

Costco Wholesale Corp. engages in the operation of membership warehouses. The company is headquartered in Issaquah, Washington and currently employs 149,000 full-time employees. As of August 28, 2016, the Company operated 715 warehouses across the world. The firm's average warehouse space is approximately 144,000 square feet. The firm's warehouses on average operate on a seven-day, 70-hour week. The firm offers merchandise in various categories, which include foods (including dry foods, packaged foods and groceries); sundries (including snack foods, candy, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages, and cleaning supplies); hardlines (including appliances, electronics, health and beauty aids, hardware, and garden and patio); fresh foods (including meat, produce, deli and bakery); softlines (including apparel and small appliances), and other (including gas stations and pharmacy).