# Access Newswire Inc.

**ACCS**

NYSE; other; SIC 8742, Services-Management Consulting Services; CIK 0000843006

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**weakest fifth of 334 graded peers in other**

rank 277 of 334; percentile 82.9; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

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**E, the bear**



## Scoreboard

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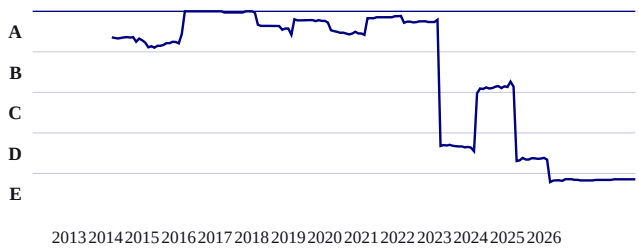
|---|---|
| **Profitability** | C<br>percentile 48.2 |
| **Solvency** | C<br>percentile 52.8 |
| **Growth and financing** | D/E<br>percentile 79.2 |
| **Reliability** | 0.83 AUC<br>filers with $12.5M to $120M assets; 95% interval 0.79 to 0.86; 201 events, 2020 to 2025 |
| **Peer failure rate** | 1.07% a year<br>Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025 |
| **Size band** | $12.5M to $120M assets<br>total assets $42.0M |
| **Standard universe** | inside<br>revenue above $1M and assets above $10M |
| **Warnings** | none triggered<br>not computable: distress, fortress balance sheet |
| **Inputs computable** | 9 of 14 |
| **Graded from** | filings received through Mar 19, 2026<br>216 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 11, 2026 |
| **Last close** | $4.65<br>2026-10-20; market equity $17.8M; no price enters the letter |

**Share price, twelve months to the rescan**




*Split-adjusted close. Each lollipop is a rescan and carries the letter held then.*

**Letter at every rescan, 2012 to 2026**




*Sector percentile at each rescan, stronger toward the top; facts filed by each date only.*

## Business, in the company's words

*opening of Item 1 of the 10-K received Mar 19, 2026*

its subsidiaries are hereinafter collectively referred to as "ACCESS", "ACCESS Newswire", the "Company", formed in October 1988 under the name Docucon Incorporated. In December 2007, we changed our name to Issuer Direct Corporation, and then effective on January 27, 2025, we changed our name from Issuer Direct Corporation to ACCESS Newswire Inc. offices are located at One Glenwood Ave., Suite 1001, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603, and our main telephone number is 888-808-ACCS (2227).

## The fourteen inputs

*lower percentile is stronger; sleeves and inputs within a sleeve carry equal weight*

| Input | Value | Peer median | Percentile, 0 to 100 | Pct | Peers | Period end |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Profitability, sleeve percentile 48.2** | | | | | | |
| Gross profitability | 41.2% | 27.1% | | 25.9 | 287 | 2025-12-31 |
| Return on invested capital | not computable | 10.0% | | | | |
| *one or more required annual facts are missing* | | | | | | |
| Accruals ratio | 8.1% | (5.8%) | | 94.6 | 502 | 2025-12-31 |

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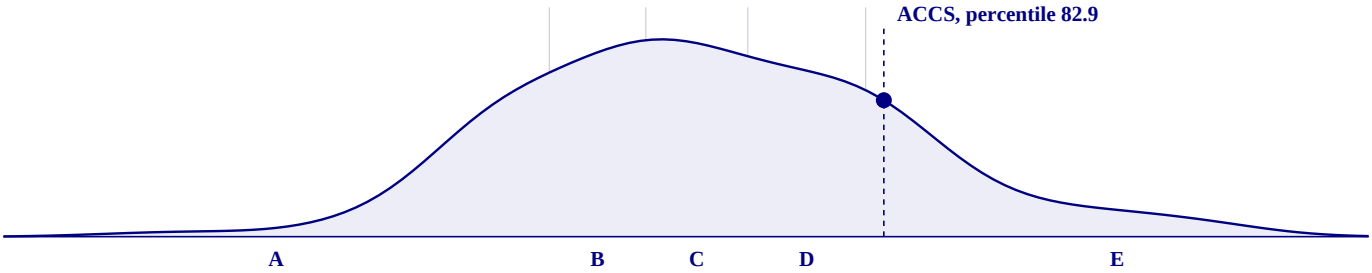
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gross margin stability, five years | 1.2 pts | 2.2 pts | 24.0 | 205 | 2025-12-31 |
| **Solvency, sleeve percentile 52.8** | | | | | |
| Twelve-month failure probability | not computable | 0.04% | | | |
| *latest liabilities, cash plus short-term investments, book equity, and shares are required* | | | | | |
| Altman Z double-prime | 2.68 | 2.05 | 34.7 | 384 | 2025-12-31 |
| Net debt to EBITDA | not computable | 2.52x | | | |
| *one or more required annual facts are missing* | | | | | |
| Interest coverage | not computable | 2.18x | | | |
| *latest aligned inputs end 2024-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31* | | | | | |
| Current ratio | 0.88x | 1.33x | 70.9 | 503 | 2025-12-31 |
| **Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 79.2** | | | | | |
| Revenue growth, three-year compound | (1.3%) | 5.1% | 72.2 | 400 | 2025-12-31 |
| Free cash flow growth, three-year compound | (48.6%) | 8.9% | 95.0 | 219 | 2025-12-31 |
| Reinvestment rate | not computable | 11.9% | | | |
| *NOPAT must exceed $100,000* | | | | | |
| Asset growth, three years | (14.1%) | 4.1% | 92.8 | 434 | 2025-12-31 |
| Net share issuance, one year | 0.5% | (0.5%) | 56.9 | 354 | 2026-03-19 |

## Among 334 peers

*other; letters are fifths of this list*




*Composite score of every graded peer, smoothed; vertical rules are the letter band edges; stronger to the left.*

| Rank | Company | Percentile | Letter | Warnings |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 272 | Omnicom Group Inc. (OMC) | 81.4 | D/E | dilution |
| 273 | Beazer Homes USA Inc. (BZH) | 81.7 | D/E | |
| 274 | Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) | 82.0 | D/E | fortress balance sheet |
| 275 | Seacor Marine Holdings Inc. (SMHI) | 82.3 | D/E | |
| 276 | NextTrip, Inc. (NTRP) | 82.6 | D/E | dilution, short runway |
| 277 | Access Newswire Inc. (ACCS) | 82.9 | E | |
| 278 | Stagwell Inc. (STGW) | 83.2 | E | |
| 279 | Delek Logistics Partners, L.P. (DKL) | 83.5 | E | |
| 280 | MP Materials Corp. DE (MP) | 83.8 | E | fortress balance sheet |
| 281 | Travelzoo (TZOO) | 84.1 | E | |
| 282 | Repay Holdings Corp. (RPAY) | 84.4 | E | |

## What the price implies

*at the 2026-10-20 close; none of these enters the grade*

| Measure | Value | Peer median | Percentile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month | (49.2%) | 2.0% | 10 |
| Distance from 52-week high | (57.7%) | (25.2%) | 14 |
| EBIT to enterprise value | not computable | 4.3% | |
| Free cash flow yield | 3.1% | 4.0% | 41 |
| Book value to price | 1.67 | 0.35 | 95 |
| Sales to price | 1.29 | 0.72 | 68 |

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| Composite equity issuance, five years | 1.5% | (8.8%) | 69 |
| Relative strength against the sector, log excess return | (0.82) | (0.13) | 10 |

## Diagnostics

*shown on every report; none enters the grade*

| Measure | Value |
|---|---|
| **Piotroski F-score 7 of 9, period end 2025-12-31** | |
| Return on assets above zero | pass |
| Operating cash flow above zero | pass |
| Return on assets improved | pass |
| Operating cash flow exceeds net income | fail |
| Long-term leverage fell | pass |
| Current ratio improved | pass |
| No new shares issued | fail |
| Gross margin improved | pass |
| Asset turnover improved | pass |
| **Cash, filings, liquidity** | |
| Cash and equivalents | $3.0M |
| Operating cash flow, four quarters | $720,000 |
| Months of runway | not finite |
| Days since last periodic filing | 71 (10-Q received Aug 11, 2026) |
| Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions | $66,550 |

## Sources

*every fact behind the inputs; each row links to its filing index on sec.gov*

| # | Concept | XBRL tag | Value | Period end | Received | Form | Accession |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $17.3M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 2 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $42.0M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 3 | net income | us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss | $4.3M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 4 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $558,000 | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 5 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $50.6M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 6 | revenue | us-gaap:Revenues | $22.6M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 7 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $17.4M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 8 | revenue | us-gaap:Revenues | $23.1M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 9 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $18.9M | 2023-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 10 | revenue | us-gaap:Revenues | $24.5M | 2023-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 11 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $17.8M | 2022-12-31 | 2024-03-07 | 10-K | 24-002824 |
| 12 | revenue | us-gaap:Revenues | $23.5M | 2022-12-31 | 2024-03-07 | 10-K | 24-002824 |
| 13 | gross profit | us-gaap:GrossProfit | $16.1M | 2021-12-31 | 2023-03-02 | 10-K | 23-002330 |
| 14 | revenue | us-gaap:Revenues | $21.9M | 2021-12-31 | 2023-03-02 | 10-K | 23-002330 |
| 15 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $8.4M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 16 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $9.5M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 17 | retained earnings | us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit | $5.4M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 18 | operating income | us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss | -$1.9M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 19 | book equity | us-gaap:StockholdersEquity | $30.3M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 20 | liabilities | us-gaap:Liabilities | $11.6M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 21 | operating income | us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss | -$16.3M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 22 | interest expense | us-gaap:InterestAndDebtExpense | $1.1M | 2024-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 23 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $20,000 | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 24 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $3.2M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 25 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $19,000 | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 26 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $3.1M | 2023-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 27 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $25,000 | 2023-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 28 | operating cash flow | us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities | $4.0M | 2022-12-31 | 2024-03-07 | 10-K | 24-002824 |
| 29 | capital expenditure | us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment | $66,000 | 2022-12-31 | 2024-03-07 | 10-K | 24-002824 |

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| 30 | depreciation amortization | us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization | $3.0M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 31 | pretax income | us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc... | -$2.0M | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 32 | income tax | us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit | -$395,000 | 2025-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 33 | current assets | us-gaap:AssetsCurrent | $10.0M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 34 | current liabilities | us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent | $12.8M | 2024-12-31 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 35 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $65.2M | 2023-12-31 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |
| 36 | assets | us-gaap:Assets | $66.3M | 2022-12-31 | 2024-03-07 | 10-K | 24-002824 |
| 37 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 3,859,211 | 2026-03-19 | 2026-03-19 | 10-K | 26-002018 |
| 38 | shares outstanding | dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding | 3,838,743 | 2025-03-25 | 2025-03-25 | 10-K | 25-000012 |

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