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Based on its annual report (10-K) filed February 27, 2026 and quarterly report (10-Q) filed October 30, 2026, from SEC EDGAR.

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KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE FIGURES

- In the year to January 3, 2026, Carters sold **$2.9 billion** of goods and services, up **1.9%** on the year before. [1]
- It kept about **$3** of every **$100** of sales as profit. [1]
- Its business brought in **$122.3 million** of cash, leaving **$68.6 million** after paying for buildings and equipment. [1]
- It owed **$117.2 million** more in **long-term debt** than it held in cash, about **$0.54** borrowed for every **$1** of owners' money. [1]

KEY FIGURES

Size and growth	
Revenue	**$2.9 billion**
Revenue growth	**1.9%**
Profitability	
Gross margin	**45.4%**
Operating margin	**5%**
Net profit margin	**3.2%**
EBITDA	**$195.5 million**
Cash flow	
Operating cash flow	**$122.3 million**
Free cash flow	**$68.6 million**
Debt and safety	
Net debt	**$117.2 million**
Debt-to-equity ratio	**0.54**
Current ratio	**2.78**
Returns to owners	
Return on equity (ROE)	**10.3%**
Earnings per share (EPS)	**$2.53**

Latest financial year; balance-sheet figures on the latest report date. In US dollars.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW IN ITS FAVOUR

- Sales grew **1.9%** to **$2.9 billion** in the year ended January 3, 2026.
- After paying for buildings and equipment, the business produced **$68.6 million** of **free cash flow**.
- Dividends and share buybacks (**$56.4 million**) were covered by **free cash flow** (**$68.6 million**).

WHAT TO KEEP AN EYE ON

- Its **net profit margin** fell from **6.5%** to **3.2%**: **$3** of every **$100** of sales was kept as profit, against **$7** a year earlier.

1 Growth and profit

Whether it sells more each year, and how much of each sale it keeps. From the income statement.

REVENUE BY FINANCIAL YEAR



- **Revenue** grew **1.9%** in the year ended January 3, 2026, to **$2.9 billion**. This means the company sold more than the year before. [1]
- In the **quarter** ended October 3, 2026, **revenue** was **$752.5 million**, down **0.7%** from the same quarter a year earlier. [2]
- **Net income**, the profit left after all costs and taxes, fell **50.5%** to **$91.8 million** in the year ended January 3, 2026. [1]
- After paying for the products it sold, the company kept about **$45** of every **$100** of sales. This is called its **gross margin**. [1]
- Out of every **$100** of sales, about **$3** was left as profit after all costs and taxes. This is called its **profit margin**. [1]
- **Earnings per share** (EPS) (diluted) fell **50.6%** to **$2.53** in the year ended January 3, 2026. [1]

WHERE EACH $100 OF SALES WENT



Year ended January 3, 2026

- **Gross margin** fell from **47.7%** to **45.4%** (2022 to 2026): making or buying what it sells now takes a bigger share of each sale.
- **Operating margin** fell from **14.3%** to **5%** (2022 to 2026): running costs or product costs now take a bigger share of sales.
- **Profit margin** fell from **9.7%** to **3.2%** (2022 to 2026): less of each dollar of sales ends up as final profit.

YEAR ENDED	GROSS MARGIN	OPERATING MARGIN	NET PROFIT MARGIN
January 1, 2022	47.7%	14.3%	**9.7%**
December 31, 2022	45.8%	11.8%	**7.8%**
December 30, 2023	47.4%	11%	**7.9%**
December 28, 2024	48%	9%	**6.5%**

January 3, 2026	45.4%	5%	**3.2%**

2 Financial health

Whether it can pay its bills and how much it relies on borrowed money: its cushion for bad times. From the balance sheet.

CASH AND LONG-TERM DEBT ON OCTOBER 3, 2026



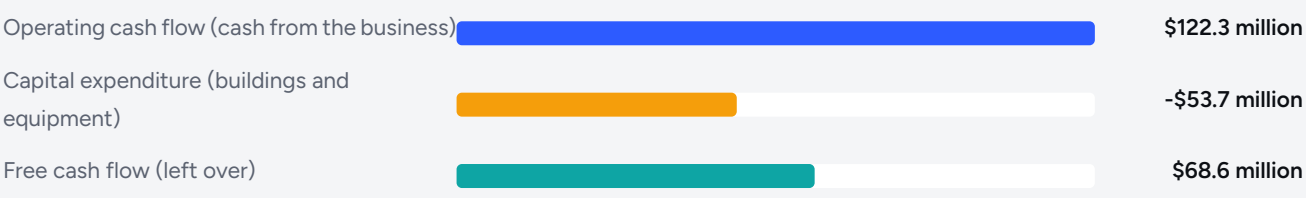
Net debt: $117.2 million more borrowed than held in cash.

- On October 3, 2026, the company had **$451 million** in **cash and cash equivalents**, money it can use quickly. [2]
- On October 3, 2026, it owed **$568.1 million** in **long-term debt** due after the next 12 months. [2]
- On that date it owed more in **long-term debt** than it held in cash. [2]
- On October 3, 2026, the company had **$1.4 billion** in cash and other assets it expects to use within a year, against **$509.6 million** of bills due within a year. That is about **$2.78** for every **$1** it owes soon, more than enough to cover them. This is its **current ratio**. [2]
- It owned **$2.7 billion** in assets and owed **$1.6 billion** in **total liabilities**, so it owned about **$1.65** for every **$1** it owed. [2]
- For every **$1** of **shareholders' equity** (**$1.1 billion**), it owed about **$0.54** in **long-term debt** (**$568.1 million**). This is its **debt-to-equity ratio**. [2]

3 Cash

Profit follows accounting rules; cash is what actually lands in the bank. Free cash flow is what's left after investing in the business. From the cash flow statement.

CASH IN THE YEAR ENDED JANUARY 3, 2026

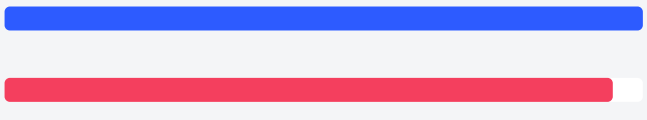


- Its day-to-day business brought in **$122.3 million** of cash in the year ended January 3, 2026. This is called **cash from operations** (**operating cash flow**). [1]
- Its business brought in **$122.3 million** of cash in the year ended January 3, 2026 and spent **$53.7 million** on buildings and equipment (**capital expenditure**), leaving **$68.6 million** of **free cash flow**: money it could use for dividends, buybacks, paying down debt or growing. [1]
- **Free cash flow** was smaller than its **net income** (**$91.8 million**) that year, meaning less of its accounting profit turned into spare cash. [1]

4 How it's run

How its leaders use the company's money, how much profit they make with shareholders' money, and official warning signs about its accounts.

WHAT IT SPENT ITS MONEY ON, YEAR ENDED JANUARY 3, 2026



- In the year ended January 3, 2026, the company paid **$56.4 million** in dividends to shareholders and invested **$53.7 million** in buildings and equipment. [1]
- It earned about **$10** of profit for every **$100** of **shareholders' equity** in the year ended January 3, 2026. This is its **return on equity** (ROE) (**10.3%**). [1][2]

Accounts check

- No **auditor** changes or **restatement** notices were filed since November 11, 2023. These are the two official warning signs a company must announce.

5 How the numbers link

The sums that connect one figure to the next, worked out with the company's own figures, so you can see exactly where each number comes from.

Net income = revenue − all costs and expenses

Revenue $2.9 billion − All costs and expenses $2.8 billion = Net income $91.8 million

Of the **$2.9 billion** customers paid it, **$2.8 billion** went on costs of every kind: making or buying what it sold, running the business, interest and tax. The **$91.8 million** left over is its **net income**.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Net profit margin = net income ÷ revenue

Net income $91.8 million ÷ Revenue $2.9 billion = Net profit margin 3.2%

$91.8 million of profit out of **$2.9 billion** of sales is **3.2%**: about **$3** of every **$100** customers paid ended up as profit.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Net income and operating cash flow measure the same year in two ways

Net income $91.8 million vs Operating cash flow $122.3 million

Profit counts a sale when it's made and spreads the cost of equipment over many years; cash counts money only when it actually moves. This year the business brought in **$30.5 million** more cash than its **net income**, for example because yearly wear-and-tear charges on equipment lower profit but aren't paid in cash.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Free cash flow = operating cash flow − capital expenditure

Operating cash flow $122.3 million − Capital expenditure $53.7 million = Free cash flow $68.6 million

The business brought in **$122.3 million** of cash and spent **$53.7 million** of it on long-lasting things like buildings and equipment, leaving **$68.6 million** of **free cash flow**.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Dividends + buybacks, compared with free cash flow

Dividends $56.4 million + Share buybacks $0 = Paid to owners $56.4 million vs Free cash flow $68.6 million

It paid **$56.4 million** to its owners, about **82%** of its **$68.6 million** of **free cash flow**, so the payouts were covered by spare cash with **$12.3 million** left over.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Net debt = long-term debt − cash

Long-term debt $568.1 million − Cash $451 million = Net debt $117.2 million

It owed **$568.1 million** long-term and held **$451 million** in cash, so even if it used all its cash to repay debt, **$117.2 million** would still be owed.

Figures for the on October 3, 2026.

Current ratio = current assets (cash is one part) ÷ bills due within a year

Current assets $1.4 billion ÷ Bills due within a year $509.6 million = Current ratio 2.78

Its current assets (cash of **$451 million**, money customers owe it, stock and other things it expects to turn into cash within a year) came to **$1.4 billion**, against **$509.6 million** of bills due within a year: **$2.78** for every **$1** due.

Figures for the on October 3, 2026.

Net income adds to shareholders' equity; dividends and buybacks take from it

Net income $91.8 million − Dividends $56.4 million − Share buybacks $0 = Added to equity $35.4 million

Profit belongs to the owners, so it adds to **shareholders' equity**; cash paid out to them takes it away. This year: **$91.8 million** of profit minus **$56.4 million** paid out added about **$35.4 million** to equity, before smaller items such as shares given to staff and currency changes.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Debt-to-equity = long-term debt ÷ shareholders' equity

Long-term debt $568.1 million ÷ Shareholders' equity $1.1 billion = Debt-to-equity 0.54

$568.1 million of **long-term debt** against **$1.1 billion** of **shareholders' equity** is 0.54: it had borrowed about **$0.54** long-term for every **$1** that belongs to its owners.

Figures for the on October 3, 2026.

Return on equity = net income ÷ average shareholders' equity

Net income $91.8 million ÷ Average shareholders' equity $889.8 million = Return on equity 10.3%

Equity was **$854.6 million** at the start of the year and **$925 million** at the end, an average of **$889.8 million**. **$91.8 million** of profit on that is **10.3%**: about **$10** of profit for every **$100** of owners' money.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

Earnings per share = net income ÷ number of shares (diluted)

Net income $91.8 million ÷ Number of shares about 36 million = Earnings per share $2.53

$91.8 million of profit shared across about **36 million** shares (counting shares that could still be created from staff awards) is **$2.53** per share. The share count is worked out from those two reported figures.

Figures for the year ended January 3, 2026.

6 What changed in a year

Each figure next to the same figure a year earlier. Quarters are compared with the same quarter a year before, because many businesses are busier in some seasons.

FIGURE	LATEST	A YEAR EARLIER	CHANGE
Revenue (sales) Year ended January 3, 2026, vs the year before	$2.9 billion	$2.8 billion	Up 1.9%
Revenue (sales) Quarter ended October 3, 2026, vs the same quarter a year earlier	$752.5 million	$757.8 million	Down 0.7%
Net income (profit) Year ended January 3, 2026, vs the year before	$91.8 million	$185.5 million	Down 50.5%
Net income (profit) Quarter ended October 3, 2026, vs the same quarter a year earlier	$36.6 million	$11.6 million	Up 215.8%
Cash from operations Year ended January 3, 2026, vs the year before	$122.3 million	$298.8 million	Down 59.1%
Cash On October 3, 2026, vs a year earlier	$451 million	$184.2 million	Up 144.8%
Long-term debt On October 3, 2026, vs a year earlier	$568.1 million	$498.7 million	Up 13.9%
Shareholders' equity On October 3, 2026, vs a year earlier	$1.1 billion	$864.6 million	Up 21.9%

7 Recent official announcements

Major events the company reported to the SEC in the last four months (form 8-K).

- October 30, 2026: Shared financial results, Change in its leaders or board, Announced another event. [3]
- September 21, 2026: Announced another event. [4]
- August 20, 2026: Shared information with investors. [5]
- July 31, 2026: Shared financial results. [6]

A Every figure, and how it's worked out

Worked out in code from the figures the company tagged in its SEC reports. candor only combines figures covering exactly the same period, and leaves a figure out rather than guess.

Size and growth

Revenue
$2.9 billion

Carters sold $2.9 billion of goods and services in the year to January 3, 2026. [1]
How it's worked out: Total sales for the financial year, as reported. Year to January 3, 2026.

Revenue growth
1.9%

Sales were up 1.9% on the year before. [1]
How it's worked out: (This year's sales − last year's sales) ÷ last year's sales. Year to January 3, 2026.

Profitability

Gross margin
45.4%

After paying the direct cost of what it sold, it kept about $45 of every $100 of sales. [1]
How it's worked out: Gross profit ÷ sales, for the same year. Year to January 3, 2026.

Operating margin
5%

After also paying to run the business, about $5 of every $100 of sales was left. [1]
How it's worked out: Operating income ÷ sales, for the same year. Year to January 3, 2026.

Net profit margin
3.2%

After every cost, including interest and tax, about $3 of every $100 of sales was left as profit. [1]
How it's worked out: Net income ÷ sales, for the same year. Year to January 3, 2026.

EBITDA
$195.5 million

The main business earned $195.5 million before interest, tax and wear-and-tear charges, in the year to January 3, 2026. [1]
How it's worked out: Operating income + depreciation and amortisation, for the same year. Year to January 3, 2026.

Cash flow

Operating cash flow
$122.3 million

Its day-to-day business brought in $122.3 million of cash. [1]
How it's worked out: Net cash from operating activities, as reported. Year to January 3, 2026.

Free cash flow
$68.6 million

After paying for buildings and equipment, $68.6 million of cash was left over. [1]
How it's worked out: Operating cash flow − capital expenditure, for the same year. Year to January 3, 2026.

Debt and safety

Net debt
$117.2 million

Its long-term borrowing was $117.2 million more than the cash it held on October 3, 2026. [2]
How it's worked out: Long-term debt − cash and cash equivalents, on the same date. On October 3, 2026.

Debt-to-equity ratio
0.54

It had borrowed about $0.54 long-term for every $1 of owners' money in the business. [2]
How it's worked out: Long-term debt ÷ shareholders' equity, on the same date. On October 3, 2026.

Current ratio
2.78

For every $1 of bills due within a year, it had about $2.78 it expects to turn into cash in that time. [2]
How it's worked out: Current assets ÷ current liabilities, on the same date. On October 3, 2026.

Returns to owners

Return on equity (ROE)
10.3%

It made about $10 of profit for every $100 of owners' money in the business. [1][2]
How it's worked out: Net income ÷ average shareholders' equity at the start and end of the year. Year to January 3, 2026.

Earnings per share (EPS) **$2.53**	Profit worked out to $2.53 for each share. [1] How it's worked out: Diluted earnings per share, as reported. Year to January 3, 2026.

B Key terms

Every highlighted term in this report, in plain English.

8-K (announcement): A filing companies make with the SEC within days of a major event, such as results, a new chief executive or a big acquisition.

Assets: Everything the company owns that has value: cash, buildings, equipment, money owed to it, and more.

Auditor: An independent accounting firm that checks a company's financial statements every year and says whether they are fairly presented.

Capital spending: Cash spent on long-lasting things the company will use for years, like factories, stores, data centres and equipment. Often shortened to capex.

Cash and cash equivalents: Money in the bank plus very safe investments that can be turned into cash almost immediately.

Cash from operations: The cash that came in from customers minus the cash paid out to suppliers, staff, landlords, lenders (interest) and the tax office during the period. It differs from profit because of timing, such as customers paying later, and because some costs in profit, like wear and tear on equipment, aren't paid in cash.

Current ratio: Current assets (cash, money customers owe it, stock and anything else it expects to turn into cash within a year) divided by current liabilities (bills it must pay within a year). 1.5 means $1.50 coming in for every $1 due.

Debt-to-equity ratio: Long-term borrowing divided by shareholders' equity (what the accounts say belongs to the owners). 0.5 means $0.50 borrowed for every $1 of owners' money; higher means it relies more on borrowed money.

Dividend: Cash a company pays out to its shareholders, usually every quarter, from its profits.

Earnings per share (EPS): Net income divided by the average number of shares during the period. "Diluted" EPS also counts shares that could still be created, for example from staff stock awards, so it's usually slightly lower.

EBITDA: Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation: profit from the main business before paying interest and tax, and before the yearly wear-and-tear charge on buildings and equipment.

Free cash flow: Operating cash flow minus capital expenditure: the cash left after the business pays for the buildings and equipment it needs. It's what the company can use to pay dividends, buy back shares, repay debt or save.

Gross margin: Gross profit (sales minus the direct cost of making or buying what was sold) as a share of sales. A 40% gross margin means $40 of every $100 of sales is left to pay for everything else.

Long-term debt: Money the company has borrowed and must pay back over more than a year, such as bonds and bank loans.

Net debt: Long-term borrowing minus the cash the company holds. A negative figure means it holds more cash than it owes long-term (net cash).

Net income: The profit left over a period (such as a year or a quarter) after paying every cost, including wages, interest and taxes. Often called the bottom line.

Operating margin: Operating income as a share of sales: of each $100 of sales, what's left after paying for what was sold and for running the business, before interest and tax.

Profit margin: Net income as a share of sales: what's left after every cost, including interest and tax. A 10% net profit margin means $10 of final profit for every $100 of sales.

Quarter: A three-month period. US public companies report their results every quarter.

Restatement notice: A filing where a company says financial statements it published earlier contained errors and should no longer be relied on.

Return on equity (ROE): Net income for a year divided by the average shareholders' equity over that year. A 20% ROE means $20 of profit for every $100 of owners' money in the business.

Revenue: All the money a company takes in from selling its products and services, before paying any costs. Also called sales.

Revenue growth: How much sales rose or fell compared with the year before, as a percentage.

Shareholders' equity: Total assets minus total liabilities, as valued in the company's accounts (also called book value): what the accounts say belongs to the shareholders. It isn't the same as what the stock market says the company is worth.

Total liabilities: Everything the company owes: loans, bonds, bills to suppliers, taxes due, and other obligations.

C Sources

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