

Service bulletin

Amusement and Recreation

2007



Highlights

- Operating revenues for Canada's amusement and recreation industry amounted to \$7.4 billion in 2007, up 3.4% from 2006.
- This increase was driven mainly by the skiing sector where revenues rose 9.1% to \$946.4 million. However, the operating profit margin for this sector declined from 10.1% in 2006 to 9.4% in 2007.
- Golf courses and country clubs, the largest of the five recreation sectors, generated \$2.4 billion in operating revenues, almost one-third of the total.
- Operating revenues rose 6.5% in the amusement parks and arcades sector, which also posted the highest operating profit margin (13.6%).

Note: The amusement and recreation industry includes golf courses and country clubs, skiing facilities, fitness and recreational sports centres, amusement parks and arcades, and all other amusement and recreational industries. All other amusement and recreational industries comprises marinas, bowling centres, and all other amusement industries. These estimates exclude data for the gambling industry. All data are expressed in current dollars.

Statistical tables

Table 1
Summary statistics for amusement and recreation, Canada, 2007

	Amusement parks and arcades	Other amusement and recreation industries ¹	Golf courses and country clubs	Skiing facilities	Fitness facilities and recreational sports centres	All other amusement and recreation industries ²
millions of dollars						
Operating revenues	492.5	6,879.7	2,391.8	946.4	1,731.2	1,810.3
Operating expenses	425.7	6,545.8	2,284.8	857.6	1,686.2	1,717.2
Salaries, wages and benefits	145.2	2,349.1	885.2	312.3	682.3	469.3
Operating profit margin (percent)	13.6	4.9	4.5	9.4	2.6	5.1

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2. All other amusement and recreation industries combine the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 713930, 713950 and 713990.

Note(s): According to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 7131 and 7139). See "Data sources, definitions and methodology" at the end of tables for definition of terms.

Table 2
Distribution of total operating revenue by type of service for amusement and recreation, Canada, 2007

	Total	Amusement parks and arcades	Other amusement and recreation industries ¹	Golf courses and country clubs	Skiing facilities	Fitness facilities and recreational sports centres	All other amusement and recreation industries ²
percent							
Sales of goods and services	98.3	96.4	98.4	98.7	99.2	97.9	98.2
Grants, subsidies, donations and fundraising	0.9	0.3	0.9	F	0.4 ^E	X	1.3
Royalties, rights, licensing and franchise fees	0.1	0.2	0.1	F	0.1	X	0.1 ^E
Other revenue	0.7	3.1	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.4 ^E

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Table 3
Expenditures as a percentage of total operating expenses for amusement and recreation, Canada, 2007

	Total	Amusement parks and arcades	Other amusement and recreation industries ¹	Golf courses and country clubs	Skiing facilities	Fitness facilities and recreational sports centres	All other amusement and recreation industries ²
	percent						
Salaries, wages and benefits	36.6	34.8	36.7	39.1	37.2	41.6	28.3
Other labour costs	4.2	2.8	4.3	2.8	2.0	6.2	5.4
Rental, leasing, utilities and telecommunications	10.8	10.9	10.8	6.5	7.5	16.8	12.2
Repair and maintenance expenses	8.4	5.4	8.6	10.2	8.2	7.7	7.4
Amortization and depreciation charges	7.9	8.9	7.8	9.4	9.9	6.4	6.0
Advertising, marketing, promotions, travel, meals and entertainment	3.3	7.1	3.0	1.7	3.8	4.5	3.0
Other purchased goods and services	17.6	10.9	18.1	20.0	16.9	7.6	26.3
Other operating expenses	11.3	19.2	10.8	10.2	14.5	9.2	11.4

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Data sources, definitions and methodology

Description

This annual sample survey collects the financial and operating data needed to produce statistics on the amusement and recreation industry in Canada. The survey also collects detailed information on the characteristics of the businesses, such as type of revenue and type of client.

These data are aggregated with information from other sources to produce official estimates of the national and provincial economic production of the amusement and recreation industry in Canada. The results from this survey provide data to businesses, governments, investors, and associations. These data allow these groups to monitor the growth of the industry, measure performance, allow comparison across similar businesses and to better understand this industry to react to trends and patterns.

Target population

The target population consists of all establishments classified to the amusement and recreation subsector 713 (NAICS 7131, 713910, 713920, 713930, 713940, 713950, 713990) according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) during the reference year. This subsector comprises establishments primarily engaged in amusement and recreation.

Sampling

This is a sample survey with a cross-sectional design.

The frame is the list of establishments from which the portion eligible for sampling is determined and the sample is taken. The frame provides basic information about each firm including address, industry classification, and

information from administrative data sources. The frame is maintained by Statistics Canada's Business Register and is updated using administrative data.

The basic objective of the survey is to produce estimates for the whole industry - incorporated and unincorporated businesses. The data come from two different sources: a sample of all businesses with revenue above or equal to a certain threshold (note: the threshold varies between surveys and sometimes between industries and provinces in the same survey) for which either survey or administrative data may be used; and administrative data only for businesses with revenue below the specified threshold. It should be noted that only financial information is available from businesses below the threshold; e.g., revenue, and expenses such as depreciation and salaries, wages and benefits. Detailed characteristics are collected only for surveyed establishments.

Prior to the selection of a random sample, establishments are classified into homogeneous groups (i.e., groups with the same NAICS codes and same geography). Quality requirements are targeted, and then each group is divided into sub-groups called strata: take-all, must-take, and take-some.

The take-all stratum represents the largest firms in terms of performance (based on revenue) in an industry. The must-take stratum is comprised of units selected based on complex structural characteristics (multi-establishment, multi-legal, multi-NAICS, or multi-province enterprises). All take-all and must-take firms are selected to the sample. Units in the take-some strata are subject to simple random sampling.

The effective sample size for reference year 2007 was 1,402 collection entities.

Definitions

Estimates for the most recent year are preliminary. Preliminary data are subject to revision.

Operating revenue excludes investment income, capital gains, extraordinary gains and other non-recurring items.

Operating expenses exclude write-offs, capital losses, extraordinary losses, interest on borrowing, and other non-recurring items.

Operating profit margin is derived as follows: operating revenue minus operating expenses, expressed as a percentage of operating revenue. The derived figure excludes corporation income tax paid by incorporated businesses and individual income tax paid by unincorporated businesses. For unincorporated businesses, operating profit margin includes unpaid remuneration to partners and proprietors, which is not recorded as salaries, wages and benefits. Therefore the profit estimate will be higher in industries where unincorporated proprietorships and partnerships are significant contributors.

Salaries, wages and benefits include vacation pay and commissions for all employees for whom a T4 slip was completed. This category also includes the employer portion of employee benefits for items such as Canada/Québec Pension Plan or Employment Insurance premiums. Salaries and wages do not include working owners' dividends nor do they include the remuneration of owners of unincorporated business. Therefore the relative level of salaries, wages and benefits will be lower in industries where unincorporated businesses are significant contributors.

Quality evaluation

Prior to dissemination, combined survey results are analyzed for comparability; in general, this includes a detailed review of individual responses (especially for the largest companies), general economic conditions, historic trends, and comparisons with other data sources.

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Data accuracy

Of the units contributing to the estimate, the (weighted) response rate was 71.9%. CVs were calculated for each estimate and are available upon request.

Related products**CANSIM**

Available on CANSIM: table 361-0015 - Amusement and recreation, summary statistics, by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), annual (dollars unless otherwise noted) (24 series)

Survey(s)

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2425 - Annual Survey of Service Industries: Amusement and Recreation

Publications

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