

Healthcare Energy Management: ENERGY STAR for Hospitals, Benchmarking, and Decarbonization Strategies

THE DIRECT ANSWER

Hospital energy management starts with honest benchmarking in EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager: enter twelve months of utility data and campus-level property details, track source energy use intensity (EUI), and use the 1-100 ENERGY STAR score to see how your campus compares to similar U.S. hospitals after adjusting for climate, staffed beds, staffing, and imaging load. Scores of 75 or higher place a property in the top quartile and meet EPA's threshold for ENERGY STAR certification.

WHY ENERGY MANAGEMENT BELONGS IN FACILITY OPERATIONS

- Hospitals run 24/7 with simultaneous heating, cooling, sterilization, imaging, and infection-control loads. Energy is a utility-system risk as much as a cost line: failed controls, leaking envelopes, and deferred mechanical work show up on the electric bill long before they show up.

ENERGY STAR FOR HOSPITALS AND PORTFOLIO MANAGER

- EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is the standard benchmarking platform for U.S. healthcare owners participating in voluntary reporting, certification, and many utility or pledge programs.

FIELD QUESTION

What ENERGY STAR score do hospitals need for certification?

Eligible hospital campuses must earn a score of 75 or higher on EPA's 1-100 scale in Portfolio Manager, based on twelve months of measured energy use and complete property attributes, in addition to meeting EPA's certification application requirements. Scores below 75 can still support internal goals and benchmarking even when certification is not pursued.

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