



# Valuation Multiples by Industry

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SIC Sector: **(1500-1799) Construction**

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## Industry Valuation Multiples

The table below provides a summary of median industry enterprise value (EV) valuation multiples, as at the Report Date. The data is grouped by industry SIC code:

	Max #	EV Multiple				
		Rev	EBITDA	EBIT	TotAss	TanAss
Operative Builders (1531)	19	1.07	12.23	12.75	0.86	0.88
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	8	0.51	10.84	15.21	0.73	0.94
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	0.76	8.41	13.03	1.03	1.20
Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700)	10	0.54	11.87	19.80	0.62	0.80

## EV/Revenue Valuation Multiple

We provide additional data relating to industry EV/Revenue valuation multiples:

	#	Average	Median	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
Operative Builders (1531)	19	1.09	1.07	0.32	0.07
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	8	0.59	0.51	0.27	0.10
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	0.71	0.76	0.18	0.07
Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700)	10	0.62	0.54	0.43	0.13

## EV/EBITDA Valuation Multiple

We provide additional data relating to industry EV/EBITDA valuation multiples:

	#	Average	Median	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
Operative Builders (1531)	16	12.31	12.23	1.55	0.39
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	8	11.74	10.84	5.72	2.02
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	8.45	8.41	1.70	0.70
Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700)	7	12.11	11.87	5.74	2.17

## EV/EBIT Valuation Multiple

We provide additional data relating to industry EV/EBIT valuation multiples:

	#	Average	Median	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
Operative Builders (1531)	16	12.80	12.75	1.87	0.47
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	6	16.69	15.21	7.82	3.19
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	14.72	13.03	4.24	1.73

## EV/Total Assets Valuation Multiple

We provide additional data relating to industry EV/Total Assets valuation multiples:

	#	Average	Median	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
Operative Builders (1531)	16	0.88	0.86	0.14	0.04
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	6	0.73	0.73	0.10	0.04
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	1.04	1.03	0.15	0.06
Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700)	9	0.60	0.62	0.28	0.09

## EV/Tangible Assets Valuation Multiple

We provide additional data relating to industry EV/Tangible Assets valuation multiples:

	#	Average	Median	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
Operative Builders (1531)	16	0.90	0.88	0.15	0.04
Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600)	6	0.95	0.94	0.15	0.06
Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623)	6	1.29	1.20	0.34	0.14
Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700)	9	0.73	0.80	0.32	0.11

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### *Background to Valuation Multiples*

The multiples method in corporate and business valuation is categorised as a market-based valuation approach. Establishing an indicative estimation of firm value using the multiples method involves applying a synthetic market valuation multiple (e.g. EV/Revenue or EV/EBITDA), to an associated value driver of the firm being valued (e.g. the target firm's Revenue or EBITDA). As a consequence of the role of financial structuring in private equity, the IPEV Guidelines recommends the use of Enterprise Value multiples in the determination of Fair Value: “... multiples should be used to derive an Enterprise Value for the Underlying Business.”

The EV/Revenue multiple (the “Revenue Multiple”) is generally useful for valuing firms with negative earnings. The multiple is less susceptible to accounting distortions and is not readily or easily available for manipulation by firm management. The traditional Revenue Multiple approach in valuation is typically useful for valuing cyclical businesses and firms operating in mature industries.

The EV/EBITDA multiple (the “EBITDA Multiple”) is one of the most widely used valuation multiples, and probably the most commonly used enterprise value multiple. The EBITDA Multiple is frequently employed as an alternative to the Price/Earnings ratio (the “P/E” ratio), because EBITDA is regularly applied as an indicator of company financial performance and is generally viewed as an alternative to recorded earnings. EBITDA strips out the effects of a company's cost of debt, tax, depreciation and amortisation; consequently, EBITDA is useful for evaluating firms with different capital structures, tax rates and depreciation policies.

The EV/EBIT multiple (the “EBIT Multiple”) is similar to the EBITDA Multiple, although it includes the non-cash accounting effects of firm depreciation and amortisation. EBIT commonly assesses the earnings generated by a company from normal operations and is often used as a proxy for firm operating profit. EBIT represents a company's capacity to generate earnings from normal operations, by excluding the effects of taxation, interest expense, and capital structure.

The EV/Total Assets multiple (the “Total Asset Multiple”) is commonly utilised for industries which are asset-intensive; although, like the Revenue Multiple, the Total Asset Multiple is also useful for valuing firms with negative earnings. Using the Total Asset Multiple is particularly advantageous where a business is predominantly asset-driven, and where return-on-assets (ROA) is largely consistent, as this allows base assets to serve as a proxy and appropriate indicator of future cash flows.

The EV/Tangible Assets multiple (the “Tangible Asset Multiple”) is similar to the Total Asset Multiple; however, the Tangible Asset Multiple excludes recorded goodwill and other intangible assets from the denominator in its calculation. Tangible assets include customary fixed assets such as machinery, land and buildings; and also current assets, such as firm inventory. Utilising the Tangible Asset Multiple instead of the Total Asset Multiple can help remedy some of the drawbacks associated with the Total Asset Multiple, namely, the inclusion of goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets on the balance sheet.

## DATA OVERVIEW

### SIC Industries (SIC Code):

General Bldg Contractors - Residential Bldgs (1520), Operative Builders (1531), General Bldg Contractors - Nonresidential Bldgs (1540), Heavy Construction Other Than Bldg Const - Contractors (1600), Water, Sewer, Pipeline, Comm & Power Line Construction (1623), Construction - Special Trade Contractors (1700), Electrical Work (1731)

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