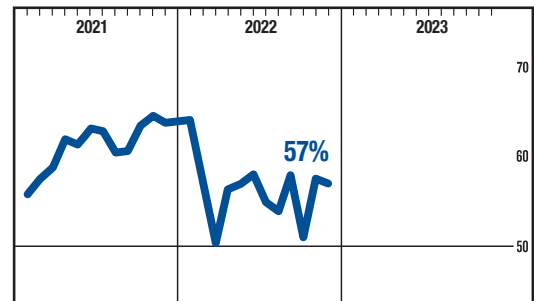


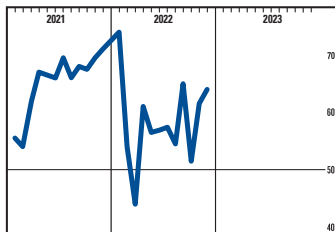
# HOSPITAL PMI® at 57%

Economic activity in the hospital subsector grew in December for the 31st consecutive month, say the nation's hospital supply executives in the latest Hospital ISM® Report On Business®. The Hospital PMI® registered 57 percent in December, a 0.5-percentage point decrease from the November reading of 57.5 percent. The Business Activity and New Orders indexes increased compared to November. The Employment Index fell into contraction territory in December. The Case Mix Index registered 52 percent, a decrease of 5.5 percentage points compared to the November figure of 57.5 percent. The Days Payable Outstanding Index registered 51.5 percent, up 1.5 percentage points from the 50 percent reported in November. The Technology Spend Index registered 55.5 percent, an 8.5-percentage point decrease from the November reading of 64 percent.

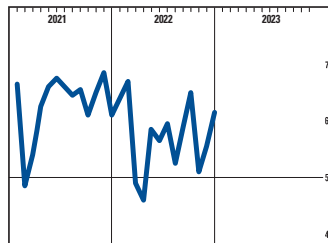


In December, Business Survey Committee respondents unanimously indicated volume growth was due to the combination of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), flu and COVID-19. Several mentioned their facilities' capacity to treat patients remained constrained due to labor shortages. Some mentioned an increase in absenteeism attributed to burnout and staff sickness. One panelist reported a work-force reduction but did not indicate if clinical staff was included. The purported "triple-demic" was blamed for increased inventory levels and shortages in lab testing and blood drawing supplies. Panelists were divided regarding product shortages, back orders and supplier deliveries. Some saw improvement while others commented on continuing struggles to obtain required products. **ISM**

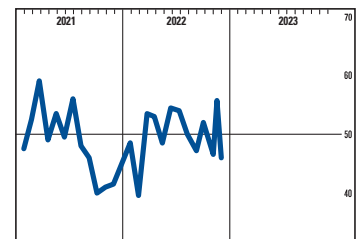
## Business Activity



## New Orders



## Employment



## About This Report

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