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. not available for any reference period
.. not available for a specific reference period
... not applicable
0 true zero or a value rounded to zero
0 s value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
p preliminary
r revised
x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
E use with caution
F too unreliable to be published

* significantly different from reference category ( $p<0.05$ )


## Abbreviations

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

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## Highlights

- Operating revenues in the television broadcasting sector totalled $\$ 7.6$ billion in 2012, an increase of $1.8 \%$ from 2011.
- Pay and specialty television maintained their upward trend, with operating revenues increasing 5.9\% from 2011 to 2012 to $\$ 4.0$ billion.
- In 2012, advertising revenues for the television broadcasting sector declined $2.3 \%$ to $\$ 3.5$ billion.
- For the first time since 1996, public and non-commercial television had a surplus of $\$ 8.7$ million in 2012 with a profit margin before interest and taxes of $0.5 \%$.
- In 2012, the profit margin for private conventional television was $0.7 \%$, while its profits before interest and taxes were $\$ 13.9$ million. Pay and specialty television posted a profit margin before interest and taxes of $23.1 \%$, slightly down from 2011 ( $24.9 \%$ ). Their profits before interest and taxes amounted to $\$ 916.6$ million.


## Television broadcasting

Operating revenues in the television broadcasting sector totalled $\$ 7.6$ billion in 2012, an increase of $1.8 \%$ from 2011.
This moderate annual growth follows two years of expansion, especially in the pay and specialty television segment, which was not affected as much by the economic downturn of 2008.

Operating revenues for private conventional television have fallen below the level of 2008, the year of the economic downturn, after two years of growth in 2010 and 2011.

## Pay and specialty television continue to climb

Pay and specialty television maintained their upward trend, with operating revenues increasing 5.9\% from 2011 to 2012 to $\$ 4.0$ billion. Operating revenues of private conventional television fell $5.2 \%$ to $\$ 2.0$ billion in 2012. Operating revenues for public and non-commercial television rose $1.7 \%$ to $\$ 1.6$ billion.

Both subscription revenues and advertising revenues contributed to the growth of pay and specialty television in 2012. Subscription revenues were up $8.4 \%$ while advertising revenues advanced $2.4 \%$. Subscription revenues accounted for $66.1 \%$ of operating revenues.

## Advertising revenues down

In 2012, advertising revenues for the television broadcasting sector declined $2.3 \%$ to $\$ 3.5$ billion. Private conventional television saw its advertising revenues decrease $5.9 \%$ to $\$ 1.8$ billion. This segment has always captured the biggest market share of advertising revenues in the television broadcasting sector ( $52.7 \%$ ), though the share has been continually decreasing since 2005.

By comparison, the share of total advertising revenues of pay and specialty television rose from $25.4 \%$ in 2005 to $36.1 \%$ in 2012, amounting to $\$ 1.3$ billion.

## Surplus for public and non-commercial television

For the first time since 1996, public and non-commercial television had a surplus of $\$ 8.7$ million in 2012 with a profit margin before interest and taxes of $0.5 \%$. The Local Programming Improvement Fund (LPIF) contributed to this segment's strong performance with contributions of $\$ 47.1$ million in 2012 , an increase of $15.7 \%$ over 2011 . The LPIF's contribution was almost on par with local air time sales ( $\$ 47.6$ million).

In 2012, the profit margin for private conventional television was $0.7 \%$, while its profits before interest and taxes were $\$ 13.9$ million. Pay and specialty television posted a profit margin before interest and taxes of $23.1 \%$, slightly down from 2011 ( $24.9 \%$ ). Their profits before interest and taxes amounted to $\$ 916.6$ million.

## Programming expenses up

In 2012, programming and production expenses for the entire industry rose $8.2 \%$ to $\$ 4.7$ billion. For the second straight year, specialty television had the highest programming and production expenses at $\$ 1.7$ billion ( $+14.7 \%$ ), followed by conventional television at $\$ 1.5$ billion ( $+6.1 \%$ ). For the first time, the public and non-commercial television segments spent $\$ 1.0$ billion on programming and production.

Programming and production expenses had the largest impact on the profitability of the different television industry segments. The programming and production expenses for private conventional television increased by $\$ 84$ million in 2012. By comparison, in 2011, these expenses for this segment decreased $\$ 174$ million. The contributions of the Local Programming Improvement Fund, which had a hand in the strong performance of private conventional television in the past two years, fell $1.5 \%$ in 2012 to $\$ 64.5$ million. This amount was set to decrease as of September 1,2012 from $1.5 \%$ to $1.0 \%$ to $0.5 \%$ annually and will eventually be eliminated, as the LPIF is set to be phased out in 2014 following a review by the CRTC. The regulating authority concluded that after 2014, the fund will have played its role to help local television maintain and improve its programming.

## Related products

Selected publications from Statistics Canada
56-001-X Broadcasting and Telecommunications

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357-0001 Radio and television broadcasting industries, by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), annual

Selected surveys from Statistics Canada
2724 Radio and Television Broadcasting Survey

Selected summary tables from Statistics Canada

- Radio and television industries, financial and operating statistics


## Statistical tables

Table 1
Selected financial and employment indicators, television broadcasters (NAICS 51512 and 51521) 1


1. North American Industry Classification System 2007 (51512 - Television Broadcasting and 51521 - Pay and Specialty Television).
2. Statistics published by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Industry analysis group.

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 2
Total television industry, revenue and expense statement, Canada

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cable television subscriber revenue | 1,262,185 | 1,426,599 | 1,585,776 | 1,715,288 | 1,888,985 |
| Satellite television subscriber revenue | 605,904 | 631,146 | 675,334 | 704,105 | 733,719 |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 429,454 | 428,513 | 411,490 | 433,462 | 436,532 |
| National and network | 2,961,404 | 2,681,641 | 2,988,861 | 3,126,881 | 3,042,616 |
| Infomercials | 22,718 | 19,357 | 16,685 | 17,484 | 15,079 |
| Sales of air time, total | 3,413,576 | 3,129,511 | 3,417,036 | 3,577,826 | 3,494,227 |
| Government and corporate grants | 877,705 | 935,180 | 937,822 | 1,031,994 |  |
| Local programming improvement fund |  | -180 | 97,754 | 106,100 | $111,549$ |
| Total production and other | 353,089 | 441,536 | 384,141 | 346,740 | 354,110 |
| Operating revenue, total | 6,512,459 | 6,563,972 | 7,097,863 | 7,482,053 | 7,616,446 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 4,178,005 | 4,147,949 | 4,370,312 | 4,360,318 | 4,718,103 |
| Technical services | 277,840 | 355,896 | 350,884 | 377,791 | 366,964 |
| Sales and promotion | 522,144 | 539,578 | 587,505 | 600,450 | 579,526 |
| Administration and general | 790,985 | 664,765 | 658,042 | 723,272 | 640,466 |
| Depreciation | 228,138 | 253,784 | 288,598 | 333,022 | 372,173 |
| Operating expenses, total | 5,997,111 | 5,961,972 | 6,255,340 | 6,394,853 | 6,677,233 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | 515,347 | 602,000 | 842,522 | 1,087,200 | 939,213 |
| Interest expense | 160,034 | 172,970 | 166,985 | 170,279 | 115,977 |
| Expenses, total | 6,157,145 | 6,134,942 | 6,422,325 | 6,565,132 | 6,793,210 |
| Net operating income | 355,314 | 429,030 | 675,537 | 916,921 | 823,236 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | 150,632 | -72,392 | 64,860 | 18,802 | 2,437 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | 505,945 | 356,638 | 740,397 | 935,724 | 825,673 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 1,679,857 | 1,629,385 | 1,552,436 | 1,662,013 | 1,714,665 |
| Number of employees (weekly average) | number |  |  |  |  |
|  | 22,141 | 21,129 | 19,181 | 19,601 | 19,906 |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|  | percentage of revenue |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cable television subscriber revenue | 19.4 | 21.7 | 22.3 | 22.9 | 24.8 |
| Satellite television subscriber revenue | 9.3 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.6 |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| National and network | 45.5 | 40.9 | 42.1 | 41.8 | 39.9 |
| Infomercials | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Sales of air time, total | 52.4 | 47.7 | 48.1 | 47.8 | 45.9 |
| Government and corporate grants | 13.5 | 14.2 | 13.2 | 13.8 | 13.6 |
| Local programming improvement fund |  |  | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Total production and other | 5.4 | 6.7 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| Operating revenue, total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 64.2 | 63.2 | 61.6 | 58.3 | 61.9 |
| Technical services | 4.3 | 5.4 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Sales and promotion | 8.0 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 7.6 |
| Administration and general | 12.1 | 10.1 | 9.3 | 9.7 | 8.4 |
| Depreciation | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| Operating expenses, total | 92.1 | 90.8 | 88.1 | 85.5 | 87.7 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | 7.9 | 9.2 | 11.9 | 14.5 | 12.3 |
| Interest expense | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| Expenses, total | 94.5 | 93.5 | 90.5 | 87.7 | 89.2 |
| Net operating income | 5.5 | 6.5 | 9.5 | 12.3 | 10.8 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | 2.3 | -1.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | 7.8 | 5.4 | 10.4 | 12.5 | 10.8 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 25.8 | 24.8 | 21.9 | 22.2 | 22.5 |

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-1
Private conventional television, revenue and expense statement - Canada

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2008 | 2010 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-3
Private conventional television, revenue and expense statement - Quebec

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 97,082 | 78,491 | 81,804 | 81,083 | 84,466 |
| National and network | 290,858 | 270,226 | 270,862 | 273,370 | 268,891 |
| Infomercials | 7,805 | 7,442 | 7,333 | 8,141 | 6,756 |
| Sales of air time, total | 395,745 | 356,159 | 359,998 | 362,594 | 360,113 |
| Total production and other | 65,164 | 67,579 | 75,531 | 77,589 | 78,915 |
| Operating revenue, total | 460,909 | 423,737 | 435,529 | 440,183 | 439,029 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 271,976 | 259,212 | 261,795 | 252,379 | 263,399 |
| Technical services | 17,525 | 20,139 | 17,216 | 18,241 | 22,791 |
| Sales and promotion | 57,844 | 54,089 | 55,262 | 56,426 | 62,803 |
| Administration and general | 69,419 | 51,541 | 37,359 | 51,050 | 39,281 |
| Depreciation | 18,795 | 15,393 | 17,337 | 18,274 | 21,660 |
| Operating expenses, total | 435,560 | 400,373 | 388,968 | 396,370 | 409,934 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | 25,349 | 23,364 | 46,561 | 43,813 | 29,095 |
| Interest expense | 12,236 | 7,179 | 7,073 | 5,872 | 6,104 |
| Expenses, total | 447,796 | 407,553 | 396,041 | 402,242 | 416,038 |
| Net operating income | 13,113 | 16,185 | 39,488 | 37,940 | 22,991 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | -2,039 | 154 | 1,070 | 2,421 | -17,338 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | 11,074 | 16,338 | 40,559 | 40,361 | 5,653 |
| Provision for income taxes | 10,898 | 11,107 | 16,441 | 5,274 | 5,581 |
| Net profit (loss) after income taxes | 176 | 5,232 | 24,118 | 35,087 | 72 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 165,452 | 136,050 | 132,182 | 133,825 | 139,761 |
|  | number |  |  |  |  |
| Number of employees (weekly average) | 2,255 | 1,841 | 1,785 | 1,713 | 1,673 |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|  | percentage of revenue |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 21.1 | 18.5 | 18.8 | 18.4 | 19.2 |
| National and network | 63.1 | 63.8 | 62.2 | 62.1 | 61.2 |
| Infomercials | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| Sales of air time, total | 85.9 | 84.1 | 82.7 | 82.4 | 82.0 |
| Total production and other | 14.1 | 15.9 | 17.3 | 17.6 | 18.0 |
| Operating revenue, total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 59.0 | 61.2 | 60.1 | 57.3 | 60.0 |
| Technical services | 3.8 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 5.2 |
| Sales and promotion | 12.5 | 12.8 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 14.3 |
| Administration and general | 15.1 | 12.2 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 8.9 |
| Depreciation | 4.1 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Operating expenses, total | 94.5 | 94.5 | 89.3 | 90.0 | 93.4 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | 5.5 | 5.5 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 6.6 |
| Interest expense | 2.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Expenses, total | 97.2 | 96.2 | 90.9 | 91.4 | 94.8 |
| Net operating income | 2.8 | 3.8 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 5.2 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | -0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | -3.9 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | 2.4 | 3.9 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 1.3 |
| Provision for income taxes | 2.4 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| Net profit (loss) after income taxes | 0.0 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 0.0 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 35.9 | 32.1 | 30.3 | 30.4 | 31.8 |

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-4
Private conventional television, revenue and expense statement - Ontario

|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | thousands of dollars |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 100,871 | 97,129 | 99,824 | 105,343 | 106,616 |
| National and network | 759,119 | 673,208 | 747,701 | 751,833 | 695,245 |
| Infomercials | 9,247 | 7,278 | 5,813 | 5,686 | 4,641 |
| Sales of air time, total | 869,238 | 777,615 | 853,338 | 862,861 | 806,503 |
| Total production and other | 38,627 | 49,394 | 62,900 | 56,220 | 59,414 |
| Operating revenue, total | 907,864 | 827,009 | 916,238 | 919,081 | 865,916 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 668,373 | 686,913 | 675,594 | 592,763 | 643,797 |
| Technical services | 33,308 | 37,150 | 33,877 | 33,367 | 29,188 |
| Sales and promotion | 81,314 | 77,542 | 94,109 | 90,641 | 83,987 |
| Administration and general | 117,626 | 77,992 | 79,954 | 88,087 | 72,266 |
| Depreciation | 29,782 | 34,734 | 44,194 | 46,217 | 47,601 |
| Operating expenses, total | 930,402 | 914,330 | 927,728 | 851,074 | 876,838 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | -22,538 | -87,321 | -11,490 | 68,008 | -10,921 |
| Interest expense | 20,775 | 16,828 | 8,512 | 5,218 | 4,034 |
| Expenses, total | 951,177 | 931,158 | 936,240 | 856,291 | 880,871 |
| Net operating income | -43,313 | -104,149 | -20,002 | 62,790 | -14,955 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | -34,370 | -82,076 | -4,378 | -296 | -9,412 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | -77,683 | -186,225 | -24,380 | 62,494 | -24,367 |
| Provision for income taxes | -26,837 | 39,799 | -879 | -35,710 | 56,707 |
| Net profit (loss) after income taxes | -50,846 | -226,024 | -23,501 | 98,205 | -81,074 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 201,192 | 192,392 | 182,607 | 184,530 | 193,242 |
|  | number |  |  |  |  |
| Number of employees (weekly average) | 2,377 | 2,259 | 2,056 | 2,164 | 2,152 |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|  | percentage of revenue |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales of air time |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local | 11.1 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 11.5 | 12.3 |
| National and network | 83.6 | 81.4 | 81.6 | 81.8 | 80.3 |
| Infomercials | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Sales of air time, total | 95.7 | 94.0 | 93.1 | 93.9 | 93.1 |
| Total production and other | 4.3 | 6.0 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 6.9 |
| Operating revenue, total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Program cost | 73.6 | 83.1 | 73.7 | 64.5 | 74.3 |
| Technical services | 3.7 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Sales and promotion | 9.0 | 9.4 | 10.3 | 9.9 | 9.7 |
| Administration and general | 13.0 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 9.6 | 8.3 |
| Depreciation | 3.3 | 4.2 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| Operating expenses, total | 102.5 | 110.6 | 101.3 | 92.6 | 101.3 |
| Profit before interest and taxes | -2.5 | -10.6 | -1.3 | 7.4 | -1.3 |
| Interest expense | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Expenses, total | 104.8 | 112.6 | 102.2 | 93.2 | 101.7 |
| Net operating income | -4.8 | -12.6 | -2.2 | 6.8 | -1.7 |
| Other adjustments-income (expense) | -3.8 | -9.9 | -0.5 | 0.0 | -1.1 |
| Net profit (loss) before income taxes | -8.6 | -22.5 | -2.7 | 6.8 | -2.8 |
| Provision for income taxes | -3.0 | 4.8 | -0.1 | -3.9 | 6.5 |
| Net profit (loss) after income taxes | -5.6 | -27.3 | -2.6 | 10.7 | -9.4 |
| Salaries and other staff benefits | 22.2 | 23.3 | 19.9 | 20.1 | 22.3 |

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3-5
Private conventional television, revenue and expense statement - Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 4
Public and non-commercial television, revenue and expense statement, Canada 1

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|  |  |  |  |

1. The 2009 detailed data (other than totals) for revenues, expenses, salaries and other staff benefits and the number of employees is not comparable to previous years data. As a result of re-organisations and changes in accounting practices, some respondants have modified the way they are declaring their results.
Note(s): Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 5-1
Pay and specialty television, revenue and expense statement - Pay and specialty television

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2008 | 2010 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Source(s): Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Industry Analysis, Policy development and research sector.

Table 5-2
Pay and specialty television, revenue and expense statement - Specialty television

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|  |  |  |  |

Source(s): Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Industry Analysis, Policy development and research sector.

Table 5-3
Pay and specialty television, revenue and expense statement - Pay television

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 2008 | 2009 |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Source(s): Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), Industry Analysis, Policy development and research sector.

## Data quality

The statistics presented in this publication are for the following categories of the 2007 North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS): Television Broadcasting (51512) and Pay and Specialty Television (51521).

The annual surveys on which this publication is based target all organisations licensed by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to operate conventional radio or television programming undertakings and specialty and pay television service operators. The survey targeting conventional broadcasters is conducted jointly by Statistics Canada and the CRTC. The Broadcast Analysis Branch of the CRTC manages the survey targeting the specialty and pay television operators. Statistics from both surveys are presented here to provide a more complete picture of the structural changes affecting this sector.

The data presented in this publication are of very good quality and can be used with confidence. This assessment is based on available data accuracy measures and the judgement of the analysts involved in this survey. These statistics are, however, subject to revision. Revisions are usually the result of late receipt of information, of re-filing by respondents of previously submitted data, or of detection of errors after publication of data. They typically do not have a material impact on the preliminary results. Past revisions accounted for less than $1 \%$ of the value for key variables such as total revenues, salaries and wages and number of employees. Users interested in learning more about the concepts, methodology and data quality of the broadcasting surveys can visit Statistics Canada's web site at www.statcan.gc.ca. Definitions, data sources and methods are available for most surveys. The survey title is Radio and Television Broadcasting Survey (ID 2724).


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