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Figure 1.

S&P 500 PROFIT MARGIN  
(percent, quarterly)

- Operating (11.9)
- Reported (9.8)

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 (11.8)
- Reported (9.6)

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 (11.9)
- Trailing four-quarter average (11.8)

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 (9.8)
- Trailing four-quarter average (9.6)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation.
S&P 500 Profit Margin

Consensus Forecasts
- Annual
- 52-week forward* (12.0)

* 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.

S&P 500 Operating Profit Margins
- Forward*
- Actual (trailing 4Q average)

* 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 (3153.6)

Operating trailing
4-quarter profit margin (11.8)

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 (3153.6)

Forward profit margin (12.0)

Source: Standard & Poor’s Corporation and I/B/E/S data by Refinitiv.
S&P 500 Sectors Operating Profit Margins

Figure 9.

**S&P 500**
- Operating Profit Margin* (trailing 4-quarter, %)
  - Q3

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**INDUSTRIALS**
- Q3

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**CONSUMER STAPLES**
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**MATERIALS**
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**ENERGY**
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- Q3

**FINANCIALS**
- Q3

Includes Real Estate through Q2-2016

**COMMUNICATION SERVICES**
- Q3

**HEALTH CARE**
- Q3

**UTILITIES**
- Q3

* 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

INDUSTRIALS

CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CONSUMER STAPLES

MATERIALS

ENERGY

REAL ESTATE

FINANCIALS

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

UTILITIES

* 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).
Consumer Discretionary

Figure 11.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(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 12.

S&P 500 OPERATING PROFIT MARGINS: CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY
(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.
Consumer Discretionary

Figure 13.

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

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.0)
- Apparel Retail (7.5)
- Department Stores (3.9)
- Specialty Stores (8.9)

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.

Figure 14.

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

- Consumer Discretionary Sector (7.0)
- Computer & Electronics Retail (3.5)
- Household Appliances (3.2)
- Home Improvement Retail (8.5)
- Homebuilding (8.7)

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

- Energy Sector (6.3)
- Integrated Oil & Gas (6.9)
- Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing (3.5)
- Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation (13.3)

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 18.

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

- Energy Sector (6.3)
- Oil & Gas Drilling (-1.8)
- Oil & Gas Equipment & Services (2.1)
- Oil & Gas Exploration & Production (14.7)

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.
Health Care

Figure 19.

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

- Health Care Sector (8.5)
- Biotechnology (31.7)
- Health Care Equipment (13.9)
- Managed Health Care (4.4)

Q3

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 (8.5)
- Pharmaceuticals (22.6)
- Health Care Facilities (7.1)
- Health Care Distributors (0.9)

Q3

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 (9.6)
Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks (10.4)
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 (9.6)
Aerospace & Defense (9.6)
Electrical Components & Equipment (12.8)
Railroads (26.5)

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.
Information Technology

Figure 23.

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

- Information Technology Sector (20.1)
- Application Software (16.4)
- Data Processing & Outsourcing (26.6)
- IT Consulting & Other Services (11.7)
- Systems Software (28.2)

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 (20.1)
- Communications Equipment (21.9)
- Semiconductors (25.9)
- Semiconductor Equipment (20.7)

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 (8.8)
Diversified Chemicals (10.1)
Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals (9.4)
Industrial Gases (10.3)
Specialty Chemicals (10.7)

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 26.

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

Materials Sector (8.8)
Copper (0.4)
Gold (5.6)
Metal & Glass Containers (5.7)
Paper Packaging (7.6)
Steel (7.5)

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.
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Figure 27.

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

- Communication Services Sector (14.5)
- Alternative Carriers (6.6)
- Integrated Telecommunication (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.
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Figure 28.

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

- Communication Services Sector (14.5)
- 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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Communication Services

Figure 29.

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

- Communication Services Sector (14.5)
- Interactive Home Entertainment (17.2)
- Movies & Entertainment (15.8)

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