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### Benchmarking Initiative



The Need for valuable data has never been greater

The goal is to help ISA members better asses performance

Primary location for all of your data needs

# ISA Benchmarking Platform



#### Annual Performance Report



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## ISA Benchmarking Team





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# About Industry Insights

- We are a team of Statisticians, CPAs, and IT Professionals
- Objective third-party
- 35 years experience with survey research
- Survey research is not an "offshoot"
- Serve more than 200 associations
- Extensive steps taken to ensure confidentiality







## Confidentiality





Companies are assigned a confidential, Company ID Number

Data are coded and entered into a proprietary system

Results are reported only in aggregate form

We guarantee that confidential information will not be released to any person, company, or organization for any purposes.

## Importance of Benchmarks



Measure Performance and Productivity

a. Profit Metrics

b. Return on Assets

c. Employee Productivity

Gauge Health

a. Liquidity

b. Leverage (debt)

Ratios Create a Common Platform for Evaluation

## **Benchmarking Basics**



- Ratios need to be "Benchmarked" against some standard (I.e., industry peers, company's historical performance, etc.) to be meaningful
- Major deviations between your own firm's performance and industry norms are not necessarily good or bad, but signals areas of further analysis
- EVEN RELATIVELY SIMPLE ANALYSIS CAN RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT INSIGHTS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

#### **56** The goal is to turn data into information, and information into insight. Carly Fiorina, former executive, president, and chair of Hewlett-Packard Co.

## Benchmarking Cycle





- Look at your recent year-end information alongside key industry-specific statistics
- ✓ Identify areas you could improve
- Develop a strategy
- Each level requires more effort but the foundation is available

### Where Are You?





- Assessment Phase
- ✓ Easiest Step
- Participating organizations will have their data populated into the system
- Utilize the available tools and evaluate your performance

### Where Do You Want to Go?





3. How do you get there?

- ✓ Goal Setting Phase
- ✓ More Involved
- ✓ Focus on the Profit Leaders
- Prioritize

### How Do You Get There?





- ✓ Planning Phase
- Most Involved
- Conduct Interviews, Speak With a Consultant, etc.
- Goal of ISA Benchmarking is to help you develop an informed strategic plan

## Hypothetical Case Study



Your Company	APR High Profit Distributors
1.0%	3.7%
2.0	2.2
2.1%	8.1%
3.0	1.8
6.3%	14.8%
\$497,351	\$555,645
\$64,500	\$76,636
16.5%	15.7%
0.0%	0.0%
8.0%	1.0%
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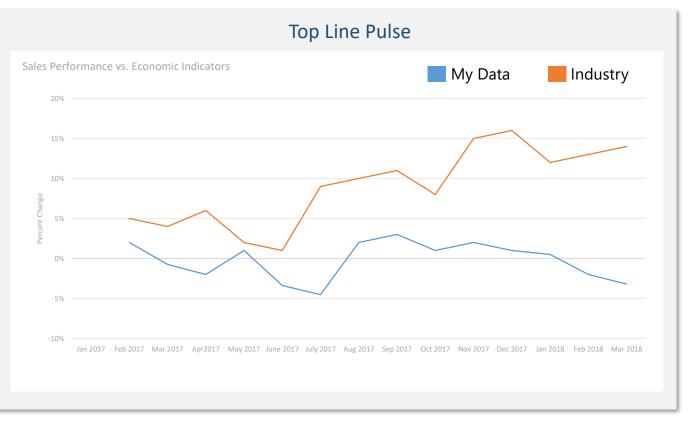
## Hypothetical Case Study



	Number of E	Employees	Total Annual C	ompensation
	Your Company	Industry	Your Company	Industry
Executive Level Employees				
CEO/ President	1	1	\$215,000	\$230,000
Top Marketing/Sales Officer	1	1	\$115,000	\$155,000
Other Full-Time Employees				
Human Resources Manager	2	1	\$65,000	\$75,000
Operations/Whse. Manager	4	3	\$60,000	\$80,000

### Hypothetical Case Study Sales Performance

	Total Annual Compensation					
	Your Company	Industry				
Sales Employees						
Director of Sales	\$90,000	\$125,000				
Sales Manager	\$80,000	\$120,000				
National Accounts Manager	\$75,000	\$115,000				



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## Hypothetical Case Study



 Important to use available information to develop identify strengths, weaknesses, and improvement opportunities

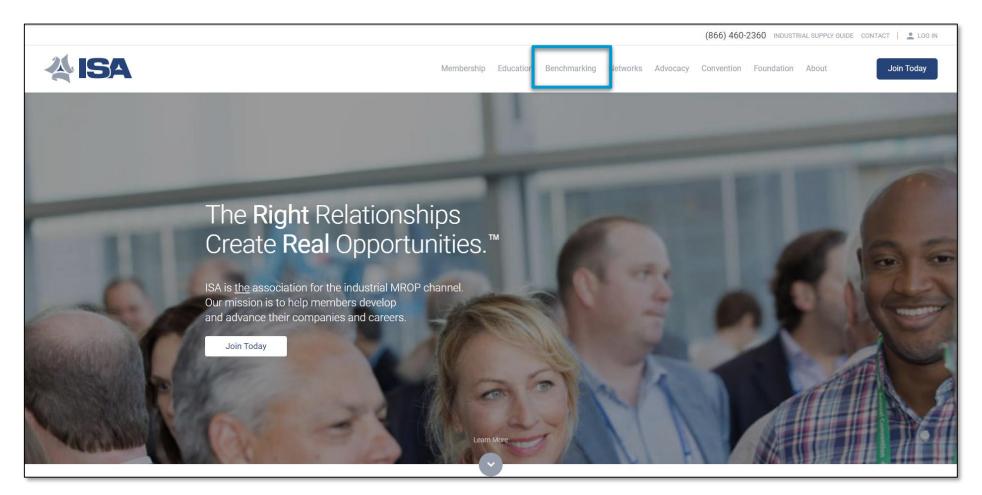
ISA's benchmarking studies are designed to work in conjunction

In 5 minutes, we identified key issues and possible opportunities

• A simple analysis can result in significant dividends

## Surveys and Reporting Tools





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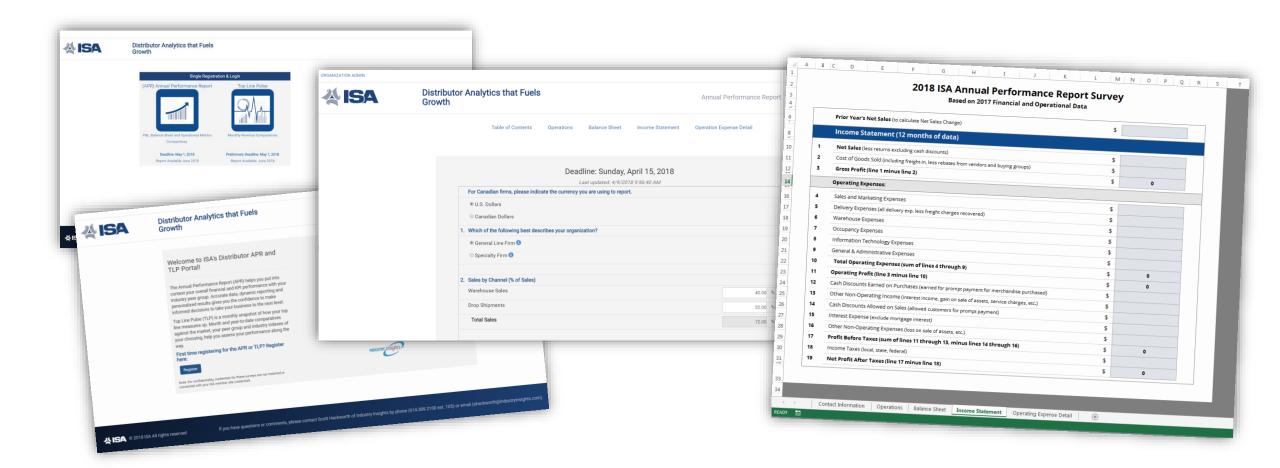
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## APR Reports and Online Tools



#### Sample Industry Report



#### Sample Company Performance Report

		Company Sample	Company Perfor	mance Rep	ort				
		Net Sales (000's): 5473,775	Your	Typical NAED Distributor	High Profit Firms	Sales \$400+ Million	Mixed with Industrial Emphasis	60%-70% Warehouse Sales	More than 20 Locations
	-	SUMMARY FINANCIAL RESULTS (FIFO BASIS)							
2018	2 /	Sales Cales Volume (000s)	5473 775	\$350 185	\$154 317	\$2.051.928	5584 378	\$388.409	\$1,573,690
2010		Average Median		\$90,977	\$90,162	\$859,160	\$63,352	\$109,025	\$589,656
		Sales Change (2014 To 2015) Number of Branches/Locations	2.2%	2.0%	6.2%	1.8%	2.5%	2.1%	1.0%
		Sales per Location							
		Average Median	\$17,222,626	\$16,966,594 \$11,206,723	\$25,367,280 \$16,102,239	\$20,571,438 \$15,735,377	\$13,858,543 \$9,608,742	\$19,322,286 \$13,498,571	\$13,338,803 \$11,978,480
Company	Number: Sample (000s): \$473,775	Strategic Profit Model Ration Profit Margin - Before Tax Asset Tumover	3.4%	3.5%	6.3%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	2.9%
Net Sales		Return on Assets - Before Tax Financial Leverage	9.7%	8.4%	16.8%	6.4%	6.7%	7.6%	6.4%
	Profit Margin (Pre-tax) (	Return on Net Worth - Before Tax Income Statement	21.9%	16.0%	35.7%	17.0%	14.1%	15.8%	17.15
6.0% - 5.0%		Net ales Cest of Goods Sold	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
4.0%		Cost of Goods Sold Gross Margin	78.2%	70.1%	77.6% 22.4%	80.3% 19.8%	22.2%	78.9%	79.7%
3.0%	0	Operating Expenses:		8.7%	8.1%	8.3%	8.9%	87%	9.0%
1.0%		Selling Expenses Delvory Expenses Warehouse Expenses	1.3%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%
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3.0		Other Non-Operating Income Cash Discounts Allowed On Sales Interest Expense	0.4% 0.3% 0.3%	0.4% 0.3% 0.3%	0.5% 0.3% 0.2%	0.2% 0.2% 0.3%	0.4% 0.3% 0.2%	0.2% 0.4% 0.2%	0.2% 0.3% 0.3%
2.0	0	Other Non-Operating Expenses	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
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\$200,000 - \$150,000 -		10.0%	10.0% 5.0%						
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## APR Reports and Online Tools Report Card



The report card is designed to provide users with the ability to "grade" their key performance measures against similar companies in order to identify potential improvement opportunities.

All Responses	•	Export to Excel	
STRATEGIC PROFIT MODEL RATIOS	Your Data	Industry Median	Status
PROFIT MARGIN	0.0 %	1.0 %	Weak
ASSET TURNOVER	4.0	4.0	Good
RETURN ON ASSETS (PRE-TAX)	1.0 %	5.0 %	Weak
FINANCIAL LEVERAGE	2.0	2.0	Good
RETURN ON NET WORTH	2.0 %	8.0 %	Weak
INCOME STATEMENT	Your Data	Industry Median	Status
SALES GROWTH	7.0 %	31.0 %	Weak
SALES VOLUME	\$ 7,527,312	\$ 6,956,504	Good
GROSS MARGIN	29.0 %	24.0 %	Good
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	27.0 %	24.0 %	Fair
OPERATING PROFIT	1.0 %	1.0 %	Strong
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	0.0 %	1.0 %	Weak

# APR Reports and Online Tools



#### **Interactive Peer Report**

This tool allows users to create customized Company Performance Reports on demand. Users may select up to 5 data cuts to compare their figures against.

		Select Up To Five Peer Groups
	MY ACCOUNT (BADEMO) 1	Peer Group 1 Organization Type: Specialty Firm
		Peer Group 2 Profitability: High Profit Firms
ISA	Home Static Report Card Interactive Peer Report Searchable Results Definitions Survey	Peer Group 3 Net Sales: Over \$40 Million
	Home / Interactive Peer Report	Peer Group 4 Sales By Sales Channel: Over 80% Warehouse Sales
	Interactive Peer Report	https://secureii.com/ISA/Reports/Financial/Chart.aspx?id=8&breaks=3,4,7,8,12&projecti
	Results Fiscal Vear: 2017 +	Industry Insights, Inc. [US]   https://secureii.com/ISA/Reports/Financial/Chart.aspx?id=8&
	You can compare your own data versus five peer groups of your choosing. Simply select the peer group you wish to compare yourself against from the dropdown	Return on Net Worth - Before Tax
	menus and then click "Build Report". Created reports can be exported to Excel once they have been built.	15.00
	Select Up To Five Peer Groups Peer Group 1 Profitability: High Profit Firms	10.00
	None Selected Peer Group 2. Organization Type: Specialty Firm	5.00 Number Of Locations: 2
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	Peer Group 4 Intel Sales: Ower \$40 Million Sales By Sales Channel: Over 80% Warehouse Sales Peer Group 5: Sale Sy Sales Channel: TWH-80% Warehouse Sales	SUMMARY FINANCIA Industry Median
	Sale's grissles Channel: Under 70% Warehouse Sales Number Of Locations: 1 Number Of Locations: 7 To 5	Number of Firms Reporting         Organization Type: Specify Film         O           Strategic Profit Model R:         Profitability: High Profit Films         0
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	Build Report	Profit Margin - Before Tax Number Of Locations: 2 To 5
		Asset Turnover 3.0
	If you have questions or comments, please contact Scott Hackworth of Industry insights by phone (614.389.2100 ext. 105) or email (shackworth@industryinsights.com).	Return on Assets - Before Tax 1.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0% 5.0%
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		Return on Net Worth - Before Tax 2.0% 8.0% 8.0% 17.0% 8.0% 7.5% 8.0%

# APR Reports and Online Tools



#### Searchable Results

This application allows more specific information than any single report could reasonably provide. Using the program, users can create their own data cuts to create benchmarks that most closely match their organization.

		Build Report Reset Export to Excel				
ISA	Home Static Reports Report Card Interactive	Organization Type: General Line Firm Profitability:				
	Home / Searchable Results	High Profit Firms				
	Searchable Results	SUMMARY FINANCIAL RESULTS (FIFO BASIS) Number of Firms Reporting	Your Data	Responses 0		
	Fiscal Year: 2017 • The purpose of the tool is to allow you to create customized aggregations of the survey results. To use this tool, simply select the desired search criteria "Build Report". Created reports can be exported to Excel once they have been built.	Strategic Profit Model Ratios Profit Margin - Before Tax	0.0 %	2.0 %		
	Note: to protect the confidentiality of individual respondent data, results will not be displayed when the sample size of a chosen search is less than five	Asset Turnover Return on Assets - Before Tax	4.0	5.0 9.0 %		
	Number of Responses Matching Search Criteria : 11	Financial Leverage Return on Net Worth - Before Tax Sales Performance	2.0 2.0 %	2.0 17.0 %		
	Organization Type: ↓     Profitability: ↓       General Line Firm	Sales Performance Typical Sales Volume (000s) Sales Change (2017 To 2018) Income Statement (% of Revenue)	\$ 7,527,312 \$ 7.0 %	\$ 6,143,775 31.0 %		
	Net Sales: ↓     Close       All     All       Number of Locations: ↓     Image: Close	Net Sales Cost of Goods Sold	100.0 % 83.0 %	100.0 % 72.5 %		
	All	Gross Margin Operating Expenses:	29.0 %	30.0 %		
	⊠Show My Data	Sales and Marketing Expenses Delivery Expenses	11.0 % 2.0 %	10.7 % 2.5 %		
	Build Report Reset	Warehouse Expenses Occupancy Expenses Information Technology Expenses	2.0 % 2.0 % 2.0 %	1.6 % 1.3 % 1.3 %		
	Build Report Reset	General & Administrative Expenses Total Operating Expenses	8.0 % 27.0 %	7.1 %		
		Operating Profit	1.0 %	1.4 %		

### Top Line Pulse Application Reporting

**Reporting** Data is entered securely either directly through the application home page or users may opt to receive text

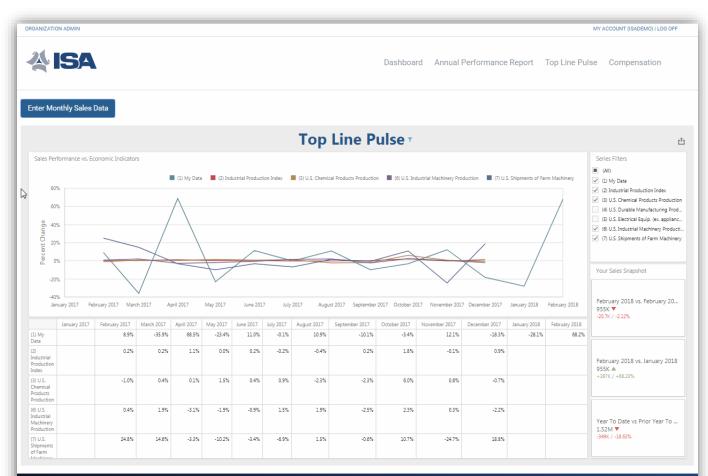
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notifications. The text feature allows respondents to simply report their monthly sales figure via text messaging.

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# Top Line Pulse Application

#### Interactive Online Results Dashboard





#### Filter Options Include:

- Your Company Data
- Industry

 Industry Indexes (e.g., Industrial Production Index)

#### **Monthly Sales Snapshot**

Shows your current month sales figure:

- Vs. Prior Month
- Vs. Same Month Prior Year
- YTD vs. Same Month Prior YTD

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### Distributor Compensation Report Results



## Survey Details



- Visit <u>www.ISAPartners.org/benchmarking</u>
- Access the ISA Benchmarking Dashboard
- Click on "Register" to create an account (password retrieval available for past users)
- Note: Credentials used for these studies are not matched with your ISA credentials

• Reach me or my team with any questions.

#### Deadline to Participate: May 1, 2018



#### Industrial Supply Association April 15, 2018

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