

The AIA Architecture & Design (A&D) Materials Pledge program publishes its first progress report

To advance the health of people and the planet, the AIA Materials Pledge—originating in 2018—convenes almost 300 signatory architecture and design firms dedicated to transforming the industry towards holistic materials selection.

The inaugural Materials Pledge By the Numbers (RY23) report marks the first-ever reporting cycle from a rapidly expanding community of signatory firms committed to addressing the materials challenge across the five Materials Pledge impact categories: Human health, Social health and equity, Ecosystem health, Climate health, and a Circular economy. See the progress Materials Pledge signatories are making now in this year's Materials By the Numbers (RY23)>

92 signatory firms reported their materials data on the firm, project, and product-level scales.

of reporting firms have a Sustainability Action Plan that includes materials.

136 projects
totaling over 500k
gross square feet
were reported
from more than
half of reporting
signatories.

53% of reporting firms have materials libraries that are collecting sustainable criteria data.

Twenty-one
of the twentytwo product
categories were
reported at
least once.

Human health and Climate health were the Materials Pledge impact categories with the most reported data.

Acoustical ceilings, resilient flooring, and carpeting were the most reported product categories.



Self-reported firm leadership knowledge varies by impact categories, with the strongest knowledge being human health and climate health and the weakest being social health and equity and circularity. These trends are likely reflected across sustainability teams and project architect staff as well.

An overwhelming majority of reporting firms have a Sustainability Action Plan, and most include specific materials goals and actions.

