Finding Industry and Company Financial Ratios via Webster University Library Databases

Accessing databases
Begin at the Webster University Library homepage: http://library.webster.edu
Follow the link for Articles / databases
From the pull-down menu labeled “Know the database you want?”, select the database title.
Login using your last name and your Webster ID number plus EWL or ewl (i.e. 1234567ewl)

RMA eStatement Studies for industry ratios
If you do not know the NAICS industry code you may search for it. Below is a search for the word “retail”. Note from the search results that this search is pretty broad and may not include all retail outlets. For example, if you want department stores, search for that in the industry box.

Once you locate your NAICS code and do a search, the database opens by default to the FRB (financial ratios benchmark) Assets tab – you may also want to look at FRB Sales. You may use the pull-down menu to find prior year’s ratios.
Need company ratios to compare to the industry ratios? Try S&P (Standard & Poor’s) NetAdvantage or Morningstar. (You must access (see p.1) these databases through the library’s website.)

1. Login to the S&P (Standard & Poors) NetAdvantage database
2. Search for the company you seek, by name or ticker
3. From the menu on the left, select the Compustat Excel Analytics module
4. Change the “Reports” pull-down to Annual (or quarterly) Ratio Report

Or, try Morningstar