

Industry Profiles



Industry Target Summary

Male 30% Gender

Female 70%

High School 14% Some college 10% **Education** College graduate 46% **Graduate school 26%**

Type

Hospital 34% Medical Facility/Lab 6% Nursing Home 18% Medical Practice 22% Inpatient Ambulatory 6% Rehab Therapy Center 8% Outpatient Surgery Care 2% Other 4%

% Using Mostly Reusable....

70% uniforms

64% bed sheets

64% scrubs

60% towels

Employees at Organization:

20% 50 or less

16% 51-100

32% 101-500

32% >500

PSYCHOGRAPHICS agree

80% I think of what I do as an essential service

64% Community involvement is a priority for my company

58% I feel appreciated in my job

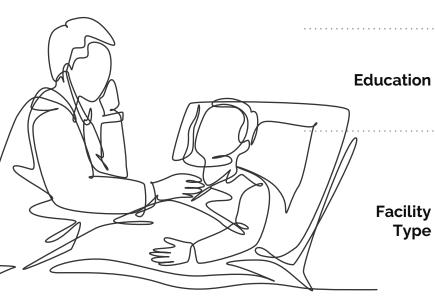
54% How my company impacts the environment is important

54% I feel secure about the state of my company or organization

52% With contracting decisions, I look at quality more than cost

50% I am typically at ease when it comes to my job

50% I look for job inspiration by analyzing our company's own processes and identifying improvements



UNIFORM AND TEXTILE BELIEFS

Although image is important (71%), **employee safety** (75%) and **PPE** (66%) also top the list of uniform benefits.

Not surprisingly, professional laundering to **avoid contamination and manage hazardous contact** is 'essential' within healthcare. This is only amplified given the heightened sensitivity to sanitation given ongoing Covid realities.

There is a **disconnect** on the issue of **germ transfer from scrubs** worn outside of work: 62% of healthcare are currently concerned while consumer research shows 81% of patients are concerned.

Cloth owns **sustainability**, but the sentiment is surprisingly soft.

The scale tips towards **reusables being less expensive** and **outsourcing being easier**, but these are not prevailing beliefs.

Opinions are divided on whether outsourcing cloth vs. purchasing disposables saves time.

Healthcare are **willing to spend 32% more**, on average, for quality textile rental and laundering services – the highest of any industry.

BEHAVIORS

Tier 1 priorities for selecting a textile contractor:

- Price and pricing transparency (82% and 84%)
- Customer service (84%)
- Delivery reliability (82%)
- Quality control (80%)

Years in business (50%), product innovations (56%) and reputation (58%) are lower in importance.

Uniform and textile maintenance comes up more frequently for Healthcare than some of the other industries. About half say it comes up at least once a day, with 10/11% saying uniforms/textiles maintenance comes up multiple times a day.

Although one-fourth have had <u>significant</u> laundry cost increases (the highest *significant* change of any industry), 85% still say that they are having a positive experience with their contractor.