

Abbott Laboratories

MTC Health Care Equipment & Supplies

Member of DJSI World, DJSI North America

Company Information

Country	United States
Market cap (USD million)*	65,745

*Source: S&P Global BMI, 31 July 2016

Company Description

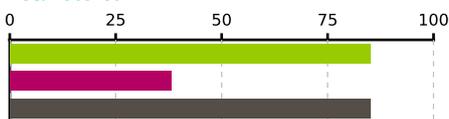
Abbott is a globally diversified healthcare company committed to helping people around the world live their lives as best as possible through the power of health. Headquartered in north suburban Chicago for more than 125 years, Abbott Laboratories has brought new products and technologies to the world in nutrition (for infants), in diagnostics (where it became a leading name in immunoassay diagnostics), in medical devices (for faster and more effective solutions), and in branded generic pharmaceuticals (for creating more possibilities for more people at all stages of life.) Today, 72,977 employees are working to help people live not just longer but better lives in more than 150 countries. The company earns its revenues from over 150 countries, and 31% of Abbott's sales are generated in the United States. Abbott Laboratories continues to grow, capitalizing on its strength in developed markets to enter new markets across the globe.

Industry Drivers

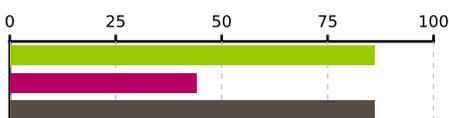
The health care equipment & supplies industry develops medical products such as orthopedic implants and cardiovascular devices, as well as medical supplies and instruments that are critical to improving the quality of life for patients with chronic diseases. Product quality, safety and collaboration with stakeholders are critical to ensuring successful product commercialization and maintaining a company's license to operate. While government budget constraints and health care reforms have affected pricing, reimbursement and utilization, efforts to broaden health care coverage in the US and emerging markets coupled with rising income levels create new growth opportunities for the industry. Sustainable companies focus on developing innovative and highly differentiated products and demonstrating their products' clinical and economic benefits. Moreover, they adopt consistent, value and stakeholder-oriented corporate strategies and governance systems based on effective human and intellectual capital management and a transparent reporting framework.

Sustainability Scores

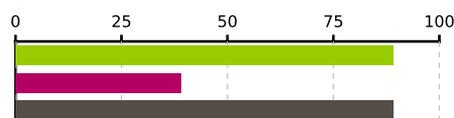
Total Scores



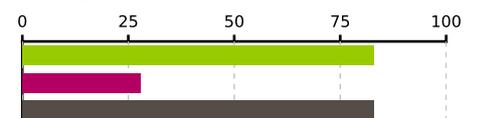
Economic Dimension



Environmental Dimension



Social Dimension

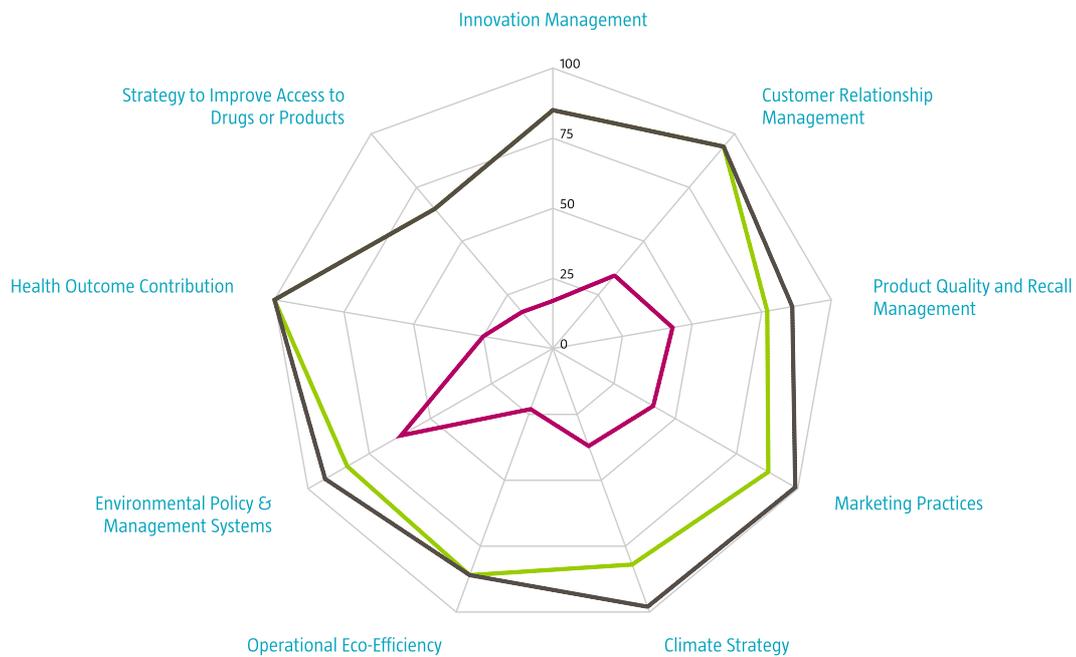


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Sustainability Performance

Abbott has once again been recognized as the Health Care Equipment & Services Industry Group Leader, exhibiting strong performances in a number of sustainability criteria. Innovation and product quality are at the core of Abbott’s strategy, in all of its businesses from nutrition and diagnostics to medical devices and pharmaceuticals. This commitment is evidenced by its investment of \$ 1,4 billion in R&D in 2015, nearly 7% of sales. Abbott is also dedicated to promoting responsible business practices, in its own operations and throughout its supply chain, with a focus on business ethics, environmental stewardship and development of human capital. For example, the percentage of women in management positions at Abbott in the US is now 46%, comparing favorably to the global workforce where women represent 41% of employees. In terms of environmental progress, in 2015 Abbott met all of its operational eco-efficiency targets. Moreover, 20 of its manufacturing sites and four non-manufacturing sites achieved zero-waste-to-landfill status. Finally, Abbott invests in projects around the world to improve access to healthcare, with efforts addressing product availability, education for healthcare professionals, and building infrastructure. For instance, in 2015 the company provided highly subsidized cataract treatment training to 180 surgeons in India, thereby ensuring expanded, high quality care for thousands of underserved patients.

Company Performance for Selected Criteria



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