

THE 2000 ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Improving Lives Around the World

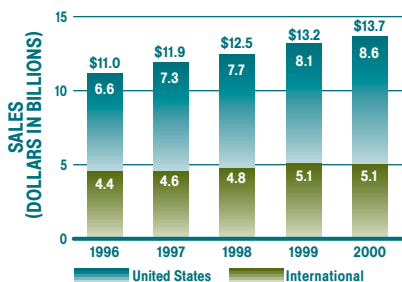




Welcome. At Abbott Laboratories, we are committed to providing you with information about our environmental, health and safety (EHS) performance. This publication provides an update to Abbott's 1999 *Environmental, Health and Safety Report*. During 2002, Abbott will be releasing an expanded Web-based report that will be available on our Web site at www.abbott.com.

An Overview of Our Global Company

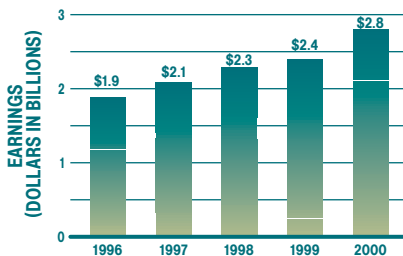
At Abbott, our goal is to become the world's premier health care company. With a staff of 70,000-plus, Abbott serves customers in over 130 countries through more than 135 manufacturing, distribution, and research and development facilities around the world. In 2000, Abbott reported record sales of \$13.7 billion and achieved net earnings of \$2.8 billion.



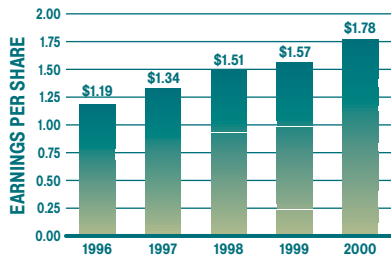
ANNUAL SALES

Correction

In the Annual Sales graph published in our 1999 EHS Report, Abbott's annual sales numbers are reversed for our International and United States sales. This updated chart reflects the correct sales numbers for our International and U.S. operations.



EARNINGS



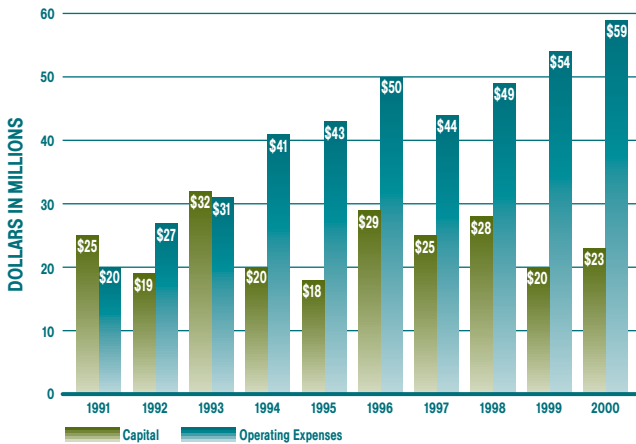
EARNINGS PER SHARE

Toward Measuring Our Performance Globally

During 2000, we developed a series of metrics to measure and track environmental, health and safety (EHS) performance for our worldwide operations. Among our metrics, we will be measuring global air emissions, wastewater discharges and hazardous waste output. Our results from this data collection will be published in Abbott's 2002 performance report. This important step for our company lays the groundwork for helping us better understand our impact and set targets for continuously improving our global performance.

Abbott Environmental Capital and Operating Expenses

Abbott's environmental expenditures include our capital and operating costs for emissions control, waste disposal, wastewater pretreatment, and other environmental control and management systems.



ABBOTT ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES



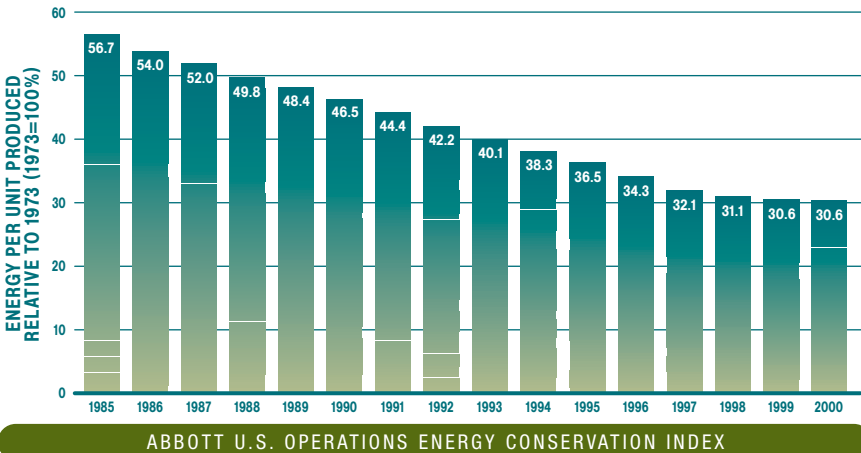
Notices of Noncompliance

During 2000, Abbott received three notices of violation from a single environmental authority, each alleging the late filing of documents. Abbott paid a fee of \$250 per event, for a total of \$750. We did not receive any other notices resulting in fines or penalties.

Our EHS Policy requires all operations worldwide to comply with applicable laws as well as Abbott's own policies and standards. When compliance issues are identified, either by Abbott or third parties, they are promptly addressed.

Abbott Energy Conservation in the United States

Since we began our conservation programs in the United States, Abbott has lowered the amount of energy required to produce products in our U.S. facilities to less than one-third of our 1973 consumption rate. We continue to review our processes and innovate ways that will further reduce our consumption rate. Our initiatives have included the installation of energy cogeneration processes in some of our facilities. Cogeneration uses waste heat from the generation of electricity to heat our buildings and operate manufacturing equipment.



Correction:

In our 1999 EHS Report, our energy percentage for 1999 reads 27.5 percent instead of 30.6 percent. This chart reflects the correct percentages for both 1999 and 2000.

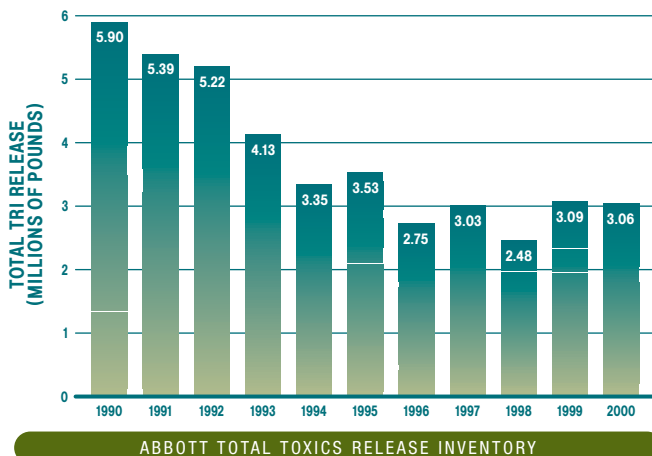
Abbott U.S. Environmental Performance: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Each year, applicable Abbott facilities are required to provide Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) information to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The TRI report documents our annual release and transfer of toxic chemicals to the environment. Under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) authorized in 1986 by Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), TRI data is required from all applicable U.S. corporate facilities and made publicly available.

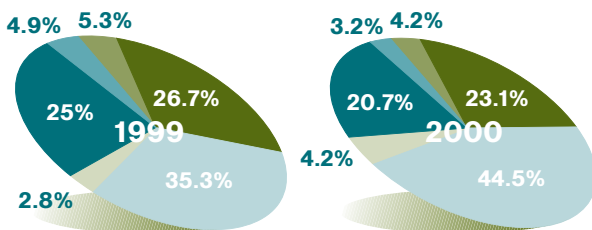
At Abbott, we have, through the implementation of successful pollution prevention programs, been able to eliminate the requirement for certain Abbott facilities to submit TRI reports. We continue to review our processes in an effort to reduce our release of targeted substances listed in the TRI.

During 2000, as a result of the USEPA's new lower reporting thresholds for mercury and dioxin, three Abbott facilities reported mercury compounds and one reported dioxin for the first time.

As indicated by the chart, Abbott's amount of TRI chemical releases in 2000 totaled three million pounds, a one percent decrease since 1999. As indicated by the 2000 pie chart, 45 percent of Abbott's TRI chemicals were recycled on-site, which was an improvement of 26 percent from our performance in 1999.



- Quantity Released
- Quantity Used for Energy Recovery Off-Site
- Quantity Recycled On-Site
- Quantity Recycled Off-Site
- Quantity Treated On-Site
- Quantity Treated Off-Site



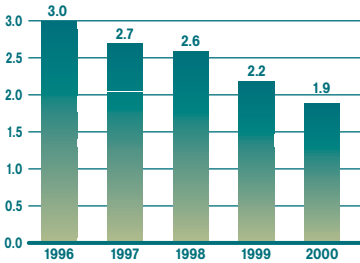


Abbott Health and Safety Performance

Measuring Health and Safety Performance - United States

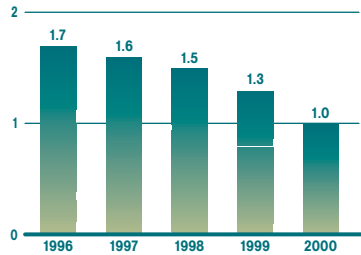
Health and safety data for Abbott employees in our U.S. operations is based on criteria established by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA is the U.S. federal regulatory agency that oversees the enforcement of worker safety.

During 2000, we made steady progress toward improving our performance in many areas. Injuries and illnesses decreased 14 percent in the U.S. since 1999. The frequency of serious injuries sustained by our people decreased 23 percent.



OSHA RECORDABLE RATE

The OSHA recordable rate is the number of work-related injuries and illnesses per 100 employees.

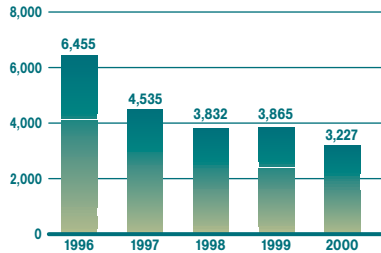


LOST WORKDAY CASE RATE

The lost workday case rate is the number of work-related injuries and illnesses that result in a lost workday or a day of restricted work activity per 100 employees.

Measuring Health and Safety Performance - Worldwide

In 2000, Abbott health and safety professionals improved health and safety performance in our worldwide operations.



LOST WORKDAYS - WORLDWIDE

Total number of days employees could not work due to work-related injuries or illnesses.

Abbott Environmental, Health, Safety, and Energy Excellence Awards

During 2000, Abbott hosted our Environmental, Health, Safety, and Energy (EHS&E) Excellence Awards for the second year in a row. These awards recognize our employees' exceptional efforts – in teams and as individuals – to protect our people and our shared environment. In recognition of their efforts, Abbott provided the winners with a grant to be dedicated to a not-for-profit agency of their choice. Throughout our global company, the EHS&E Excellence Awards program promotes the vital role EHS performance plays in our mission to become the world's premier health care company.

Abbott Environmental, Health and Safety Performance Recognized Around the Globe

Abbott's environmental, health and safety performance garnered recognition from a number of organizations worldwide in 2000. These honors reflect our employees' dedication to continuously improving our environmental performance.

Environmental Awards

- The State of Hessen honored Abbott Diagnostics Division, Delkenheim, Germany, with a certificate from Umweltallianz Hessen (Hessen Environmental Alliance) for our voluntary commitments to environmental improvement.
- The UK Chemicals Industry Association awarded Abbott International, Queenborough, United Kingdom, a "Responsible Care Award 2000" for environmental, health and safety performance.
- The City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility presented our Hospital Products Division in Austin, Texas, USA, with an "Excellence in Pretreatment Award."
- Buckeye Recyclers awarded our Ross Products Division, Columbus, Ohio, USA, with the "Platinum Environmentalist Award" for efforts to divert 10,000 cubic yards of wood recyclables from landfills.
- The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) presented our Lake County facility, Illinois, USA, with a "4R Award" for outstanding recycling programs.

Health and Safety Awards

- The Puerto Rico Manufacturing Association (PRMA) honored Abbott Diagnostics Division, Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, with their "President's Award" and PRMA's first "Outstanding Safety Professional Award."
- The European Biosafety Association awarded Abbott Diagnostics Division in Delkenheim, Germany, their "Exceptional Service" award.
- The Inter-American Safety Council presented Abbott International in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with both a "Merit Award" and "Contest Award."
- The Chemical Industries Association honored Abbott International in Queenborough, United Kingdom, with their "Safety Award."
- The Instituto Nacional de Seguros (National Insurance Agency) awarded Abbott Hospital Products Division in Heredia, Costa Rica, with the "Premio Global Preventivo."
- The United States National Safety Council honored our Ross Products Division in Sturgis, Michigan, USA, with their "National Safety Council Perfect Record Award."

