

Introduction

Welcome to Part 2 of the Making your business financials work for you series. In Part 1, you learned which three financial reports were essential to ensure the smooth and efficient running of your business. You'll now discover SIX lifesaving reports that can help get you through one of the most trying times as a small business—the dreaded monthend.



Is month-end leaving you at your wit's end?

Month end is a testing time for the owners or managers of most small businesses. At any given moment, you're probably juggling the administrative demands of completing your accounting entries with the operational aspects of your business, such as closing off sales opportunities, and managing your stock levels.

As a small business owner, you may understand these frustrations well. Not only are you the owner and manager of your business, but also the buyer and accountant. Because of this, we've put together a list of SIX reports that can help make managing month-end much smoother, as you strive for balanced books and business success!

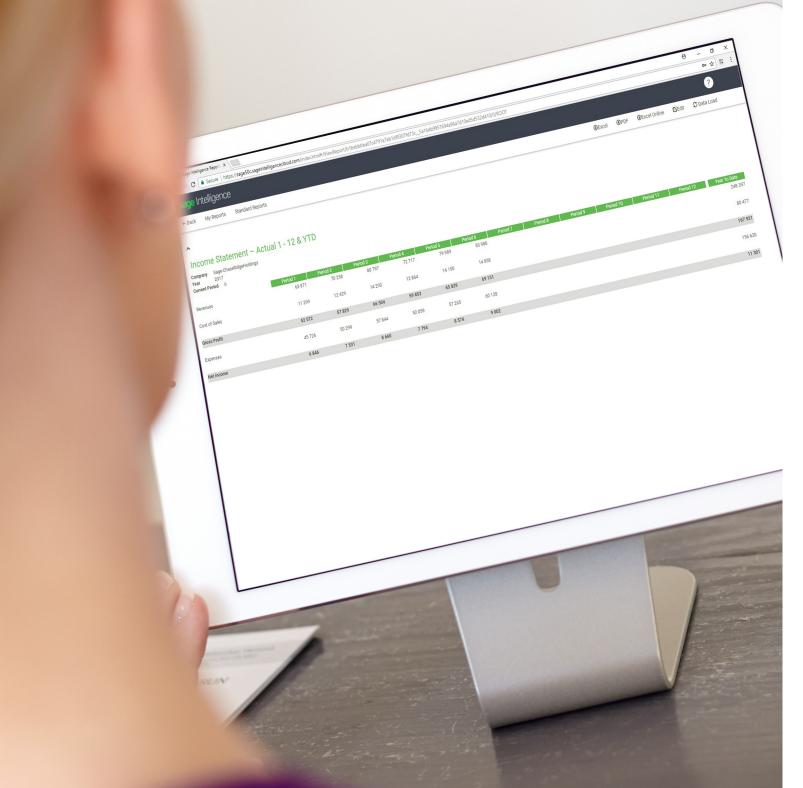
Let's check them out...



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ONE:

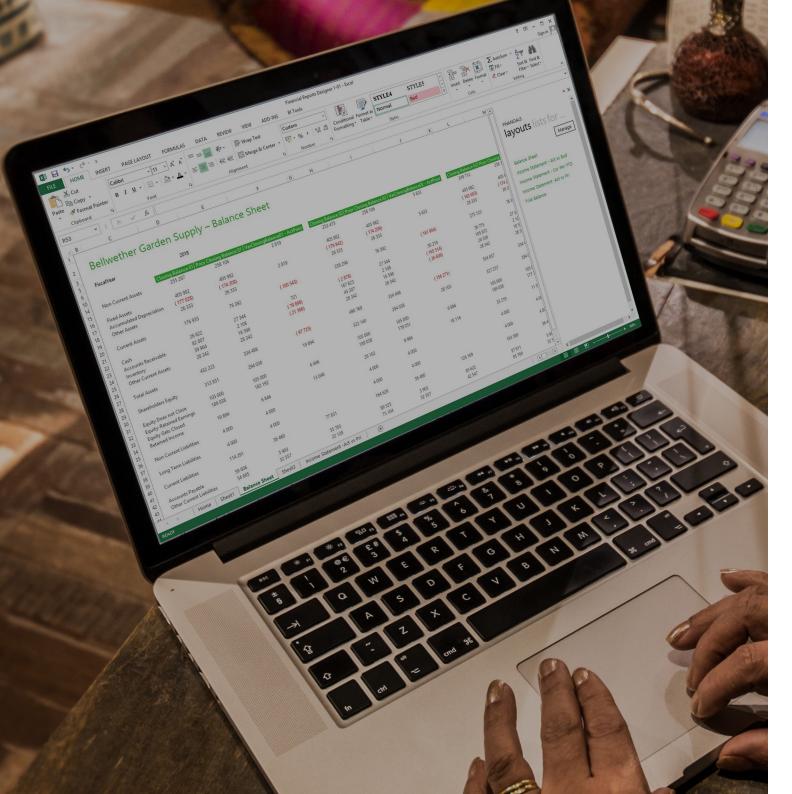
Income Statement – Actual 1 - 12 & YTD

This statement provides you with your actual figures for all fiscal periods in the current year, as well as a Year-to-Date figure for the current period.



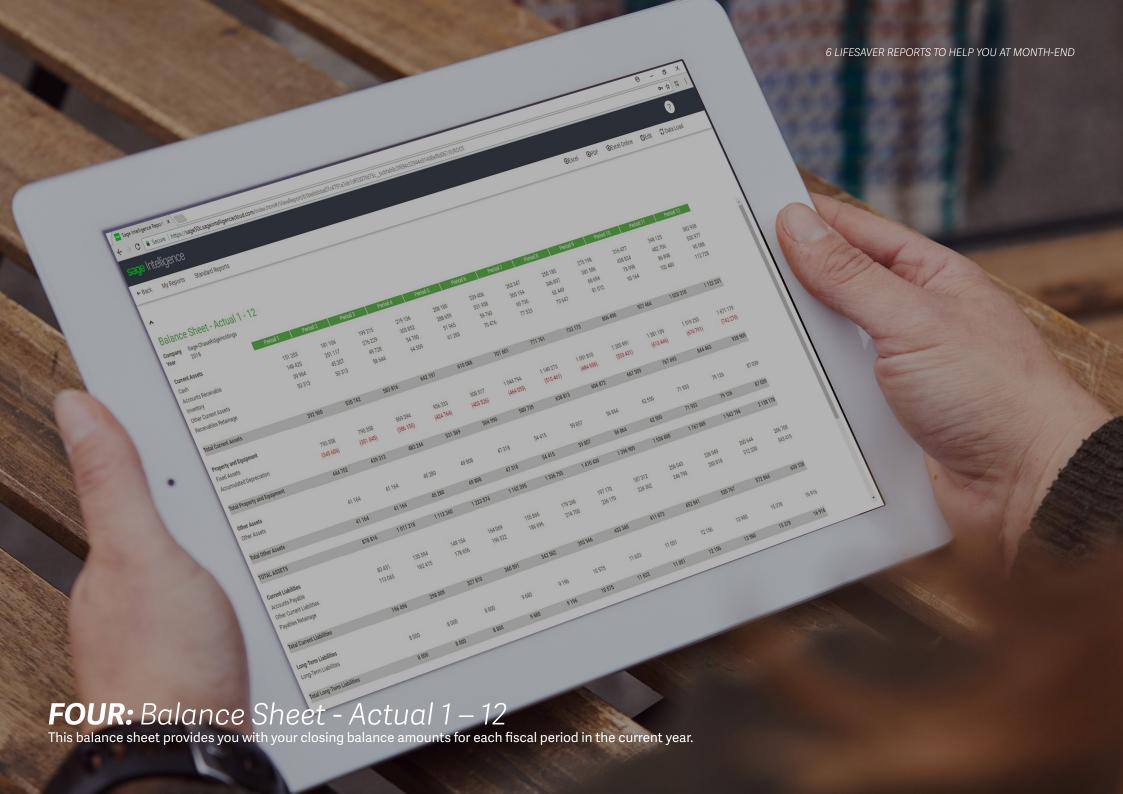
TWO: Income Statement Actual vs Prior

This statement compares your actual values for each fiscal period in the current year with those of the prior year. A variance column also helps you quickly view how things are tracking at a glance.



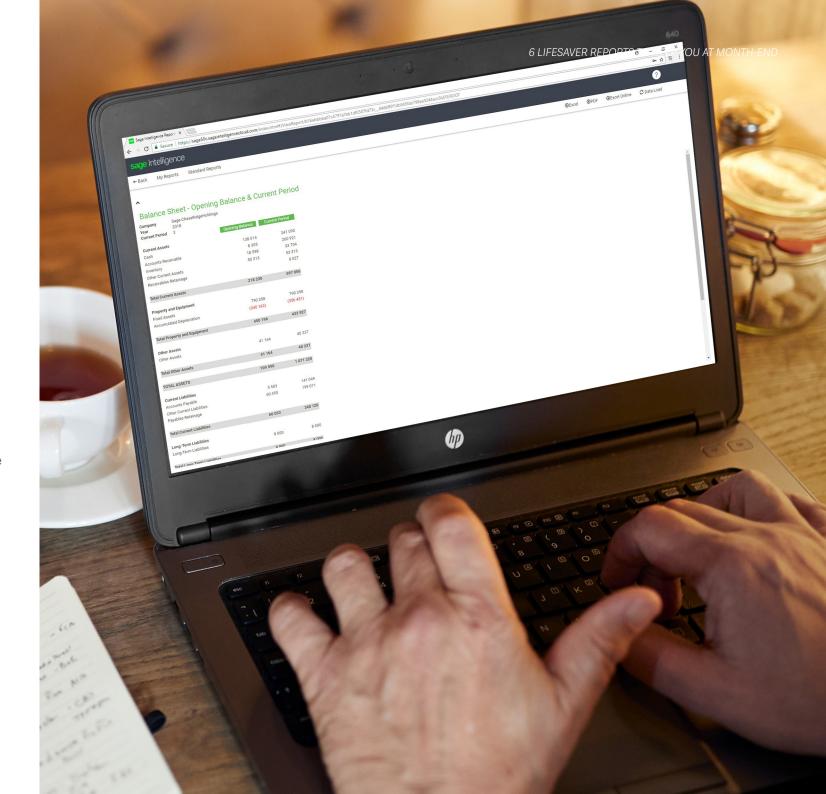
THREE: Balance Sheet

The balance sheet provides closing balance amounts for each fiscal period in the current year and compares them with those of the prior year.



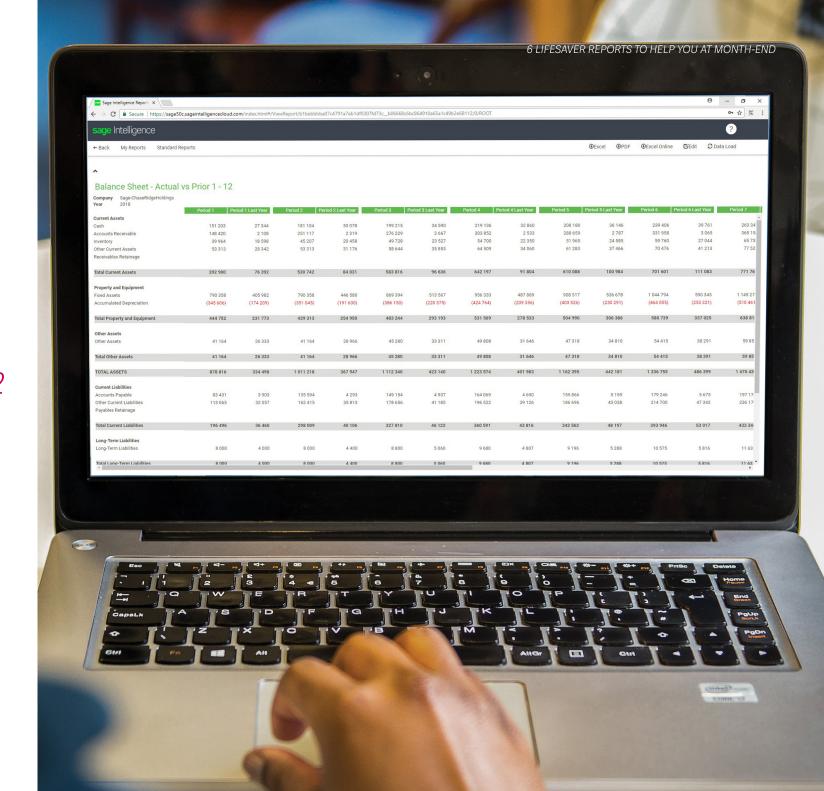
FIVE: Balance Sheet -Opening Balance & Current Period

Here, you're provided with the opening balance for the current year, as well as the closing balance for the current period.



SIX:Balance Sheet Actual vs Prior 1 - 12

In the final month-end lifesaving report, you're provided with closing balance amounts for each fiscal period in the current year, compared with those of the prior year.



Conclusion

Each of the reports presented in this guide work together to give you a monthly overview of where you're at with regards to your business's financial health. You're then able to use this information to soundly manage your financials and ensure you're on track with your business goals.

With these six lifesaving reports available on-hand to help get you through monthend, you'll be sailing smoothly into the new month with a whole host of smart decisions at your disposal. Are you wondering what these decisions may be? Check out the final guide in this series "Three important decisions you can make using your business's financial reports" to find out!



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