Waste Connections, Inc.

WCN

NYSE; other; SIC 4953, Refuse Systems; CIK 0001318220

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fourth fifth of 316 graded peers in other

rank 199 of 316; percentile 62.9; sampling error 2.7 points; lower is stronger

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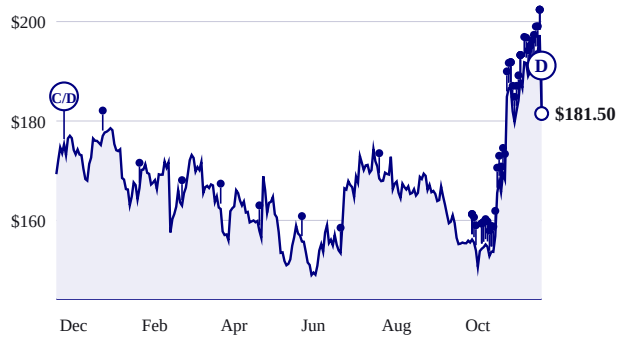
D, the sloth



Scoreboard

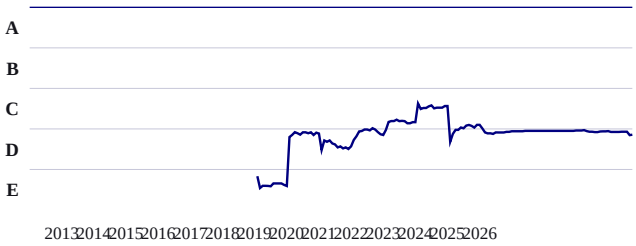
Profitability	C percentile 46.3
Solvency	D percentile 64.9
Growth and financing	C percentile 46.9
Reliability	0.94 AUC filers with over $2.67B assets; 95% interval 0.88 to 0.97; 61 events, 2020 to 2025
Peer failure rate	0.52% a year Item 1.03 bankruptcies, same asset band, 2012 to 2025
Size band	over $2.67B assets total assets $21.1B
Standard universe	inside revenue above $1M and assets above $10M
Warnings	none triggered not computable: distress
Inputs computable	12 of 13
Graded from	filings received through Feb 12, 2026 279 days before the rescan; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Oct 22, 2026
Last close	$181.43 2026-11-17; market equity $45.4B; 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 Feb 12, 2026

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The thirteen 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 46.3						
Gross profitability	19.0%	26.8%		61.5	266	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital	7.9%	10.0%		61.6	147	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio	(6.5%)	(5.8%)		45.2	459	2025-12-31

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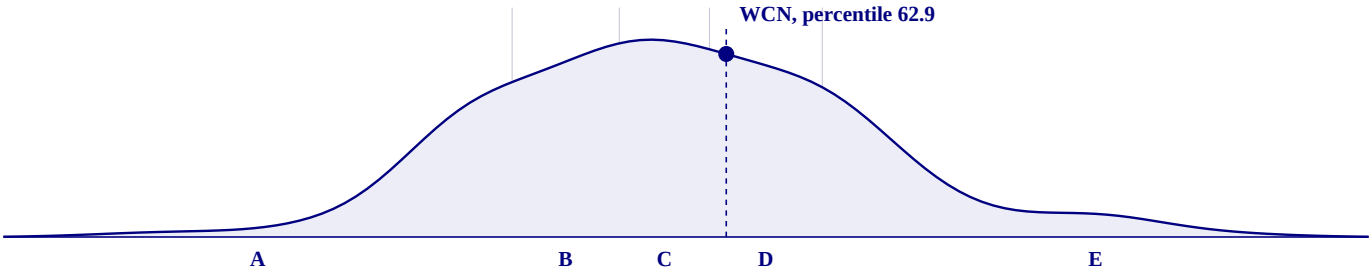
Gross margin stability, five years	0.9 pts	2.1 pts	16.9	196	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 64.9					
Altman Z double-prime	1.77	2.06	45.9	358	2025-12-31
Net debt to EBITDA	2.98x	2.36x	61.8	174	2025-12-31
Interest coverage	not computable	2.93x			
latest aligned inputs end 2023-12-31; latest annual assets end 2025-12-31					
Current ratio	0.62x	1.32x	86.8	463	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 46.9					
Revenue growth, three-year compound	9.5%	5.0%	32.9	378	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound	3.6%	8.9%	59.4	213	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate	(16.5%)	13.3%	65.6	187	2025-12-31
Asset growth, three years	7.2%	4.0%	36.1	403	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year	(0.9%)	(0.5%)	40.6	353	2026-02-02

Among 316 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
194	TransUnion (TRU)	61.3	C/D	
195	Izea Worldwide, Inc. (IZEA)	61.6	C/D	fortress balance sheet
196	Dorian LPG Ltd. (LPG)	61.9	C/D	
197	Western Union Co. (WU)	62.2	C/D	
198	Caesars Entertainment, Inc. (CZR)	62.5	C/D	
199	Waste Connections, Inc. (WCN)	62.9	D	
200	United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS)	63.2	D	
201	HF Sinclair Corp. (DINO)	63.5	D	
202	DHI Group, Inc. (DHX)	63.8	D	
203	Nerdy Inc. (NRDY)	64.1	D	
204	Corpay, Inc. (CPAY)	64.4	D	

What the price implies

at the 2026-11-17 close; none of these enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	(7.5%)	0.06%	43
Distance from 52-week high	(8.0%)	(24.7%)	79
EBIT to enterprise value	3.1%	4.5%	32
Free cash flow yield	2.7%	4.2%	38
Book value to price	0.17	0.37	27
Sales to price	0.21	0.69	15
Composite equity issuance, five years	(8.7%)	(9.4%)	52
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	(0.20)	(0.12)	43
Twelve-month failure probability, CHS model	not computable	0.03%	

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Diagnostics

shown on every report; none enters the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 6 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	pass
Long-term leverage fell	fail
Current ratio improved	fail
No new shares issued	pass
Gross margin improved	pass
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	$95.7M
Operating cash flow, four quarters	$2.5B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	27 (10-Q received Oct 22, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	$251.7M

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	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$9.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$5.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$21.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeInc...	$1.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	$341.4M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$8.8B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$8.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$46.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	$8.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	$7.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	$62.4M	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	$1.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$2.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$19.8B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
16	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$8.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
17	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$5.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
18	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$8.0B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
19	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$4.7B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$7.2B	2022-12-31	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893
21	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$4.3B	2022-12-31	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingA...	$6.2B	2021-12-31	2024-02-14	10-K	24-001109
23	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	$3.7B	2021-12-31	2024-02-14	10-K	24-001109
24	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
25	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$2.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
26	retained earnings	us-gaap:RetainedEarningsAccumulatedDeficit	$5.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
27	liabilities	us-gaap:Liabilities	$12.9B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
28	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	$1.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
29	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	$1.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
30	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	$274.6M	2023-12-31	2024-02-14	10-K	24-001109
31	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.2B	2025-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700

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32	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$2.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
33	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$1.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
34	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$2.1B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
35	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$934.0M	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
36	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	$2.0B	2022-12-31	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893
37	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquirePropertyPlantAndEquipment	$912.7M	2022-12-31	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893
38	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	$1.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
39	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	$1.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
40	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$17.9B	2023-12-31	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
41	assets	us-gaap:Assets	$17.1B	2022-12-31	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893
42	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	255,681,232	2026-02-02	2026-02-12	10-K	26-013700
43	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	258,085,200	2025-02-03	2025-02-13	10-K	25-000893

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