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#### **4. Survey: Recession forcing reductions in infection control resources**

According to a [survey](#) released today by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, many U.S. hospitals are having to reduce infection prevention staff and resources due to the economic recession. Forty-one percent of the 1,943 APIC members surveyed reported reductions in staff, resources and educational funding at their facilities in the prior 18 months, which they said affected their ability to perform rounds, surveillance, oversight and educate health care workers to prevent infections. In addition, more than half of respondents said public reporting mandates for healthcare-associated infections and other regulatory requirements have reduced their departments' capacity to focus on infection prevention and control.