Architectural services, 2016

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Architectural and landscape architectural service industries earned a combined operating revenue of $4.1 billion in 2016, up 3.1% from 2015. Meanwhile, the operating expenses of the two industries increased 2.1% to $3.5 billion. This resulted in an operating profit margin of 15.8%, up from 14.9% in 2015.

Architectural services accounted for just under 90% of the two industries' combined operating revenue in 2016, up 3.1% from 2015 to $3.7 billion. The landscape architectural services industry generated operating revenue of $435.5 million, up 3.2% from 2015.

In 2016, architectural and landscape architectural services firms in Ontario generated 41.2% of operating revenue, followed by firms in Quebec (20.2%), British Columbia (16.9%) and Alberta (13.7%). The other provinces and territories represented the remaining 8.0% of total operating revenue.

Salaries, wages, commissions and benefits totalled $1.6 billion in 2016, accounting for 47.3% of total operating expenses for the combined industries. Subcontracts were the next largest expense item, at 12.8% of total operating expenses, up from 11.0% in 2015.

Architectural services for non-residential building projects accounted for 57.0% of the combined sales in the two industries in 2016, followed by sales for residential building projects (17.9%), down from 18.6% in 2015. The remaining sales for the two industries came from landscape architecture, urban planning and other related services (25.1%).

In 2016, 53.5% of sales were made to business clients, followed by governments, non-for-profit organizations and public institutions (33.4%), individuals and households (9.1%) and clients outside Canada (3.9%).

Note to readers

Data for 2014 and 2015 have been revised.

Components may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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