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Figure 1.

**S&P 500 Profit Margin**

S&P 500 PROFIT MARGIN

(percent, quarterly)

Operating (11.6)
Reported (10.3)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (revenues and reported EPS) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (operating EPS).

Figure 2.

**S&P 500 Profit Margin**

(percent, trailing four-quarter average)

Operating (12.1)
Reported (10.2)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (revenues and reported EPS) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (operating EPS).
Figure 3.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGIN (percent)

- Quarterly (11.6)
- Trailing four-quarter average (12.1)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (revenues) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (operating EPS).

Figure 4.

S&P 500 REPORTED PROFIT MARGIN (percent)

- Quarterly (10.3)
- Trailing four-quarter average (10.2)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
Figure 5.

**S&P 500 Profit Margin**

(Percent, using analysts’ average earnings and revenues forecasts)

* Time-weighted average of the consensus estimates for current year and next year. Monthly through December 2005, then weekly.

Source: I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.

Figure 6.

**S&P 500 Profit Margin Measures**

(Percent)

* Forward earnings divided by forward revenues.

Source: I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv and Standard & Poor’s.
Figure 7.

S&P 500 & PROFIT MARGIN

S&P 500 index (2884.0)

Operating trailing
4-quarter profit margin (12.1)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.

Figure 8.

S&P 500 & FORWARD PROFIT MARGIN

S&P 500 index (2884.0)

Forward profit margin (12.1)


Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.
Figure 9.

**S&P 500 Sectors Operating Profit Margins**

- **S&P 500 Operating Profit Margin** (trailing 4-quarter, %)
  - S&P 500: (11.3)

- **INDUSTRIALS**
  - (9.8)

- **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY**
  - (7.4)

- **CONSUMER STAPLES**
  - (7.5)

- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**
  - (21.1)

- **MATERIALS**
  - (9.7)

- **ENERGY**
  - (6.9)

- **REAL ESTATE**
  - (19.1)

- **FINANCIALS**
  - Includes Real Estate through Q2-2016
  - (15.4)

- **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**
  - (15.7)

- **HEALTH CARE**
  - (8.6)

- **UTILITIES**
  - (11.8)

* Operating margin in percent and based on trailing 4-quarter EPS and sales. Source: Standard & Poor’s.
S&P 500 Sectors Forecasted & Actual Profit Margins

Figure 10.

- S&P 500: Operating Profit Margin*
  - Q1 8/6
  - Actual 4Q Trailing
  - Implied Forward

- INDUSTRIALS
  - Q1 8/6

- CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
  - Q1 8/6

- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
  - Q1 8/6

- CONSUMER STAPLES
  - Q1 8/6

- MATERIALS
  - Q1 8/6

- ENERGY
  - Q1 8/6

- REAL ESTATE
  - Q1 8/6

- FINANCIALS
  - Q1 8/6

- COMMUNICATION SERVICES
  - Q1 8/6

- HEALTH CARE
  - Q1 8/6

- UTILITIES
  - Q1 8/6

* Actual from S&P based on trailing 4-quarter EPS and sales. Forecast implied from I/B/E/S consensus forward EPS and sales, and pushed one year ahead.

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation (trailing 4-quarter margin) and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv (forward margin).

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S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.4)
- Automobile Manufacturers (4.6)
- Auto Parts & Equipment (8.4)
- Motorcycle Manufacturers (9.1)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 12.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.4)
- Casinos & Gaming (4.3)
- Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines (11.6)
- Restaurants (17.5)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Figure 13.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.4)
- Apparel Retail (7.4)
- Department Stores (4.2)
- Specialty Stores (9.0)

Margins capped at -2% due to extreme values.

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 14.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.4)
- Computer & Electronics Retail (3.5)
- Household Appliances (4.0)
- Home Improvement Retail (8.4)
- Homebuilding (8.8)

Margins capped at -2% due to extreme values.

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Figure 15.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER STAPLES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 16.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER STAPLES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

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Figure 17.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: ENERGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Energy Sector (6.9)
Integrated Oil & Gas (7.8)
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing (3.4)
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation (12.0)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 18.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: ENERGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Energy Sector (6.9)
Oil & Gas Drilling (-2.8)
Oil & Gas Equipment & Services (2.5)
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production (14.0)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
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Health Care

Figure 19.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: HEALTH CARE
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Health Care Sector (8.6)
- Biotechnology (33.9)
- Health Care Equipment (13.6)
- Managed Health Care (4.5)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 20.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: HEALTH CARE
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Health Care Sector (8.6)
- Pharmaceuticals (21.9)
- Health Care Facilities (7.3)
- Health Care Distributors (1.0)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Figure 21.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INDUSTRIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

Industrials Sector (9.8)
Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks (10.5)
Industrial Conglomerates (8.7)
Industrial Machinery (11.3)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 22.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INDUSTRIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Industrials Sector (9.8)
- Aerospace & Defense (9.7)
- Electrical Components & Equipment (12.8)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
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Figure 23.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Information Technology Sector (21.1)
- Application Software (15.8)
- Data Processing & Outsourcing (26.5)
- IT Consulting & Other Services (12.4)
- Systems Software (27.6)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 24.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Information Technology Sector (21.1)
- Communications Equipment (22.4)
- Semiconductors (26.4)
- Semiconductor Equipment (21.9)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.
Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.
Materials

Figure 25.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: MATERIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Materials Sector (9.7)
- Diversified Chemicals (9.1)
- Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals (10.3)
- Industrial Gases (9.6)
- Specialty Chemicals (10.7)


Figure 26.
S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: MATERIALS
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Materials Sector (9.7)
- Copper (4.6)
- Gold (0.2)
- Metal & Glass Containers (5.0)
- Paper Packaging (7.9)
- Steel (8.6)

Communication Services

Figure 27.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.7)
- Alternative Carriers (6.2)
- Integrated Telecommunication (12.4)

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Source: Standard & Poor’s, I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv, and Haver Analytics.

Figure 28.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.7)
- Cable & Satellite (9.5)
- Advertising (7.4)
- Broadcasting (11.5)
- Publishing (-2.2)

Sub-industries awaiting S&P’s database update.

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Figure 29.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: COMMUNICATION SERVICES
(trailing 4-quarter EPS, percent)

- Communication Services Sector (15.7)
- Interactive Home Entertainment (17.2)
- Movies & Entertainment (15.8)

Note: Sector data from S&P. Industry-level data uses I/B/E/S data from Refinitiv for EPS through Q4-2007, and S&P’s EPS thereafter.

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