



NRHA
North American Retail
Hardware Association

2015 NRHA Cost Of Doing Business Survey

Get A Free Financial Analysis of your Company!

Four Easy Ways to Participate

Fill in the company profile information on this questionnaire and provide us with financial information from your most recent fiscal year. See below instructions for other ways to provide your information.

What You Get In Return

For your participation you will receive a copy of the study along with a free, customized report comparing your company's financial results to both average and high profit industry retailers.

Your Information is Safe

Your individual financial data is held in strict confidentiality, and no individual financial or operational data will be published. We will publish a *Cost of Doing Business Study* with aggregate results later this year.

Thanks in advance for your participation and your ongoing support of NRHA!

Best Regards,

David Gowan
Controller
North American Retail Hardware Association

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS:

Whether choosing Option #1, Option #2, Option #3 or Option #4, all survey respondents must complete the Company Profile information on this page. When filling out the survey, please estimate if necessary. It is better to make an educated guess than to leave a field blank. **If you have any questions please contact David Gowan at (317) 275-9432 or dgowan@nrha.org.**

COMPANY PROFILE:

Name/Title: _____
Company Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Wholesaler Store #: _____

1. What type of company do you consider yourself to be? (Check only one)
 Hardware Store Home Center
 Lumber/Building Materials Outlet
2. Number of Stores _____
3. How long have you been in business? _____ Years
4. Total number of employees (including owners)
Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____
Do you have an outside sales force? _____
If so, how many outside sale people? _____
5. Space Distribution
Salesfloor _____ sq. ft.
Warehouse/Storage _____ sq. ft.
Yard _____ sq. ft.
Office & Administrative _____ sq. ft.
Total square feet _____ sq. ft.
6. Primary wholesaler _____
7. Percent of sales by type of customer
Consumers/Retail _____ %
Builders/Contractors/Remodelers _____ %
Industrial/Commercial Accounts _____ %
8. Percent of sales by cash _____ %
9. Estimated annual customer counts (number of sales transactions) _____
10. Net sales for most recent fiscal year
(year ending _____) \$ _____
11. Net sales for fiscal year prior to that
(year ending _____) \$ _____

INSTRUCTIONS: (U.S. Retailers Only)

Option #1: Complete All Questions on This Survey

Please complete and mail the survey using your most recent fiscal year data by **June 30, 2015**.

Option #2: Send Us Your Financial Information

Instead of filling out the survey, you can fill out the Company Profile questions on this page, then attach a copy of your most recent balance sheet and income statement (12 months of data) and mail by **June 30, 2015** to:

North American Retail Hardware Association
Attention: CODB Coordinator
6325 Digital Way, Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46278

Option #3: Submit Information Online

Fill out the survey online or upload your financials by visiting CODB2015.nrha.org.

Option #4: Email Your Information

Email David Gowan at dgowan@nrha.org with your company profile information and financial documents.

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INCOME STATEMENT (for most recent completed fiscal year)

Net Sales (less returns & allowances)	\$ _____
Cost of Goods Sold (including freight-in & subcontract labor, less purchase discounts)	— _____
Gross Profit before Rebates or Dividends (Net Sales – COGS)	\$ _____
Purchase Rebates or Patronage Dividends	+ _____
Gross Profit after Rebates or Dividends (Gross Profit + Rebates or Dividends)	\$ _____

Payroll Expenses

Owners/Officers Salaries and Bonuses	\$ _____
All Other Employee Salaries, Wages, Commissions & Bonuses	+ _____
Total Salaries, Wages, Commissions & Bonuses	\$ _____
Payroll Taxes (FICA, Workers' Compensation & Unemployment)	_____
Group Insurance (hospital, medical, etc.)	_____
Benefit Plans (include pension, profit sharing, 401(k), etc.)	_____
Total Payroll Expenses (Salaries + Payroll Taxes + Group Insurance + Benefits)	\$ _____

Occupancy Expenses

Utilities: Heat, Light, Power, Water	\$ _____
Building Repairs & Maintenance	_____
Rent or Ownership in Real Estate (include rent, mortgage interest, building depreciation, real estate insurance, real estate taxes, etc.)	_____
Total Occupancy Expenses	\$ _____

Other Operating Expenses

Advertising & Promotion	\$ _____
Vehicle Expense (delivery charges, own personal vehicle expense, etc.)	_____
Telephone	_____
Insurance (business liability & casualty)	_____
Interest Expense (not mortgage interest)	_____
Taxes (licenses, permits, personal property, use, etc.)	_____
Depreciation (other than real estate)	_____
Bad Debt Losses	_____
Credit Card Fees	_____
Additional Miscellaneous Expenses	_____
Total Other Operating Expenses	\$ _____

Total Operating Expenses (Payroll + Occupancy + Other)	\$ _____
Operating Profit (Gross Profit – Total Operating Expenses)	\$ _____
Other Income/Expenses (cash discounts, interest income, gain on sales of assets, etc.)	+ _____
Profit Before Taxes	\$ _____
Income Taxes (local, state, federal)	— _____
Net Profit After Taxes	\$ _____

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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash & Marketable Securities \$ _____
Accounts Receivable (trade) _____
Inventory _____
Other Current Assets _____
Total Current Assets \$ _____
Investments (stocks, bonds, non-business real estate, long-term notes receivable, etc.) \$ _____
Other Fixed & Non-current Assets (net of depreciation) _____
Total Assets \$ _____

Liabilities and Net Worth

Current Liabilities \$ _____
Accounts Payable (trade) _____
Other Current Liabilities _____
Total Current Liabilities \$ _____
Long-Term Liabilities \$ _____
Net Worth or Owner Equity (paid in capital + retained earnings) _____
Total Liabilities and Net Worth \$ _____

HOT TOPIC ISSUES (This is optional):

NRHA would like to obtain additional data that has been identified as hot topic items over the last several years. These are trends that perhaps you've noticed impacting your business at a higher rate due to the changing consumer landscape. Providing this data will allow NRHA to analyze trends that affect your business daily and show how you compare to others in the industry.

Average wage \$ _____ Sales associate \$ _____ Cashier
\$ _____ Assistant manager \$ _____ General manager

Who processes payroll? Internally Payroll processing company
_____ Name of payroll processing company

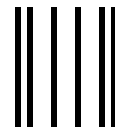
Health insurance \$ _____ (Total annual expenditure)

Health insurance as a % of sales _____%

Do you expect your health insurance rates to: Increase Decrease
 Not change Don't know

Capital expenditures \$ _____ (Estimated annual expenditure for 2014)

Is there anything you would like to see added to the *Cost of Doing Business Study*?



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