

Becton Dickinson

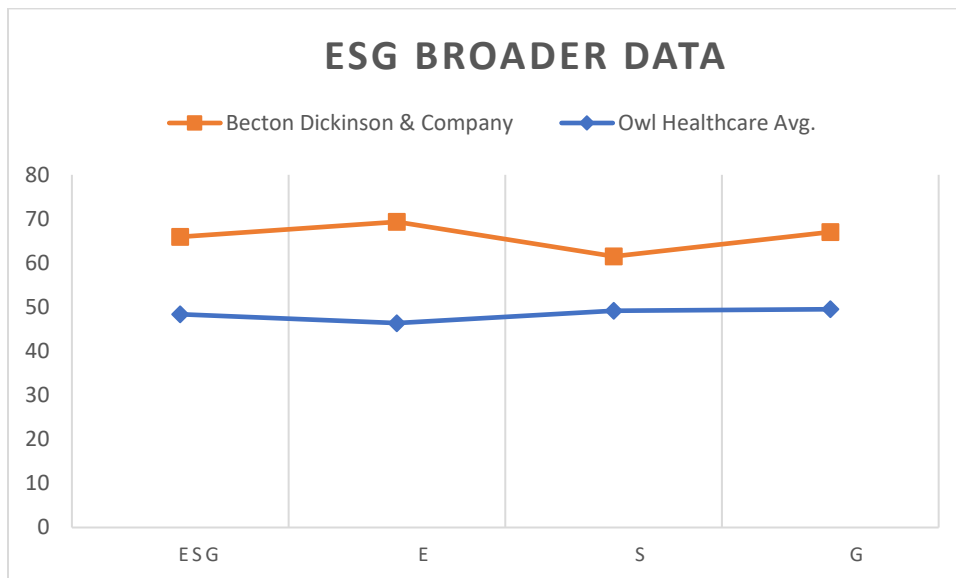
Through a number of acquisitions over the past few years, Becton Dickinson (BD) has transformed itself into one of the five largest medical technology companies in the world. At the same time, it appears to have upgraded its commitment to corporate responsibility and is starting to get some recognition for its efforts.

For the first time, the company was included on the 2018 list of the Top 100 U.S. Corporate Citizens as compiled by *Corporate Responsibility Magazine*. They were ranked 30th overall and were the 5th highest-rated health care company. They were also one of six medical companies named to the Derwent Top 100 Global Innovators. Becton was also included on the 2019 list, but dropped to 64th in the ranking.

BD’s sustainability reporting began in 2015 with the establishment of goals to reach by 2020. While not all its acquired companies have been folded into its measurements, the company has made reasonable progress towards them. For example, 45% of total electricity consumption comes from renewable sources, just short of their goal of 50%. They have done a particularly good job of reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2010, they have lowered them by 67% per dollar of sales. (This compares to a 42% reduction over the same time frame by Abbott, another large healthcare peer.) BD’s grade from the Carbon Disclosure Project was raised from a ‘C’ to a ‘B’ this year. They are a signatory to the Chemical Footprint Project which seeks to transition companies to using safer chemicals. BD was one of only a handful of companies who chose to do so, and as a result CFP ranked us as one of the top 10 leaders in survey transparency.

The company has a number of initiatives to make its products accessible to lower-income people around the world. It gave cash and donations of products equal 3% of pre-tax income last year, about double the corporate average.

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