A **business**, also known as an **enterprise** or a **firm**, is an [organization](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization) involved in the provision of [goods](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_(economics)), [services](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Service_(economics)), or both to [consumers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consumer).[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business#cite_note-1) Businesses are prevalent in [capitalist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capitalism) [economies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economy), where most of them are [privately owned](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_property) and provide goods and services to [customers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Customer) in exchange for other goods, services, or money. Businesses may also be social [not-for-profit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-profit_organization) enterprises or [state-owned](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government-owned_corporation) public enterprises targeted for specific social and economic objectives. A business owned by multiple individuals may be formed as an incorporated [company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Company) or jointly organised as a partnership. Countries have different laws that may ascribe different rights to the various business entities.

Business can refer to a particular organization or to an entire [market sector](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market_sector), e.g. "the music business". Compound forms such as [agribusiness](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agribusiness) represent subsets of the word's broader meaning, which encompasses all activity by suppliers of goods and services. The goal is for sales to be more than expenditures resulting in a profit