[Template:Distinguish](/wiki/Template:Distinguish" \o "Template:Distinguish)

[Template:Infobox company](/wiki/Template:Infobox_company) **Costco Wholesale Corporation** is an American membership-only [warehouse club](/wiki/Warehouse_club) that provides a wide selection of merchandise. It is currently the largest membership-only warehouse club in the United States.[[1]](#cite_note-1) [Template:As of](/wiki/Template:As_of), Costco was the [third largest retailer in the United States](/wiki/Retail#Global_top_ten_retailers).[[2]](#cite_note-2) By 2015 it was the second largest in the world (after [Walmart](/wiki/Walmart)).[[3]](#cite_note-3) Costco's worldwide headquarters are in [Issaquah, Washington](/wiki/Issaquah,_Washington), USA. The company opened its first warehouse in 1983 in [Seattle](/wiki/Seattle). Through mergers, Costco's overall corporate history dates back to 1976, when its former competitor [Price Club](/wiki/Price_Club) was founded in [San Diego, California](/wiki/San_Diego,_California).[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5)<ref name=highlights>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>

[Template:As of](/wiki/Template:As_of), Costco has a total of 705 warehouses, spread throughout the [United States](/wiki/United_States) (493), [Canada](/wiki/Canada) (90), [Mexico](/wiki/Mexico) (36), [United Kingdom](/wiki/United_Kingdom) (27), [Japan](/wiki/Japan) (25), [South Korea](/wiki/South_Korea) (12), [Taiwan](/wiki/Taiwan) (12), [Australia](/wiki/Australia) (8), and [Spain](/wiki/Spain) (2).[[6]](#cite_note-6)[[7]](#cite_note-7) Compared with [Walmart's](/wiki/Walmart) reputation for "low prices" and [Target's](/wiki/Target_Corporation) for selling "cheap chic", **Costco** is known for offering low-price, limited-selection "retail treasure hunts", where "one's shopping cart could contain a $50,000 diamond ring resting on top of a 64-ounce vat of mayonnaise".[[8]](#cite_note-8)

## Contents

* 1 History[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]
  + 1.1 Price Club and the birth of the retail warehouse concept[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]
  + 1.2 Costco opens[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]
  + 1.3 The "PriceCostco" merger[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]
  + 1.4 Other company milestones[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]
* 2 Costco today[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]
* 3 Sales model[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]
* 4 Membership[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]
* 5 Policies[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]
  + 5.1 Forms of Payment[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]
    - 5.1.1 Cash Cards[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]
    - 5.1.2 Credit cards[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]
    - 5.1.3 Food stamps in the U.S.[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]
  + 5.2 Return policy[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]
* 6 Products[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]
  + 6.1 Kirkland Signature[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]
* 7 Publications[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]
* 8 Services[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]
  + 8.1 Concierge service[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]
  + 8.2 Costco Auto[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]
  + 8.3 Costco business services[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]
  + 8.4 Costco Optical[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=22)]
  + 8.5 Costco Travel[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=23)]
  + 8.6 Food service[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=24)]
  + 8.7 Online photo site[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=25)]
  + 8.8 Online shopping[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=26)]
* 9 Animal welfare concerns[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=27)]
* 10 Labor relations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=28)]
* 11 Locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=29)]
  + 11.1 Largest location[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=30)]
  + 11.2 International locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=31)]
  + 11.3 Expansion worldwide[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=32)]
  + 11.4 Costco Business Centers[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=33)]
    - 11.4.1 Welcome[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=34)]
    - 11.4.2 Product Selections, Stations and Coupons[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=35)]
    - 11.4.3 Comparing Between the Business Center and the Regular Warehouse[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=36)]
    - 11.4.4 Locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=37)]
* 12 Discontinued concepts[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=38)]
  + 12.1 Costco Home[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=39)]
* 13 See also[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=40)]
* 14 References[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=41)]
* 15 Further reading[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=42)]
* 16 External links[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=43)]

## History[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

[150px|thumb|Costco in](/wiki/File:CostcoMoncton.JPG) [Mapleton Shopping Area](/wiki/Mapleton_Shopping_Area), [Moncton](/wiki/Moncton), [New Brunswick](/wiki/New_Brunswick), [Canada](/wiki/Canada) [150px|thumb|Costco in](/wiki/File:Costcostorehenderson.jpg) [Henderson, Nevada](/wiki/Henderson,_Nevada) [150px|thumb|Costco in](/wiki/File:CostcoTlalpan.JPG) [Tlalpan](/wiki/Tlalpan), Mexico City [150px|thumb|Costco in](/wiki/File:CostcoMarkham2.JPG) [Markham, Ontario](/wiki/Markham,_Ontario) [150px|thumb|Australia's first Costco outlet, at](/wiki/File:Costco_Melbourne.jpg) [Docklands, Victoria](/wiki/Docklands,_Victoria) [150px|thumb|Costco in](/wiki/File:Costco-GifuHashima.JPG) [Hashima, Gifu](/wiki/Hashima,_Gifu), Japan

### Price Club and the birth of the retail warehouse concept[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) The entire history of Costco began with [Sol Price](/wiki/Sol_Price) and his son, Robert, opening the first Price Club warehouse on July 12, 1976 on Morena Boulevard in San Diego, California, thus giving birth to a totally new concept: a retail warehouse club. The Price family placed Price Club Warehouse #1 inside a series of old airplane hangars[[5]](#cite_note-5)[[9]](#cite_note-9) previously owned by [Howard Hughes](/wiki/Howard_Hughes); that warehouse, now known as Costco Warehouse #401, is still in operation today.

### Costco opens[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

[thumb|Costco's original logo. Used until 1993, but stores continued to carry the logo until 1997.](/wiki/File:CostcoOLD.png) Costco opened its first warehouse in [Seattle, Washington](/wiki/Seattle), on September 15, 1983,[[5]](#cite_note-5) by [James (Jim) Sinegal](/wiki/James_Sinegal) and [Jeffrey H. Brotman](/wiki/Jeffrey_Brotman).[[10]](#cite_note-10) Sinegal had started in wholesale distribution by working for Price at both [FedMart](/wiki/FedMart) and Price Club and Brotman, an [attorney](/wiki/Attorney_at_law_(United_States)) from an old Seattle retailing family, had also been involved in retail distribution from an early age. [Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

### The "PriceCostco" merger[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

In 1993, Costco and Price Club agreed to merge operations themselves after Price declined an offer from [Sam Walton](/wiki/Sam_Walton) and [Walmart](/wiki/Walmart) to merge Price Club with their warehouse store chain, [Sam's Club](/wiki/Sam's_Club).[[11]](#cite_note-11) Costco's business model and size were similar to those of Price Club, which made the merger make more sense for both firms.<ref name=highlights/> The combined company took the name **PriceCostco**, and memberships became universal, meaning that a Price Club member could use their membership to shop at Costco and vice versa. PriceCostco boasted 206 locations generating $16 billion in annual sales.<ref name=membership/> PriceCostco was initially led by executives from both companies, but then the Price brothers soon left the company in 1994 to form [Price Enterprises](/wiki/PriceSmart),[[12]](#cite_note-12) a company unrelated to the current Costco.[[13]](#cite_note-13) In 1997, the company changed its name to Costco Wholesale Corporation and all remaining Price Club locations were rebranded as Costco.<ref name=membership/><ref name=highlights/>

### Other company milestones[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

On April 26, 2012, CNBC premiered its documentary, *The Costco Craze: Inside the Warehouse Giant*.[[14]](#cite_note-14) In October 2014, Costco announced plans to open an online store in China using [Alibaba Group](/wiki/Alibaba_Group).[[15]](#cite_note-15)

## Costco today[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

In the United States, Costco's main competitors operating membership warehouses are [Sam's Club](/wiki/Sam's_Club) and [BJ's Wholesale Club](/wiki/BJ's_Wholesale_Club).[[16]](#cite_note-16) Costco employs about 174,000 full and part-time [employees](/wiki/Employment).[[17]](#cite_note-17) In 2016, Costco had 85 million members.[[18]](#cite_note-18) Costco was the first company to grow from zero to $3 billion in sales in under six years.<ref name=membership/> For the fiscal year ending on August 31, 2012, the company's sales totaled $97.062 billion, with $1.709 billion net profit.[[17]](#cite_note-17) Costco is 18th on the 2015 [Fortune 500](/wiki/Fortune_500).<ref name=fortune500>[Template:Cite journal](/wiki/Template:Cite_journal)</ref> The ACSI (The American Customer Satisfaction Index) named Costco number one in the specialty retail store industry with a score of 84 in 2014.[[19]](#cite_note-19) [Template:As of](/wiki/Template:As_of), Costco's board of directors is chaired by co-founder [Jeffrey H. Brotman](/wiki/Jeffrey_Brotman) and includes two officers of the company: President/CEO [W. Craig Jelinek](/wiki/W._Craig_Jelinek) and CFO Richard A. Galanti.

## Sales model[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

[thumb|right|250px|Costco warehouse interior in](/wiki/File:Costcointerior.jpg) [Mountain View, California](/wiki/Mountain_View,_California) Costco focuses on selling products at low [prices](/wiki/Price), often at very high volume. These goods are usually bulk-packaged and marketed primarily to large families and businesses. Furthermore, Costco does not carry multiple brands or varieties where the item is essentially the same except when it has a house brand to sell, generally by the Kirkland Signature label. This results in a high volume of sales from a vendor, allowing further reductions in price, and reducing marketing costs. If Costco management feels the wholesale price of a product is too high, they will refuse to stock the product. For example, on November 16, 2009, Costco announced that it would stop selling [Coca-Cola](/wiki/Coca-Cola) products because the soft-drink maker refused to lower its wholesale prices.[[20]](#cite_note-20)Costco resumed selling Coca-Cola products on December 14, 2009.[[21]](#cite_note-21)[[22]](#cite_note-22) Costco also saves money by not stocking extra bags or packing materials; to carry out their goods, customers must bring their own bags or use the merchandise shipping boxes from the company's outside vendors.

Lighting costs are reduced on sunny days, as most Costco locations have several skylights. During the day, electronic light meters measure how much light is coming in the skylights and turn off an appropriate percentage of the interior lights. During an average sunny day, it is very normal for the center section of the warehouse not to have interior lights in use.[[23]](#cite_note-23) Most products are delivered to the warehouse on shipping [pallets](/wiki/Pallet) and these pallets are used to display products for sale on the warehouse floor. This contrasts with retail stores that break down pallets and stock individual products on shelves. Costco limits its price markup on items to 15%;[[24]](#cite_note-24) most products have an 8% to 10% markup, while the Kirkland Signature brand products have a 15% markup.[[25]](#cite_note-25)

## Membership[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

Costco's membership comprises a large, loyal, and affluent constituency, with an average annual household income of $156,000 a year.[[26]](#cite_note-26) Costco stores are only open to members and their guests, except for purchases of gasoline and [liquor](/wiki/Distilled_beverage) in some U.S. states because of [state law](/wiki/State_law), optical prescriptions and [prescription drugs](/wiki/Prescription_drugs) because of federal law, and (in some regions) purchases made with Costco Cash Cards. While Costco welcomes guests to accompany members, only members are authorized to pay for items (unless the guests have Costco Cash cards).[[27]](#cite_note-27) Memberships purchases are paid in advance for one year.

* In Australia, as of July 2009, membership is [A$](/wiki/Australian_dollar)55 a year for a business membership, or A$60 a year for a Gold Star membership.<ref name=australiamembership>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>
* In Canada, as of May 2013, membership is [C$](/wiki/Canadian_dollar)55 a year for a Gold Star membership and includes a card for a spouse, or CDN $110 a year for an Executive membership.<ref name=canadianmembership>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>
* In Mexico, as of December 2015, membership is [Mex$](/wiki/Mexican_peso)450 a year for a Gold Star membership, or Mex$1000 a year for an Executive membership.<ref name=mexicanmembership>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> Costco is only open to members for all services and purchases. At Mexican locations, only purchases made with cash, the Mexican Costco credit card, [MasterCard](/wiki/MasterCard), or [Visa](/wiki/Visa_Inc.) debit cards are charged cash prices; purchases made with AMEX, MasterCard, and Visa credit cards incur a surcharge of 2%, and purchases made with a check incur a surcharge of 1.85%.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)
* In Spain, as of April 2015, membership is €30 plus VAT a year for a Gold Star membership, which includes an additional card for no charge, or €25 plus VAT a year for a Business membership, which also includes an additional card for free.<ref name=spainmembership>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>
* In the United Kingdom, as of July 2015, membership is restricted to certain groups only. Trade membership is available to the owners or managers of businesses for [£](/wiki/Pound_sterling)20 (plus [VAT](/wiki/VAT)). Trade members receive a complimentary spouse/partner card, and can purchase additional cards (at a cost of £12+VAT each) for employees. Qualified professionals, such as accountants, [architects](/wiki/Chartered_architect), dentists, doctors, engineers, [opticians](/wiki/Optician), [pharmacists](/wiki/Pharmacist), [surveyors](/wiki/Chartered_Surveyor), [magistrates](/wiki/Magistrate) and solicitors, as well as employees in certain specific sectors (such as airlines, banking, the civil service, education, local government and medical services) may apply for individual membership, which costs £25 including a spouse/partner card. While these restrictions are posted in the store they are not applied rigorously; in reality any individual may apply for, and receive, a membership card.[[28]](#cite_note-28) A Costco card issued in another country is valid in the U.K.,[[29]](#cite_note-29) and as such, it would be possible for a U.K. resident to sign up elsewhere and use their card at home without meeting U.K. membership requirements.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)
* In the U.S., as of May 2015, membership fees at Costco are US$55 per year for a Gold Star (individual) or Business membership, which can be upgraded to an Executive membership for an additional US$55 per year.[[5]](#cite_note-5) All memberships include, free of charge, an additional card for a household member, an option to buy more cards for other members associated with the primary account holder, and additional benefits for Executive memberships, e.g., check printing services, home loans, some travel benefits, and vehicle insurance. Executive members also receive an annual "2% Rewards Check" of up to US$750 from Costco on all purchases made, excluding select items such as gasoline, stamps, tobacco, and in some states, alcohol.[[30]](#cite_note-30)

## Policies[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

### Forms of Payment[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

#### Cash Cards[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

Costco Cash Cards can be purchased in the warehouse or online,[[31]](#cite_note-31) and members can load them with money to make non-cash purchases at all Costco warehouses in Australia and the United States. Because Costco gas stations take only [American Express](/wiki/American_Express), Costco Cash, Costco credit cards, [debit cards](/wiki/Debit_card), and [MasterCard](/wiki/MasterCard) (Canadian locations only), people who can only pay for gas by check or cash must purchase a Costco Cash Card before filling up.

A Costco membership is not required to make purchases with a Costco Cash Card. A non-member may not purchase or re-load a Costco Cash Card; however, they may spend more than the total value of their cash card in-store provided they pay in cash or approved debit cards for the remaining balance.[[32]](#cite_note-32)

#### Credit cards[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

Online, Costco.com accepts [American Express](/wiki/American_Express), [Discover Card](/wiki/Discover_Card), [MasterCard](/wiki/MasterCard), [PayPal Credit](/wiki/PayPal_Credit), and [Visa cards](/wiki/Visa_card).[[27]](#cite_note-27) At Costco stores and gas stations, until June 19, 2016, American Express is the only accepted credit card in Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States, because Amex charges Costco very low [interchange fees](/wiki/Interchange_fee) (a percentage of revenue from total sales made); as Costco's margins are low in comparison to other retailers'.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) Other forms of payment accepted at Canadian, United Kingdom, and United States Costco locations include cash, Costco Cash Cards, Costco credit cards, [checks](/wiki/Personal_check), [EBT cards](/wiki/EBT_cards) ([food stamps](/wiki/Supplemental_Nutrition_Assistance_Program)), and PIN-based [debit cards](/wiki/Debit_card) ([Interac](/wiki/Interac) in Canada). Costco also accepts [Flexible spending account](/wiki/Flexible_spending_account) (FSA) debit cards for qualifying purchases at the optical and pharmacy departments in the U.S.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

As of January 1, 2015, MasterCard is the only accepted credit card at Costco warehouses in Canada.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

On February 12, 2015, it was announced that the 16-year partnership between American Express and Costco will dissolve June 19, 2016. As of June 20, Costco will no longer accept American Express credit cards, and cardholders of TrueEarnings Costco-American Express cards will no longer be able to use them anywhere after June 19, 2016. American Express mentioned that it and Costco had failed to reach an agreement that would have continued their partnership beyond June 19, 2016, the end date of their current contract. On March 2, 2015, Costco announced that Citigroup Inc. will become the exclusive issuer of Costco's credit cards and that Visa Inc. will replace American Express as the credit-card network for Costco’s stores starting on June 20, 2016. Costco will accept other Visa cards under the new agreement, as well.[[33]](#cite_note-33)[[34]](#cite_note-34)[[35]](#cite_note-35) AmEx has been sued[Template:By whom](/wiki/Template:By_whom) for failing to reveal the expected financial impact on its firm of the loss of Costco business, which is expected to be substantial.<ref name=amexlawsuit>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> The Costco partnership represented 8%, or $80 billion, of AmEx's billed business and about 20%, or about $14 billion, of its interest-bearing credit portfolio, according to Richard Shane of JP Morgan Chase & Co.[[35]](#cite_note-35) The impact of this change on consumers will be significant, because Costco is one of the few large-scale retailers that only accepts American Express and not Discover Card, MasterCard, or Visa credit cards, although Costco does accept MasterCard and Visa debit cards. The TrueEarnings Costco-American Express card does not have an annual fee and offers cash back on certain tiers of purchases; to retain TrueEarnings members and attract new American Express customers, AmEx is offering a deal which includes zero percent interest for six months, followed by a variable rate at 15.24%.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

#### Food stamps in the U.S.[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

Until 2009, Costco did not accept [food stamps](/wiki/Food_Stamp_Program). As of March 14, 2009, an article in the [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](/wiki/Pittsburgh_Post-Gazette) quoted Jim Sinegal, co-founder and president of the company, as saying, "Generally we don't have customers who use food stamps."[[36]](#cite_note-36) In response to the poor economy, as well as competitor [BJ's Wholesale Club's](/wiki/BJ's_Wholesale_Club) decision in April 2009 to accept electronic food stamp benefits chainwide,[[37]](#cite_note-37) Costco announced in May that year that it would accept food stamps on a trial basis in two New York City stores, starting in June 2009, and depending on its success, might expand it to all New York City stores.<ref name=costNYC>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> The company subsequently announced plans to expand the program beyond New York City, targeting first the "hard-hit areas like the "[Central Valley of California](/wiki/Central_Valley_(California))", [Indiana](/wiki/Indiana), and [Michigan](/wiki/Michigan), expanding to "half its roughly 410 U.S. stores by [Thanksgiving](/wiki/Thanksgiving)", and then going nationwide.[[38]](#cite_note-38)

### Return policy[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

Costco memberships can be refunded in full at any time before they expire.[[39]](#cite_note-39) Costco guarantees almost all of their products with a full refund. Exceptions include cameras, camcorders, cellular phones, computers, digital audio players, projectors, and televisions; these may be returned within 90 days of purchase for a refund, for any reason. After 90 days those returns must be done through the manufacturer according to the terms of the warranty. Also excepted are tires (which are covered by their manufacturer's separate defects and treadwear warranties) and batteries (which are covered by a 36/100-month warranty, where they may be replaced for free in the first 30 months and are covered under a pro-rated warranty for months 31-85). Costco has negotiated with manufacturers to extend the manufacturer's warranty to two years for new computers and televisions (five years on televisions sold by Costco in the UK).<ref name=costco.com/>

## Products[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

Costco has a wide variety of changing inventory and is known for carrying products for a time, then discontinuing them or using them as seasonal products.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) Over the years, Costco has gradually expanded its range of products and services. Initially, it preferred to sell only boxed products that could be dispensed by simply tearing the stretch wrap off a pallet. It now sells many other products that are more difficult to handle, such as art, books, [caskets](/wiki/Caskets), clothing, computer software, fine wine, furniture [home appliances](/wiki/Home_appliance), [home electronics](/wiki/Electronics), [hot tubs](/wiki/Hot_tub), [jewelry](/wiki/Jewellery), perishable items (such as dairy, fresh [baked goods](/wiki/Baking), flowers, fresh produce, meat, seafood), [solar panels](/wiki/Solar_panel), tires, and [vacuums](/wiki/Vacuum). Many warehouses also have [gas stations](/wiki/Filling_station), [pharmacies](/wiki/Pharmacy), [hearing aid](/wiki/Hearing_aid) centers, [optometrists](/wiki/Optometry), [photo processors](/wiki/Photographic_processing), and tire [garages](/wiki/Automobile_repair_shop).

Some locations have liquor stores, often kept separate from the main warehouse in order to comply with [liquor license](/wiki/Liquor_license) restrictions. In some states (such as Texas), the liquor store must be owned and operated by a separate company with separate employees.[[40]](#cite_note-40) In 2006, Costco lost a lawsuit against the state of [Washington](/wiki/Washington_(U.S._state)) in which it was seeking to purchase wine directly from the producer, bypassing the [state retail monopoly](/wiki/Alcoholic_beverage_control_state).[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) In Australia, Costco has to comply with regulations set by each state they choose trade in; their first store in the state of Victoria benefits from some of the most liberal alcohol licensing laws in the country, with retailers permitted to sell alcohol on shelves within the store, in a manner similar to most European countries. In the Canadian province of [Quebec](/wiki/Quebec), beer and wine are sold within the stores from pallets.

### Kirkland Signature[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

[frame|Kirkland Signature logo](/wiki/File:Kirkland_Signature_logo.svg) [150px|thumb|Kirkland Signature branded](/wiki/File:Bottledwater.jpg) [bottled water](/wiki/Bottled_water), pictured in 2005 "Kirkland Signature" is Costco's [private label](/wiki/Private_label). It is found at Costco's website, Costco warehouses, and [Amazon.com](/wiki/Amazon.com), and is trademarked by the company. The name is derived from the location (from 1987 to 1996) of Costco's corporate headquarters, [Kirkland, Washington](/wiki/Kirkland,_Washington).[[41]](#cite_note-41) Costco introduced Kirkland Signature as its private label in 1992. The idea was to identify categories in which a private label product could provide brand name quality at discounted prices.[[42]](#cite_note-42) To counteract the consumer confidence problem common in store branding, Kirkland Signature occasionally employs [co-branding](/wiki/Co-branding). According to Costco, while consumers may be wary of same-store-branding, they are less likely to be wary of brands that they are familiar with and trust.[[43]](#cite_note-43)

## Publications[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

*The Costco Connection* is a magazine sent free to members of Costco; it can also be accessed online by anyone, free of charge.[[44]](#cite_note-44) The magazine, established in 1987,[[45]](#cite_note-45) features articles which regularly tie into the corporation along with business, celebrity features, cooking, entertaining, health, home improvement, and social articles, as well as coupons and ads. MediaPost reports: "While about 90% of the magazine’s advertising is co-op, increasingly national advertisers such as Procter & Gamble are buying space, notes Roeglin -- presumably because of the pub’s gargantuan reach and the data it has on its subscribers (whose average household income is $156,000 a year). 'We see about 56% of our subscribers a month buy something at one of our stores based on something they've read in the magazine,' says Roeglin."[[26]](#cite_note-26) The magazine is the largest-circulation print monthly in the United States.[[26]](#cite_note-26) Costco also publishes the *Costco Household Almanac* and a cookbook series.[[46]](#cite_note-46)

## Services[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

### Concierge service[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

Costco offers a free "concierge" service to members who purchase electronics, to help answer questions regarding setup and use and avoid potential returns due to not understanding how to use the products.<ref name=costco.com/>

Costco acts as an investment broker and [travel agent](/wiki/Travel_agency). Costco has an agreement with [Ameriprise](/wiki/Ameriprise_Financial) for auto and home insurance. In 2004 Costco offered an original artwork by artist [Pablo Picasso](/wiki/Pablo_Picasso) on their online store; more recently[Template:When](/wiki/Template:When) a highly regarded 1982 [Mouton Rothschild](/wiki/Château_Mouton_Rothschild) wine was offered as well as other rare wines in rotation.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

Costco Photo Center is a multi-functional photography printing lab offering services at the warehouses as well as through their web site, costcophotocenter.com. The website provides free unlimited digital file storage with a current membership. Previous to May or June 2010, Costco had an agreement with Mypublisher.com for custom book and calendar publishing. Now,[Template:When](/wiki/Template:When) they print the photobooks and calendars themselves.

### Costco Auto[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

As of September 2015, Costco is the second largest auto seller in the US, just behind AutoNation.[[47]](#cite_note-47) Costco regularly teams up with various automobile manufacturers to offer special deals to customers, e.g., Polaris (a leading seller of powersport vehicles) in 4Q2015[[47]](#cite_note-47) and [General Motors](/wiki/General_Motors) from October 2015 through January 2016.[[48]](#cite_note-48) *Addicted to Costco* lists the following as some benefits of the Costco Auto Program:[[48]](#cite_note-48)\*A low, prearranged price for Costco members

* All available national manufacturer incentives
* An easy, hassle-free experience at more than 3,000 hand-selected dealerships nationwide
* Dealerships that understand the program and their processes, and feature specially trained and certified Authorized Contacts to assist Costco members

### Costco business services[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

On March 9, 2005, NOVA Information Systems (NOVA) partnered with Costco to market and support [payment processing](/wiki/Payment_processing) services to Costco Canada's Business Executive Members.[[49]](#cite_note-49)

### Costco Optical[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=22)]

Costco Optical ranks as the fifth-largest optical company in the US, as of 2015.[[50]](#cite_note-50) Optometrists working at Costco locations will see patients without Costco memberships,[[51]](#cite_note-51) although a membership is required to fill a prescription at the optical department.[[52]](#cite_note-52)

### Costco Travel[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=23)]

Costco Travel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Costco Wholesale and offers leisure travel to Costco members of the United States and Canada.[[53]](#cite_note-53) The program was established in 2000 as a service to Costco members. Costco Travel's offices are located in [Issaquah, Washington](/wiki/Issaquah,_Washington), adjacent to Costco's corporate headquarters. Costco Travel employs 290 travel professionals, all them Costco employees.

The program offers vacation packages to the Caribbean, Europe, Florida, Hawaii, Las Vegas, Mexico, and the South Pacific.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) Other products include car rentals, cruises, guided vacations, and theme park packages. Select products feature additional benefits for Costco Executive Members.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

The program is marketed directly to Costco members through various Costco avenues, including the *Travel Guide to Savings* (found in all U.S. Costco warehouses) and in the Travel section of Costco.com.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed)

### Food service[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=24)]

[thumb|A food concession stand at the Costco warehouse in](/wiki/File:Costco-foodcourt.jpg) [Overland Park, Kansas](/wiki/Overland_Park,_Kansas) All but a few Costco locations have a [food court](/wiki/Food_court).[[54]](#cite_note-54) Some food courts are inside, and some are outside,[[55]](#cite_note-55) but the menu is essentially the same, offering a quarter-pound 100% beef [hot dog](/wiki/Hot_dog) or [Polish sausage](/wiki/Polish_sausage) and 20 fl. oz. (591 ml) drink (with refills) for [US$](/wiki/U.S._dollar)1.50, the same price since 1985.[[56]](#cite_note-56)[[57]](#cite_note-57) In Australia, the hot dog is made of pork and is sold at [AUD$](/wiki/Australian_dollar)1.99 with large soda. In Canada, the price for a hot dog and a 20 fl. oz. (591 ml)-size soda with refills is [C$](/wiki/Canadian_dollar)1.50.[[58]](#cite_note-58) In Mexico, the hot dog is made of 100% beef and includes a drink (with refills) for [Mex$](/wiki/Mexican_peso) 30. In the UK, the hot dog is also made from beef; customers can also get a drink (with refills) for [£](/wiki/Pound_sterling)1.50. Costco sold more than 82 million quarter-pound (113 g) hot dogs in its food courts in 2008.[[58]](#cite_note-58) Cheese, pepperoni, veggie, or combo pizza is also available in most locations, and can be ordered to go at many locations, making Costco arguably the 14th largest pizza chain in the US in 2010.[[59]](#cite_note-59) Frozen yogurt is also served in chocolate, vanilla, or swirled together. Also offered are berry [smoothies](/wiki/Smoothie), [latte](/wiki/Latte) freeze (without chocolate), mocha freeze (with chocolate), beef bake, chicken bake,[[60]](#cite_note-60) [bulgogi](/wiki/Bulgogi) bake,[[61]](#cite_note-61) turkey provolone sandwiches, twisted [churros](/wiki/Churro), chicken [Caesar salads](/wiki/Caesar_salad), and in some locations, [gelato](/wiki/Gelato). [French fries](/wiki/French_fries) are also offered in some locations. Due to slow sales, the [pretzel](/wiki/Pretzel) was replaced by the churro.[[62]](#cite_note-62) The nutrition data for the Costco Food Court items is posted online.[[63]](#cite_note-63) In April 2013, Pepsi replaced all Coca-Cola fountain drinks at US food service locations, but the hot dog-soda combo will continue to cost US$1.50.[[64]](#cite_note-64)

### Online photo site[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=25)]

In December 2005, Costco signed an agreement with PhotoChannel Networks Inc., whereby Costco could deploy the PNI Digital Media Platform to offer online photo printing for Costco members through the website.[[65]](#cite_note-65) On July 17, 2015 Costco disabled their online photo site.[[66]](#cite_note-66) In common with other retailers,[[67]](#cite_note-67) there is currently no confirmation about whether hackers had stolen Costco customers' photographs or data. As of August 1, 2015, Costco was estimating the website might return in mid August, after a four-week outage.[[68]](#cite_note-68)

### Online shopping[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=26)]

On April 17, 2001, Costco Wholesale opened a B2B (Business to Business) online shopping site at costco.com for faster and easier business shopping.[[69]](#cite_note-69) The domain *costco.com* attracted at least 58 million visitors in 2008, according to a [Compete.com](/wiki/Compete.com) survey.[[70]](#cite_note-70) Costco.com is for United States members; costco.ca is for Canadian members, and other countries, such as Mexico, South Korea, and the UK, each has its own online Costco shopping website.

## Animal welfare concerns[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=27)]

In 2010, [Mercy for Animals](/wiki/Mercy_for_Animals) conducted an undercover investigation at Buckeye Veal Farm, a [veal](/wiki/Veal) supplier to Costco.[[71]](#cite_note-71) Immediately following the investigative release, Costco adopted a policy against purchasing [veal](/wiki/Veal) from producers that use the [crate-and-chain](/wiki/Crate-and-chain) production method.[[72]](#cite_note-72) The case prompted Ohio decision-makers[Template:Clarify](/wiki/Template:Clarify) to vote in favor of a veal crate phase-out in the state.[[73]](#cite_note-73) In 2012, [Mercy for Animals](/wiki/Mercy_for_Animals) conducted an undercover investigation at a pork supplier to Costco, [Walmart](/wiki/Walmart), [Safeway](/wiki/Safeway_Inc.), [Kroger](/wiki/Kroger), and [Kmart](/wiki/Kmart).[[74]](#cite_note-74) Before the public release of the investigation, Costco announced they would begin requiring their pork suppliers to phase out [gestation crates](/wiki/Gestation_crates).[[75]](#cite_note-75)[[76]](#cite_note-76) In 2015, [The Humane Society of the United States](/wiki/The_Humane_Society_of_the_United_States) conducted an undercover investigation at an egg supplier to Costco.[[77]](#cite_note-77) An undercover worker at Hillandale Farms, a major egg supplier to Costco, filmed conditions in which egg-laying hens lived in [tiny, wire cages.](/wiki/Battery_cage) [[78]](#cite_note-78) Following the investigations, several celebrities including [Brad Pitt](/wiki/Brad_Pitt) and [Ryan Gosling](/wiki/Ryan_Gosling) publicly wrote to Costco to address this issue.[[79]](#cite_note-79) Following efforts by animal protection nonprofits include The Humane League,[[80]](#cite_note-80) Costco released an updated commitment to source exclusively cage-free eggs in its operations.[[81]](#cite_note-81)

## Labor relations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=28)]

While some former Price Club locations in California and the northeastern United States are staffed by [Teamsters](/wiki/Teamsters),[[82]](#cite_note-82) the majority of Costco locations are not unionized although there seems to be a move in 2012 to unionize some locations in Canada.[[83]](#cite_note-83) The non-union locations have revisions to their Costco Employee Agreement every three years concurrent with union contract ratifications in locations with collective bargaining agreements. The Employee Agreement sets forth such things as benefits, compensations, wages, disciplinary procedures, paid holidays, bonuses, and seniority. The Employee Agreement is subject to change by Costco at any time and offers no absolute protection to the workers. [Template:As of](/wiki/Template:As_of), non-supervisory hourly wages ranged from $11.00 to $21.00 in the U.S., $11.00 to $22.15 in Canada, and £6.28 to £10.50 in the United Kingdom. In the U.S. as of 2005, eighty-five percent of Costco's workers had [health insurance](/wiki/Health_insurance), compared with less than fifty percent at Walmart and Target.[[84]](#cite_note-84) Product-demonstration (e.g., food samples) employees work for an outside company. In the western U.S., the company is called Warehouse Demo Services, Kirkland, Washington.[[85]](#cite_note-85) Costco also uses Club Demonstration Services, based in San Diego, California.[[86]](#cite_note-86) In Canada, demonstrations are done exclusively by Professional Warehouse Demonstrations.[[87]](#cite_note-87) Demonstration employees receive a pay and benefit package that is less than that of Costco employees.[[88]](#cite_note-88) In 2014, [*The Guardian*](/wiki/The_Guardian) reported that Costco is a client of [Charoen Pokphand Foods](/wiki/Charoen_Pokphand_Foods). Over six months, *The Guardian* traced down a supply chain from slave ships in Asian waters to leading producers and retailers. Costco has published a statement saying it has had a supplier code of conduct since 1999 which does not allow this practice, and that independent auditors check for violations regularly.[[89]](#cite_note-89)[[90]](#cite_note-90)[[91]](#cite_note-91)[[92]](#cite_note-92)

## Locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=29)]

[250px|thumb|right|Map of Costco warehouses in the US (August 2010).](/wiki/File:Costco_USA_footprint_2010-08.png) [Template:As of](/wiki/Template:As_of), Costco has 705 warehouses, worldwide:<ref name=Costco-IR-Profile/>

* 493 in 43 states in the United States and Puerto Rico
* 90 in 9 provinces in Canada
* 36 in 18 states in Mexico
* 27 in 3 nations in the United Kingdom
* 25 in Japan
* 12 in South Korea
* 12 in Taiwan
* 8 in Australia
* 2 in Spain

### Largest location[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=30)]

In 2005, the world's largest Costco was located in [Hillsboro, Oregon](/wiki/Hillsboro,_Oregon).[[93]](#cite_note-93) In 2015, Costco completed an expansion in [Salt Lake City, UT](/wiki/Salt_Lake_City,_UT), making it the new largest Costco at 235,000 square feet.[[94]](#cite_note-94)

### International locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=31)]

Warehouses outside the US are similar to those in the US. Layout, signage, and even parking lot markings are generally identical to warehouses in the US.[Template:Citation needed](/wiki/Template:Citation_needed) Food court menus are tailored to international tastes, with [meat pies](/wiki/Australian_and_New_Zealand_meat_pie) on offer in Australia, [poutine](/wiki/Poutine) in Canada, seafood-topped pizza in Asian and Mexican locations, clam chowder in Japan, South Korean, and Taiwan, and [jacket potatoes](/wiki/Jacket_potatoes) in the UK.<ref name=buckscoopcostcomelbourne>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> Additionally, the merchandise mix available in warehouses is tailored to local tastes, with a mix of both American and local products available.

### Expansion worldwide[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=32)]

Costco announced it was opening 28 new locations in 2013, the most in one year since 2007.[[95]](#cite_note-95) As of April 19, 2015, Costco Spain has a message on their Costco.es website which states (in [Spanish](/wiki/Spanish_language)): "Costco will arrive in [Madrid](/wiki/Madrid) very soon", which might indicate expansion plans for the company.<ref name=spainexpansion>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>

On July 27, 2015, Costco signed a purchase agreement for premises of 12,000 square meters in the city of [Garðabær](/wiki/Garðabær), [Iceland](/wiki/Iceland), with plans to open Spring 2016.<ref name=icelandexpansion>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> Plans include a bakery, deli, gas station, pharmacy, tire center, and an optical center, and about 250 employees.<ref name=costcoiceland>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref> The Garðabær warehouse will reportedly include a coffee shop and have a partially-vegetation-covered roof when it opens in November 2016.[[96]](#cite_note-96)

### Costco Business Centers[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=33)]

[Template:Advert](/wiki/Template:Advert)

#### Welcome[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=34)]

Costco Business Centers are open to all Costco Members, although they are designed and merchandised to serve small businesses. While a business card is not necessary, membership cards are still checked upon entry and receipts are still presented to greeters on exit.

#### Product Selections, Stations and Coupons[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=35)]

Costco Business Centers carry convenience store, hospitality, janitorial, restaurant, and professional office supplies; items are offered in bulk or in smaller quantities, and selection for a given category of product is much broader than can be found in traditional Costco warehouse stores. The regular warehouse does not carry the selection of business merchandise that businesses require to successfully run their business. The business center may not have as many organic foods as the regular warehouse does. Delivery is available. Unlike traditional Costcos, products such as clothing, hearing aids, jewelry, optical products, sporting goods, books, CDs and DVDs, seasonal goods, and tires are not available.<ref name=lvsun>[Template:Cite news](/wiki/Template:Cite_news)</ref> There are no stations including the bakery, hearing aid center, tire center along with no tires, photo center, pharmacy, or fresh deli. There are also no free samples. A limited assortment of [over-the-counter drugs](/wiki/Over-the-counter_drugs) and toiletries are sold, though there is no [pharmacy](/wiki/Pharmacy). Some locations have a food court and/or gas station. All except [Bedford Park, IL](/wiki/Bedford_Park,_IL), [Hayward, CA](/wiki/Hayward,_CA), and [San Diego, CA](/wiki/San_Diego,_CA) have a Print & Copy Center. The Print & Copy center provides professional printing services like making copies, printing banners, posters, flyers, menus & pamphlets. Also, you can even order customized apparel and promotional items with your business, club or team's name & logo on them. Because businesses need more convenient hours that fit their business schedule, the business center opens at 8:00 am and closes at 6:00 pm. The business centers are also closed on Sundays and closed on all major holidays. The business centers have their own coupon books and do not accept coupons from the regular warehouse. The coupon books are valid on a different schedule than the regular warehouse. You can also order products by the pallet load or a truckload.

#### Comparing Between the Business Center and the Regular Warehouse[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=36)]

The business center is not as big as the regular warehouse. The size of the building averages 115,000 square feet whereas the regular warehouse averages 150,000 square feet. The entire site of the business center also isn't as big. The site only averages [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert), whereas the regular warehouse averages [Template:Convert](/wiki/Template:Convert). The business center will only have 300-350 parking spaces, compared to the regular warehouse that has at least 750 parking spaces. Also, the traffic at the business center is not as huge as the regular warehouse is. There are typically 1,000 customers per day at the business center, where the regular warehouse has 6,000-8,000 customers per day. 50% of the sales volume is done by delivery, and the average sale per member is $300 at the business center vs $100 at the regular warehouse. The business center has stalls of on-site truck parking, but the regular warehouse doesn't. The business center has 4 inbound and 5 outbound loading docks, and the regular warehouse has 5 inbound and no outbound loading docks. There are also 20 inbound and 30 outbound truck trips per day at the business center, and the regular warehouse has 25 inbound and no outbound truck trips. There are also not as many carts at the business center. There are 200 regular carts and 50 flatbeds at the business center, whereas the regular warehouse has 700 regular carts and 100 flatbeds. The flatbeds at the business center have a basked attached to them to keep track of smaller items.

#### Locations[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=37)]

As of June 2016, there are 14 Costco Business Centers, located in [Phoenix, Arizona](/wiki/Phoenix,_Arizona); California ([Commerce](/wiki/Commerce,_California), [Hawthorne](/wiki/Hawthorne,_California), [Hayward](/wiki/Hayward,_California), [San Diego](/wiki/San_Diego,_California), and [Westminster](/wiki/Westminster,_California)); [Denver, Colorado](/wiki/Denver,_Colorado); [Morrow, Georgia](/wiki/Morrow,_Georgia); [Bedford Park, Illinois](/wiki/Bedford_Park,_Illinois); [Hackensack, New Jersey](/wiki/Hackensack,_New_Jersey); [Las Vegas, Nevada](/wiki/Las_Vegas,_Nevada); and Washington ([Lynnwood](/wiki/Lynnwood,_Washington), and [Fife](/wiki/Fife,_Washington)).[[97]](#cite_note-97) In fall 2015, the [Salt Lake City, UT](/wiki/Salt_Lake_City,_UT) location expanded into both a regular warehouse with business type items.

## Discontinued concepts[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=38)]

### Costco Home[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=39)]

The first Costco Home warehouse debuted in 2002 in [Kirkland, Washington](/wiki/Kirkland,_Washington). The warehouse's concept was to combine the value, setting and members-only elements of Costco's warehouse clubs with the product array one would find at an upscale home store, such as [Fortunoff](/wiki/Fortunoff) or [Crate & Barrel](/wiki/Crate_&_Barrel). The Costco Home warehouses sold furniture, housewares, kitchen products and accessories from higher-end brands such as Lexington, [Ralph Lauren](/wiki/Polo_Ralph_Lauren) and Waterford[[98]](#cite_note-98) in a warehouse-club setting. Costco claimed that, similar to its main warehouses, it accepted lower margins in return for greater volume with minimal overhead.

Over time, the concept was adjusted to include home electronics, some major appliances, office furniture, and a large selection of outdoor furniture and window treatments. Costco also partners with [Glentel](/wiki/Glentel) subsidiary WIRELESS etc. to sell mobile phones and plans in Canada and Wireless Advocates in the US.

On April 2, 2009, the company announced that it would be abandoning its Costco Home concept, closing the two existing stores in Kirkland, Washington and [Tempe, Arizona](/wiki/Tempe,_Arizona) on July 3, 2009, and abandoning plans for a third store on the West Coast.[[99]](#cite_note-99) The company cited cutbacks in consumer spending on home products and its interest in focusing on its core business as the main reasons.

## See also[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=40)]

[Template:Portal](/wiki/Template:Portal)

* [BJ's Wholesale Club](/wiki/BJ's_Wholesale_Club)
* [Bulk foods](/wiki/Bulk_foods)
* [Sam's Club](/wiki/Sam's_Club)
* [Walmart](/wiki/Walmart)

## References[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=41)]

[Template:Reflist](/wiki/Template:Reflist)

## Further reading[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=42)]

* [Template:Cite journal](/wiki/Template:Cite_journal)

## External links[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=43)]

[Template:Commons category](/wiki/Template:Commons_category)

* [Costco Wholesale](http://www.costco.com/) official website
  + [Costco Mobile](http://m.costco.com/) official website
  + [Costco Auto Buying Program website](http://www.costcoauto.com/)
  + [Costco Travel official website](http://www.costcotravel.com/)
  + [Costco Business Delivery official website](http://www.costcobusinessdelivery.com/)
* [Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)

[Template:Seattle Corporations](/wiki/Template:Seattle_Corporations) [Template:NASDAQ-100](/wiki/Template:NASDAQ-100) [Template:Supermarkets of the United States](/wiki/Template:Supermarkets_of_the_United_States) [Template:Supermarkets in Australia](/wiki/Template:Supermarkets_in_Australia) [Template:Canadian Supermarkets](/wiki/Template:Canadian_Supermarkets) [Template:UK supermarkets](/wiki/Template:UK_supermarkets)

[Category:Discount stores of the United States](/wiki/Category:Discount_stores_of_the_United_States) [Category:Retail companies of the United States](/wiki/Category:Retail_companies_of_the_United_States) [Category:Online retailers of the United States](/wiki/Category:Online_retailers_of_the_United_States) [Category:Companies based in Washington (state)](/wiki/Category:Companies_based_in_Washington_(state)) [Category:Supermarkets of Canada](/wiki/Category:Supermarkets_of_Canada) [Category:Supermarkets of Mexico](/wiki/Category:Supermarkets_of_Mexico) [Category:Supermarkets of the United Kingdom](/wiki/Category:Supermarkets_of_the_United_Kingdom) [Category:Supermarkets of the United States](/wiki/Category:Supermarkets_of_the_United_States) [Category:Issaquah, Washington](/wiki/Category:Issaquah,_Washington) [Category:Companies listed on NASDAQ](/wiki/Category:Companies_listed_on_NASDAQ) [Category:Publicly traded companies of the United States](/wiki/Category:Publicly_traded_companies_of_the_United_States) [Category:Retail companies established in 1983](/wiki/Category:Retail_companies_established_in_1983) [Category:1983 establishments in Washington (state)](/wiki/Category:1983_establishments_in_Washington_(state))