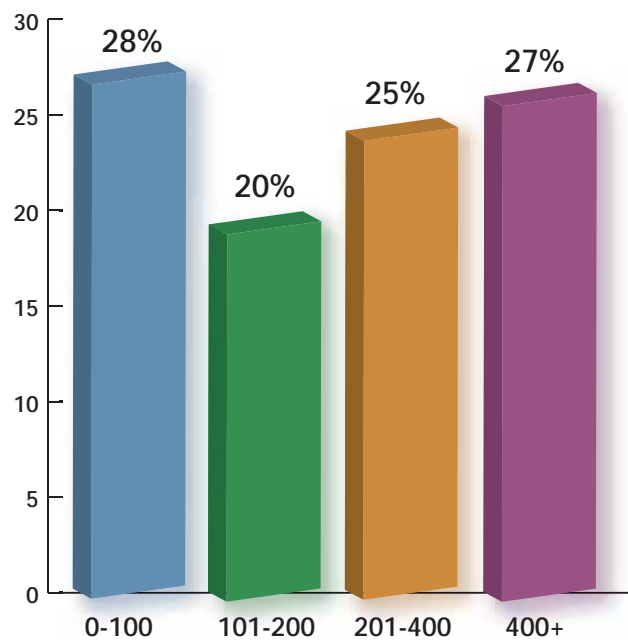


General Facility and Department Information

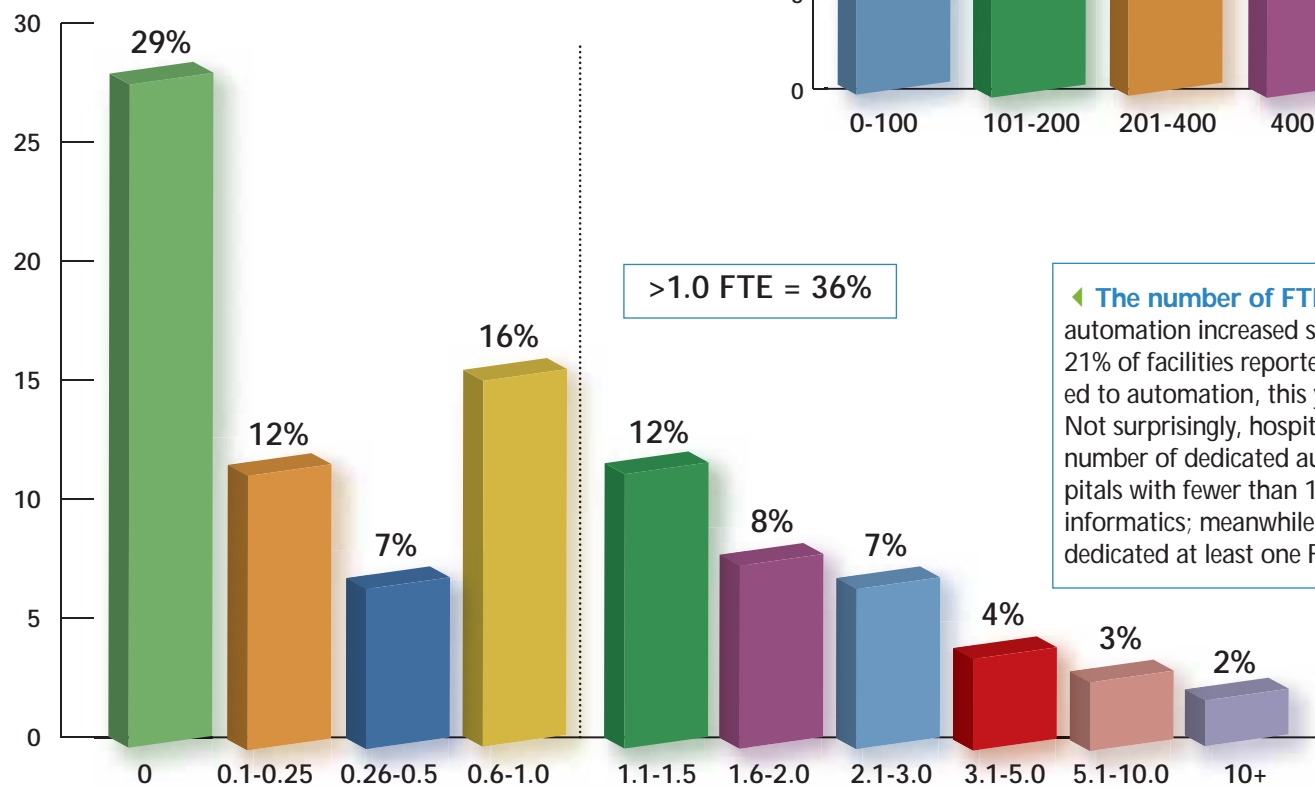
Our national survey of 376 directors of pharmacy solicited responses from facilities of varying sizes, locations, and levels of automation expertise. Of note this year, wireless-networked facilities are now well in the majority and there has been impressive growth among facilities with designated pharmacy informaticists on staff, despite widespread staffing shortages. Furthermore, there has been a strong increase in the number of FTEs dedicated to automation within the pharmacy.

Facility Size (in number of beds)



Survey respondents hail from hospitals of varying sizes.

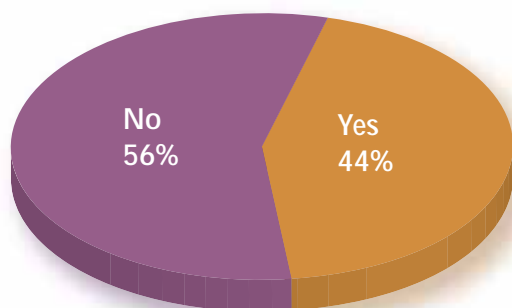
Number of FTEs Dedicated to Informatics and Automation



>1.0 FTE = 36%

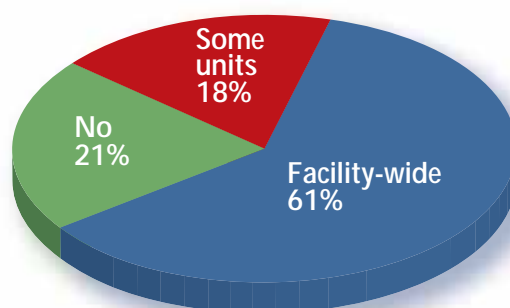
The number of FTEs dedicated to informatics and automation increased significantly this year: Last year only 21% of facilities reported having more than 1.0 FTE dedicated to automation, this year that number increased to 36%. Not surprisingly, hospital size continues to determine the number of dedicated automation specialists, as 60% of hospitals with fewer than 100 beds did not allocate any FTEs to informatics; meanwhile hospitals with more than 200 beds dedicated at least one FTE.

Designated Pharmacy Informaticist on Staff



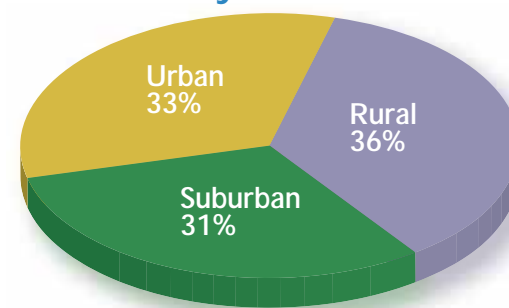
There has been significant growth in the number of facilities employing a designated pharmacy informaticist or automation specialist, with a 42% increase over last year. While 44% of all facilities report employing a pharmacy informaticist, again, the smaller hospitals (<200 beds) were less likely to have a designated pharmacy informaticist on staff.

Wireless Network in Place



The move toward implementing wireless networks continues to grow rapidly, with an 18% jump over last year in the number of hospitals running facility-wide networks. Even amongst the smallest hospitals (<100 beds), more than half are running wireless networks at least on some units.

Facility Location



Respondents represent a cross-section of rural, suburban, and urban hospitals alike.