

Lumen Technologies, Inc. (LUMN)

NYSE; telecom; SIC 4813, Telephone Communications (No Radiotelephone); CIK 0000018926

Lumen Technologies, Inc.
LUMN; telecom

Grade

E

A B C D E
weakest fifth of 558 graded peers
percentile 91.2; sampling error 2.1 points; lower is stronger

Rank

504 of 558

Profitability

C/D

percentile 61.9

Solvency

D

percentile 68.5

Growth and financing

D/E

percentile 79.4

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 \$34.3B

Standard universe

inside

revenue above \$1M and assets above \$10M

Warnings

none active

not computable: distress

Inputs computable

11 of 14

Graded from

filings received through Feb 20, 2026

231 days before the rescans; latest periodic filing 10-Q received Aug 4, 2026

Last close

\$5.55

2026-10-08; market equity \$5.7B

Price used in grade

None

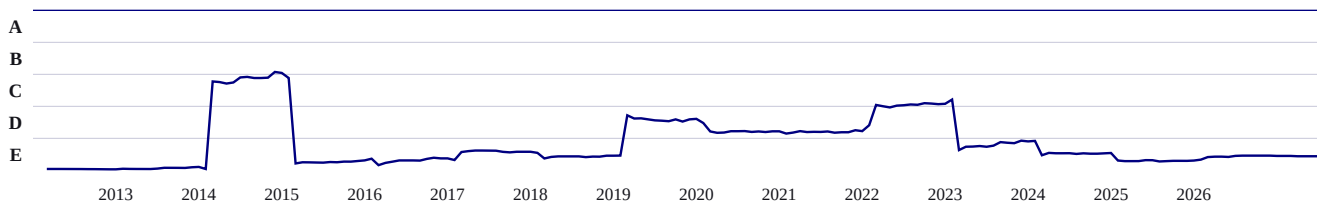
E, the bear
weakest fifth of its sector;
letters are fifths of the 558
graded peers

Share price, twelve months to the rescan
split-adjusted close; the letter is fixed at the rescan that set it

Rescans on file: C from Feb 21, 2023, E from Mar 21, 2023, D/E from Dec 21,

Letter at every rescan

Jan 21, 2012 to Oct 9, 2026; sector percentile, 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 20, 2026

We are a leading digital networking services company, empowering enterprise businesses to fuel growth in a multi-cloud, AI-first marketplace by connecting people, data, and applications quickly, securely, and effortlessly. We are unleashing the world's digital potential by providing a broad array of integrated products and services to our customers. As of December 31, 2025, we had two segments, comprised of our Business segment, serving domestic and global customers, and our Mass Markets segment, serving

domestic customers. We operate one of the world's most interconnected communications networks.

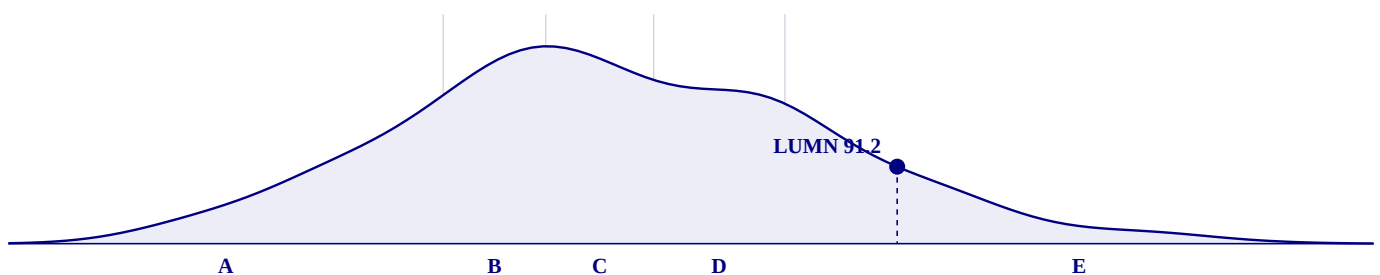
The fourteen inputs

lower percentile is stronger; equal-weighted sleeves

Input	Percentile, 0 to 100	Value	Peer median	Percentile	Peers	Period end
Profitability, sleeve percentile 61.9						
Gross profitability		13.7%	28.0%	75.5	594	2025-12-31
Return on invested capital		(3.3%)	8.9%	85.0	181	2025-12-31
Accruals ratio		(19.1%)	(7.3%)	19.9	703	2025-12-31
Gross margin stability, five years		4.0 pts	2.4 pts	67.0	453	2025-12-31
Solvency, sleeve percentile 68.5						
Twelve-month failure probability		not computable	0.05%			liabilities and a nearby cover-page share count are required at 2026-06-30 one or more required annual facts are missing
Altman Z double-prime		not computable	1.93			
Net debt to EBITDA		8.44x	1.71x	92.6	190	2025-12-31
Interest coverage		(0.63x)	2.81x	61.1	109	2025-12-31
Current ratio		1.80x	1.96x	51.9	756	2025-12-31
Growth and financing, sleeve percentile 79.4						
Revenue growth, three-year compound		(11.1%)	5.1%	87.5	615	2025-12-31
Free cash flow growth, three-year compound		(40.0%)	12.4%	96.5	314	2025-12-31
Reinvestment rate		not computable	15.1%			NOPAT must exceed \$100,000
Asset growth, three years		(9.0%)	3.4%	79.2	641	2025-12-31
Net share issuance, one year		1.0%	0.5%	54.5	434	2026-02-17

Among 558 peers

telecom; 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
499	Firefly Neuroscience, Inc. (AIFF)	90.7	E	dilution, late filer, fortress balance sheet
500	Laser Photonics Corp. (LASE)	90.9	E	late filer
501	Gray Media, Inc. (GTN)	90.9	E	
502	Gray Media, Inc. (GTN-A)	90.9	E	
503	Marketwise, Inc. (MKTW)	91.1	E	
504	Lumen Technologies, Inc. (LUMN) <	91.2	E	
505	Skillsoft Corp. (SKIL)	91.3	E	

506	Townsquare Media, Inc. (TSQ)	91.4	E
507	Tucows Inc. (TCX)	91.5	E
508	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. (HPE)	91.8	E
509	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. (HPE-PC)	91.8	E

What the price implies

at the 2026-10-08 close; none enters the grade

Measure	Value	Peer median	Percentile
Twelve-month price change, skipping the latest month	2.1%	(0.3%)	51
Distance from 52-week high	(53.0%)	(29.7%)	23
EBIT to enterprise value	(4.8%)	1.4%	20
Free cash flow yield	6.5%	2.7%	74
Book value to price	(0.26)	0.24	4
Sales to price	1.98	0.33	87
Composite equity issuance, five years	(20.5%)	3.2%	16
Relative strength against the sector, log excess return	0.08	(0.23)	76

Diagnostics

not in the grade

Measure	Value
Piotroski F-score 4 of 9, period end 2025-12-31	
Return on assets above zero	fail
Operating cash flow above zero	pass
Return on assets improved	fail
Operating cash flow exceeds net income	pass
Long-term leverage fell	pass
Current ratio improved	pass
No new shares issued	fail
Gross margin improved	fail
Asset turnover improved	fail
Cash, filings, liquidity	
Cash and equivalents	\$1.9B
Operating cash flow, four quarters	\$5.4B
Months of runway	not finite
Days since last periodic filing	66 (10-Q received Aug 4, 2026)
Median daily dollar volume, 63 sessions	\$72.8M

Sources

each row links to the filing index on sec.gov

#	Concept	XBRL tag	Value	Period end	Received	Form	Accession
1	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$11.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
2	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	\$6.6B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
3	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$34.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
4	operating income	us-gaap:OperatingIncomeLoss	-\$812.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
5	pretax income	us-gaap:IncomeLossFromContinuingOperationsBeforeIncomeTaxesExtraordinaryItemsDeductibleItems	\$17.5B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
6	income tax	us-gaap:IncomeTaxExpenseBenefit	-\$977.0M	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
7	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$17.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
8	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	-\$1.1B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
9	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$1.0B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
10	total debt	us-gaap:LongTermDebtAndCapitalLeaseObligations	\$17.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
11	book equity	us-gaap:StockholdersEquity	\$464.0M	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
12	cash	us-gaap:CashAndCashEquivalentsAtCarryingValue	\$1.9B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
13	net income	us-gaap:NetIncomeLoss	-\$1.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
14	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$4.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
15	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$33.5B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
16	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$12.1B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
17	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	\$6.7B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
18	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$13.5B	2023-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014

19	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	\$7.1B	2023-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
20	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$16.1B	2022-12-31	2025-02-20	10-K	0000018926-25-000010
21	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	\$7.9B	2022-12-31	2025-02-20	10-K	0000018926-25-000010
22	revenue	us-gaap:RevenueFromContractWithCustomerExcludingAssessedTax	\$17.8B	2021-12-31	2024-02-22	10-K	0000018926-24-000016
23	cost of revenue	us-gaap:CostOfGoodsAndServicesSold	\$8.5B	2021-12-31	2024-02-22	10-K	0000018926-24-000016
24	depreciation amortization	us-gaap:DepreciationDepletionAndAmortization	\$2.7B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
25	interest expense	us-gaap:InterestExpense	\$1.3B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
26	current assets	us-gaap:AssetsCurrent	\$7.9B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
27	current liabilities	us-gaap:LiabilitiesCurrent	\$4.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
28	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$4.4B	2025-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
29	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$4.3B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
30	capital expenditure	us-gaap:PaymentsToAcquireProductiveAssets	\$3.2B	2024-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
31	operating cash flow	us-gaap:NetCashProvidedByUsedInOperatingActivities	\$2.2B	2023-12-31	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
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37	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$34.0B	2023-12-31	2025-02-20	10-K	0000018926-25-000010
38	assets	us-gaap:Assets	\$45.6B	2022-12-31	2024-02-22	10-K	0000018926-24-000016
39	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	1,024,369,609	2026-02-17	2026-02-20	10-K	0000018926-26-000014
40	shares outstanding	dei:EntityCommonStockSharesOutstanding	1,013,799,349	2025-02-18	2025-02-20	10-K	0000018926-25-000010