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## **Caveats for the California-Specific ENERGY STAR® Portfolio Manager Benchmarking Data Provided by the U.S. EPA**

EPA is supporting the California Energy Commission's planning efforts related to AB 802 by providing them with data about building energy Portfolio Manager benchmarking trends within in their jurisdiction. EPA queried Portfolio Manager to collect relevant data, presented in aggregated form below.

Because this query is not part of EPA's official program analysis, it is subject to the following constraints:

- Data within Portfolio Manager is voluntarily submitted and self-reported. For the purposes of benchmarking, there is no requirement that data within Portfolio Manager be independently verified by EPA, or by a third party.
- Test and sample buildings created by EPA and its IT contractors have been excluded from this analysis. Buildings created by other users with the words "test" or "sample" have also been removed, but other fictitious buildings may have been included if their building names did not specifically include the words "test" or "sample".
- EPA did not review individual building data for completeness, accuracy, or redundancy (i.e., duplicate building entry). It is possible that the query counted buildings that entered the wrong zip code and/or have inaccurate energy or operational data.
- These aggregate figures are not subject to formal review as part of ENERGY STAR program evaluation. As most EPA program figures are computed on an annual basis, this data is not directly comparable.