

Cheap Ticket

STRAPPED FOR CASH? HERE ARE 69 FRANCHISES

TO START FOR LESS THAN \$25,000.

If you're long on entrepreneurial dreams but short on money, franchising offers you a viable way to start your own business. Dig beneath the conventional wisdom that franchising is pricey and you'll find a multitude of franchises that offer serious startup benefits—a proven business concept, training and on-going support—for less than \$25,000. Even information on these franchises can be yours for free—via the following listing of low-cost franchises. We've compiled data on franchises in categories ranging from children's fitness to computer repairs to home inspections, with some opportunities costing just a few thousand dollars to get started.

This listing is not a ranking, nor is it intended to endorse any particular franchise company. Rather, it should provide you with a starting point in your search for the right franchise—a search that should also include a thorough investigation and analysis of a franchise's Uniform Franchise Offering Circular and other literature, visits with existing franchisees and consultation with an attorney and an accountant. No matter how low the investment, don't purchase any franchise before doing your research.

Automotive
MARS INT'L INC.
marsinternational.com
(972)647-6277
Auto appearance reconditioning services
Total cost: \$500-49K
Total franchises: 409
Company-owned: 0

SUPERGLASS WINDSHIELD REPAIR
sgwr.com
(407)240-1920
Windshield repair
Total cost: \$9.9K-31K
Total franchises: 241
Company-owned: 0

Business Services
BINGO BUGLE NEWSPAPER
bingobugle.com
(800)327-6437/(206)463-5656
Specialty newspaper
Total cost: \$5.1K-11.5K
Total franchises: 58
Company-owned: 0

BUSINESS ROUND TABLE
businessroundtable.ca
(506)857-8177
Mentoring groups for small businesses
Total cost: \$20K
Total franchises: 6
Company-owned: 0

COFFEE NEWS
coffeenewsusa.com
(207)941-0860
Weekly newspaper distributed at restaurants
Total cost: \$8.4K
Total franchises: 966
Company-owned: 0

COMPUTER MEDICS OF AMERICA INC.
computermedicsofamerica.com
(907)694-0371
Mobile computer repair services
Total cost: \$16K-18K
Total franchises: 60
Company-owned: 2

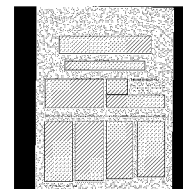
THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR EVERY BUSY WOMAN
everybusywoman.com
(866)958-8600/(843)958-8600
Word-of-mouth directory for women
Total cost: \$21.4K-46.3K
Total franchises: 3
Company-owned: 1

REFERRAL INSTITUTE LLC
referralinstitute.com
(508)809-9789
Referral training, coaching & consulting
Total cost: \$21.3K-25.8K
Total franchises: 38
Company-owned: 4
Children's Businesses
BABY BOOT CAMP
babybootcamp.com
(888)990-2229/(941)924-1000
Pre & postnatal fitness
Total cost: \$2.8K-5.9K
Total franchises: 73
Company-owned: 1

CHIP - THE CHILD I.D. PROGRAM
chipfranchise.com
(805)557-0577
Children's ID & school safety program
Total cost: \$10.99K-14.99K
Total franchises: 152
Company-owned: 1

COMPUCHILD
compuchild.com
(800)619-5437
Preschool computer education
Total cost: \$16.3K-17.4K
Total franchises: 57
Company-owned: 1

DRAMA KIDS INT'L INC.
dramakids.com
(410)480-2015
Children's after-school drama program
Total cost: \$17.4K-51.9K
Total franchises: 182
Company-owned: 2



GUARD-A-KID
guardakid.com
(800)679-4256/(305)477-3301
Children's identification & safety services
Total cost: \$20.9K
Total franchises: 69
Company-owned: 1

HO MATH & CHESS LEARNING CENTRE
mathandchess.com
(604)266-4321
Math & chess learning
Total cost: \$2K
Total franchises: 25
Company-owned: 2

KIDSTAGE
kidstage.net
(877)415-5115
Children's after-school drama program
Total cost: \$13K-18.5K
Total franchises: 14
Company-owned: 2

KINDERDANCE INT'L INC.
kinderdance.com
(800)554-2334/(321)984-4448
Children's movement/educational program
Total cost: \$14.95K-39.1K
Total franchises: 111
Company-owned: 1

PC KIDZ
pckidzusa.com
(888)311-5259
Children's computer education
Total cost: \$19.8K-91.3K
Total franchises: 12
Company-owned: 3

SOCCER SHOTS
soccershots.org
(717)982-3500
Soccer education for children ages 3 to 8
Total cost: \$8.5K-12K
Total franchises: 12
Company-owned: 0

STRETCH-N-GROW INT'L INC.
stretch-n-grow.com
(727)596-7614
On-site children's fitness program
Total cost: \$23.6K
Total franchises: 268
Company-owned: 0

STROLLER STRIDES
strollerstrides.com
(866)348-4666
Stroller fitness program
Total cost: \$3.2K-16.98K
Total franchises: 194
Company-owned: 1

Financial Services
COLBERT/BALL TAX SERVICE
colbertballtax.com
(713)592-5555
Tax preparation & electronic filing
Total cost: \$24K-37K
Total franchises: 201
Company-owned: 0

EXPRESSTAX
expresstaxservice.com
(888)417-4461
Tax preparation & electronic filing
Total cost: \$12.4K-19.1K
Total franchises: 223
Company-owned: 0

PROPERTY DAMAGE APPRAISERS
pdahomeoffice.com

(817)731-5555
Auto & property appraisals for insurance companies
Total cost: \$20.3K-41.95K
Total franchises: 278
Company-owned: 0

Food Businesses
CANDY BOUQUET
candybouquet.com
(877)226-3901
Floral-like designer gifts & gourmet confections
Total cost: \$10K-53K
Total franchises: 758
Company-owned: 0

HOT STUFF FOODS LLC
hotstufffoods.com
(605)336-6961
Fast-food systems for nontraditional markets
Total cost: \$15K-85K
Total franchises: 1,175
Company-owned: 0

Home Inspections
THE BRICKKICKER HOME INSPECTIONS
brickkicker.com
(888)339-5425
Property inspections
Total cost: \$14.3K-53.7K
Total franchises: 190
Company-owned: 28

THE HOMETEAM INSPECTION SERVICE
hometeaminspection.com
(800)598-5297
Home inspections
Total cost: \$21.2K-56.1K
Total franchises: 387
Company-owned: 0

Maintenance
AEROWEST/WESTAIR DEODORIZING SERVICES
westsanitation.com
(310)793-4242
Restroom deodorizing services
Total cost: \$12.5K-53.9K
Total franchises: 44
Company-owned: 29

BEARCOM BUILDING SERVICES
bearcomservices.com
(888)569-9533/(801)569-9500
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$12.8K-39.3K+
Total franchises: 51
Company-owned: 0

BONUS BUILDING CARE
bonusbuildingcare.com
(800)931-1102
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$7.2K-13.6K
Total franchises: 1,649
Company-owned: 3

BUILDINGSTARS INC.
buildingstars.com
(314)991-3356
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$1.9K
Total franchises: 239
Company-owned: 0

CHEM-DRY CARPET DRAPERY & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
chemdry.com
(877)307-8233
Carpet drapery & upholstery cleaning

Total cost: \$24.6K-203.6K
Total franchises: 4,197
Company-owned: 0

CLEANNET USA INC.
cleannetusa.com
(800)735-8838/(410)720-6444
Commercial office cleaning
Total cost: \$3.9K-35.6K
Total franchises: 3,337
Company-owned: 462

CRITTER CONTROL INC.
crittercontrol.com
(800)699-1953
Urban/rural wildlife management
Total cost: \$10.3K-69K
Total franchises: 106
Company-owned: 2

DR. GLASS WINDOW WASHING
docglass.com
(303)499-7759
Window cleaning
Total cost: \$4.6K
Total franchises: 10
Company-owned: 0

E.P.I.C. SYSTEMS INC.
(800)230-3742
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$10.2K-28.5K
Total franchises: 6
Company-owned: 0

GROUT DOCTOR GLOBAL FRANCHISE CORP.
groutdoctor.com
(877)476-8800
Ceramic tile grout repair & maintenance
Total cost: \$22K-29.5K
Total franchises: 49
Company-owned: 1

HOMETASK HANDYMAN SERVICE INC.
hometask.com
(206)763-6800
Handyman services
Total cost: \$17K-33K
Total franchises: 30
Company-owned: 0

JAN-PRO FRANCHISING INT'L INC.
jan-pro.com
(678)336-1780
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$3.3K-49.9K
Total franchises: 6,200
Company-owned: 0

JANI-KING
janiking.com
(800)552-5264
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$11.3K-34.1K+
Total franchises: 12,143
Company-owned: 19

JANTIZE AMERICA
jantize.com
(888)540-0001
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$9.6K-43.1K
Total franchises: 74
Company-owned: 1

KCS APPLICATIONS INC.
kcs1.com
(315)853-4805
Acrylic asphalt sealcoating
Total cost: \$15.6K
Total franchises: 22
Company-owned: 0

MINT CONDITION FRANCHISING INC.
mintconditioninc.com
(803)548-6121
Janitorial & building maintenance services
Total cost: \$4.9K-45.4K
Total franchises: 66
Company-owned: 1

MTO CLEANING SERVICES
mtoclean.com
(877)392-6278
Residential & commercial cleaning pressure washing & carpet cleaning
Total cost: \$23K-165K
Total franchises: 53
Company-owned: 0

OCTOCLEAN FRANCHISING SYSTEMS
octoclean.com
(951)683-5859
Janitorial services
Total cost: \$9.5K-182.2K
Total franchises: 145
Company-owned: 0

OFFICE PRIDE COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES
officepride.com
(888)641-2310
Commercial cleaning services
Total cost: \$14K-35.5K
Total franchises: 89
Company-owned: 0

PRO ONE JANITORIAL INC.
pro1janitorial.com
(920)721-1014
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$16.5K-156K
Total franchises: 83
Company-owned: 0

SERVICE ONE JANITORIAL
service1janitorial.com
(407)293-7645
Janitorial services
Total cost: \$10K
Total franchises: 420
Company-owned: 0

SERVICEMASTER CLEAN
ownafranchise.com
(800)255-9687/(901)597-7500
Commercial/residential cleaning & disaster restoration
Total cost: \$21.1K-111K
Total franchises: 4,279
Company-owned: 0

SYSTEM4
system4usa.com
(440)746-0440
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$5.5K-37.8K
Total franchises: 403
Company-owned: 0

VANGUARD CLEANING SYSTEMS
vanguardcleaning.com
(800)564-6422/(650)594-1500
Commercial cleaning
Total cost: \$6.6K-32.9K
Total franchises: 822
Company-owned: 3

Pet Businesses
FETCH! PET CARE INC.
fetchpetcare.com
(866)338-2463
Pet-sitting & dog-walking services
Total cost: \$16.3K-32.5K
Total franchises: 80

Company-owned: 3

IN HOME PET SERVICES INC.
inhomepetservices.com
(516)553-0602
Pet-sitting & dog-walking services
Total cost: \$5.2K-31.1K
Total franchises: 0
Company-owned: 2

Real Estate

HUNTING LEASE NETWORK
nationalhuntingleases.com
(800)346-2650
Land leasing for hunting & fishing
Total cost: \$23.5K-39K
Total franchises: 13
Company-owned: 2

SELLSMART REAL ESTATE
sellsmartrealestate.com
(858)866-0652
Real estate brokerage
Total cost: \$23.5K-53.6K
Total franchises: 44
Company-owned: 2

WORLD PROPERTIES INT'L
joinwpi.com
(800)809-1963
Real estate
Total cost: \$1.9K-65.9K
Total franchises: 95
Company-owned: 2

Recreation
AMERICAN POOLPLAYERS ASSOCIATION
poolplayers.com
(636)625-8611
Recreational billiard league
Total cost: \$11.98K-14.8K
Total franchises: 305
Company-owned: 0

JAZZERCISE INC.
jazzercise.com
(760)476-1750
Dance/exercise classes
Total cost: \$2.99K-33.1K
Total franchises: 6,807
Company-owned: 1

OUTDOOR CONNECTION
outdoor-connection.com
(620)364-5500
Fishing & hunting trips
Total cost: \$13.9K-18.4K
Total franchises: 98
Company-owned: 2

Services, Miscellaneous
CHRISTMAS DECOR INC.
christmasdecor.net
(800)687-9551
Holiday & event decorating services
Total cost: \$16.95K-59.4K
Total franchises: 362
Company-owned: 0

COMPLETE MUSIC
cmusic.com
(800)843-3866/(402)339-0001
Mobile DJ entertainment service
Total cost: \$23.4K-39.7K
Total franchises: 169
Company-owned: 1

GRISWOLD SPECIAL CARE
griswoldspecialcare.com
(215)402-0200
Nonmedical home-care services
Total cost: \$15K-39K
Total franchises: 77

Company-owned: 12

HAWKEYE'S HOME SITTERS
homesitter.com
(888)247-2787/(780)473-4825
In-home pet care/house-sitting services
Total cost: \$5K-10K
Total franchises: 5
Company-owned: 2

MONITORCLOSELY.COM
monitorclosely.com
(800)797-7505
Digital surveillance systems
Total cost: \$24.4K-41.4K
Total franchises: 37
Company-owned: 0

STORK NEWS OF AMERICA INC.
storknews.com
(910)426-1357
Baby announcement rental service
Total cost: \$14K
Total franchises: 101
Company-owned: 0

Travel Agencies

ALL ABOUT HONEYMOONS
aahfranchise.com
(800)813-9557
Travel agency specializing in honeymoons/
destination weddings
Total cost: \$9.9K-36.1K
Total franchises: 122
Company-owned: 0

CRUISE PLANNERS FRANCHISING LLC/AMERICAN EXPRESS
beacruiseagent.com
(888)582-2150/(954)227-2545
Cruise/tour travel agency
Total cost: \$1.9K-19.6K
Total franchises: 701
Company-owned: 0

CRUISEONE INC.
cruiseonefranchise.com
(800)892-3928
Cruise travel agency
Total cost: \$9.8K-25.4K
Total franchises: 495
Company-owned: 0

SEAMASTER CRUISES
seamastercruises.com
(763)212-4590
Cruises
Total cost: \$10.3K-16.9K
Total franchises: 93
Company-owned: 0