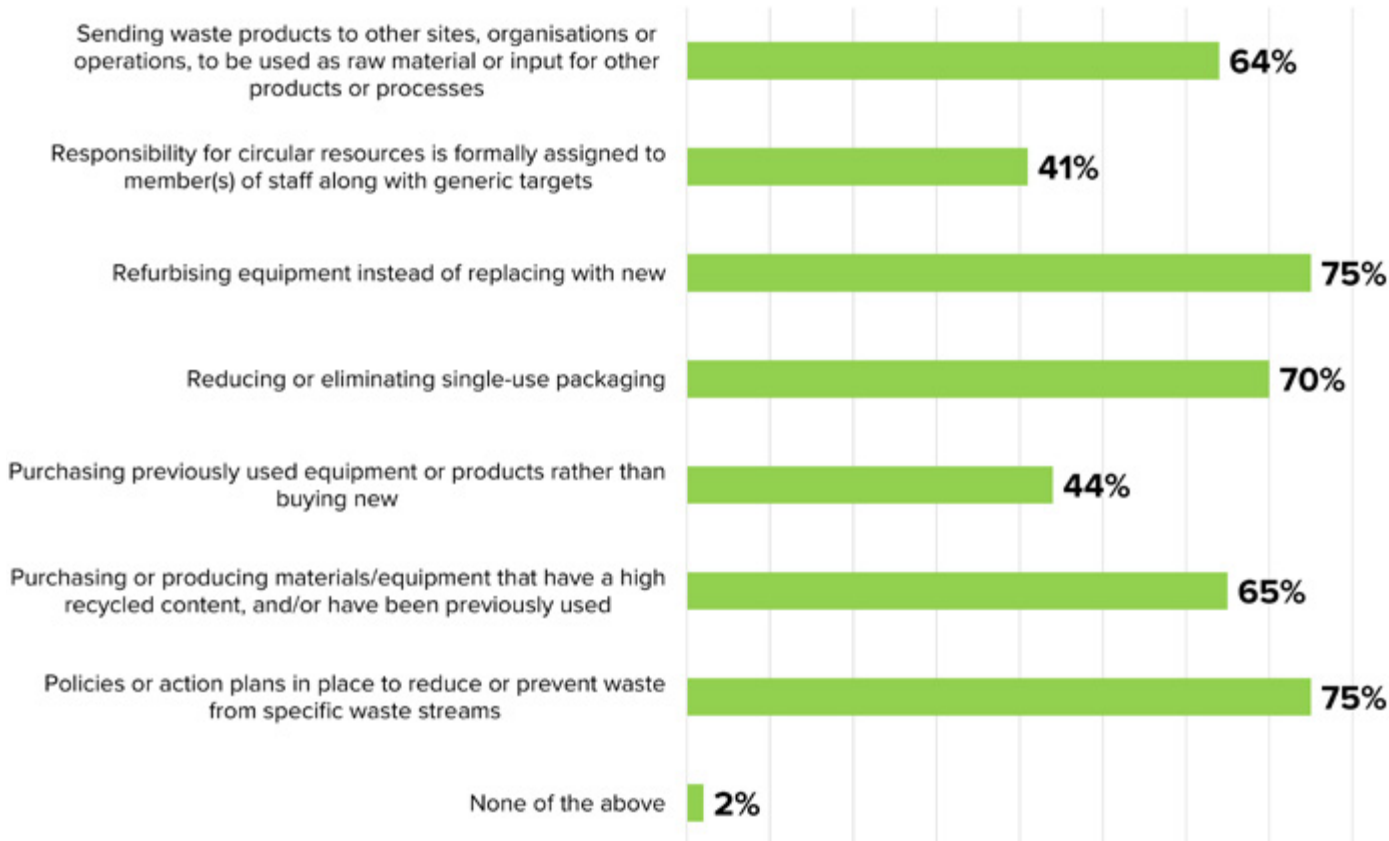
96%

OF RESPONDENTS HAVE A CURRENT PROJECT TO REDUCE WASTE PRODUCTION

46%

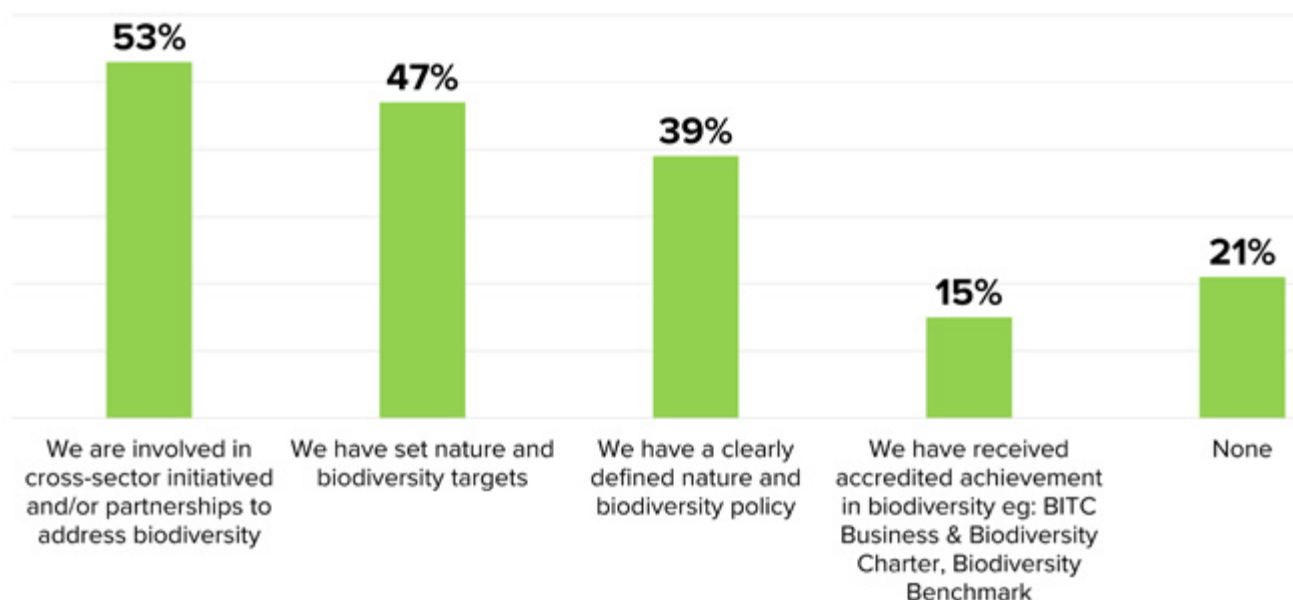
OF ORGANISATIONS WORK WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO MITIGATE CLIMATE IMPACTS AND BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES





NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY



ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

BASELINE YEAR V CURRENT YEAR

64%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE
REDUCTION IN GHG
EMISSIONS

54%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE A
REDUCTION IN WASTE
PRODUCED

46%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE A
REDUCTION IN WATER
CONSUMPTION

49%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE
AN IMPROVEMENT
IN WASTE DIVERTED
FROM LANDFILL

48%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE
AN IMPROVEMENT IN
THEIR ADDITIONAL
IMPACT AREA

21%

OF RESPONDENTS
CAN DEMONSTRATE
AN IMPROVEMENT
ACROSS ALL IMPACT
AREAS



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