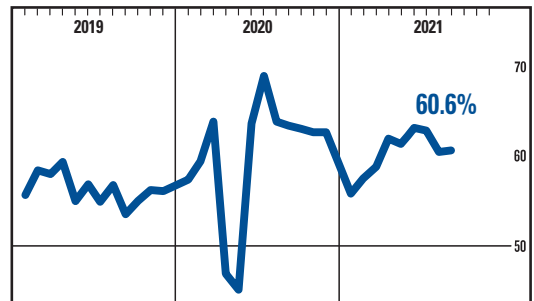


HOSPITAL PMI® at 60.6%

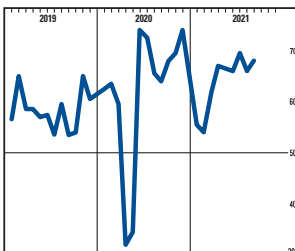
Economic activity in the hospital subsector grew in September for the 16th consecutive month, say the nation's hospital supply executives in the latest Hospital ISM® *Report On Business*®.

The Hospital PMI® registered 60.6 percent in September, increasing 0.2 percentage point from the August reading of 60.4 percent, indicating a 16th consecutive month of growth. The Business Activity Index increased, while the New Orders Index decreased in September compared to August. The Employment Index fell deeper into contraction in September. The Case Mix Index decreased to 55.5 percent, down 0.5 percentage point compared to the August reading of 56 percent. The Days Payable Outstanding Index registered 48 percent, no change from the August reading. The Technology Spend Index registered 52 percent, an increase of 2 percentage points from the August reading of 50 percent.

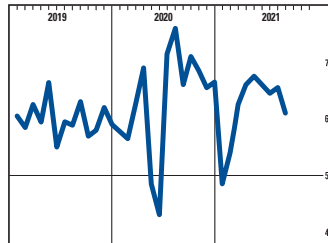
The coronavirus surge was felt by hospitals across the country, causing elective procedures to be canceled and capacity converted to COVID-19 units. Labor shortages continue to be a critical issue, with hospitals having trouble recruiting and retaining both clinical and support resources. Hospital Business Survey committee members commented that ongoing shipping delays were impacting availability of supplies beyond traditional personal protective equipment (PPE), with shortages in aluminum impacting availability of everything from medical equipment to crutches. Long lead times have led some organizations to increase inventory levels and purchase in bulk. Comments such as "When we can, we are still ordering above and beyond what we normally carry, because if we don't, we are scrambling to find supplies" were typical. [ISM](#)



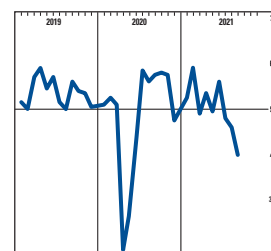
Business Activity



New Orders



Employment



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