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Although the word "franchise" usually brings to mind big, expensive businesses like restaurants and retail stores, there are hundreds of lower-cost opportunities available. In this special report, we present today's top franchises requiring an average overall investment of less than \$100,000. Without the overhead of pricey real estate, expensive equipment, or large product inventories, this niche group of franchises can be just as profitable (and sometimes more profitable) as their higher cost counterparts.

Franchise Business Review annually surveys thousands of franchisees from hundreds of leading franchise brands to gauge franchisee satisfaction. If you're considering a low-cost franchise opportunity, this report is a great starting point for your research. Franchise Business Review annually surveys thousands of franchisees from hundreds of leading franchise brands to gauge franchisee satisfaction. Not all brands willingly open their doors to an independent research

firm like Franchise Business Review, but those who do can offer investors a wealth of information on the system's leadership, culture, training and support, financial outlook, and franchisee community—all from the perspective of franchisees. (If you're researching a brand that doesn't provide third-party franchisee satisfaction data, you may want to ask why as this can be a sign of deeper problems.)

This report highlights the top brands for low-cost franchises based exclusively on satisfaction, and we dig into what potential franchisees should consider as they research low-investment opportunities. Investing in a business is never without risk, but this elite list of today's top low-investment franchises is a great place to start.

Happy franchising!

Molly Rowe **Editorial Director**

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Low-Cost Franchises

Small on Investment, Big on Opportunity

One of the best ways to know if a franchise opportunity is really as good as it appears is to look at its franchisee satisfaction data.

WHO WE ARE

Franchise Business Review is a national market research firm that performs independent research of franchisee satisfaction. Our products include franchisee satisfaction reports, economic impact studies, customized surveys, sector studies, and other projects and services focused on driving franchise performance.

WHAT WE DO

To compile the data for this report, we surveyed over 11,000 franchisees, representing more than 145 low-cost brands and 29,585 franchise units/ locations. We contact all active franchisees within a franchise system and ask them to complete our satisfaction survey. Franchisees answer 33 benchmark questions ranking their franchise system in the areas of financial opportunity, training and support, leadership, operations and product development, core values (e.g., honesty and integrity of franchisor), general satisfaction, and the franchisee community. An additional 16 questions ask franchisees about their market area, demographics, business lifestyle, overall enjoyment running their franchise, and role in the franchisee community. From this data, we identify our list of franchises with above average satisfaction.

It is important to note that all Franchise Business Review research studies are open to any North American-based franchise companies with at least 10 operating franchisees at absolutely no cost. The franchise companies listed in our reports are based solely on franchisee satisfaction ratings.

WHY SATISFACTION MATTERS

By all accounts, this is a great time to buy a franchise. Franchise brands are outperforming non-franchised businesses, franchise units are experiencing healthy



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returns, and many people who've been considering franchise opportunities for several years are finally committing to their dream business. But, no matter how rosy things look for franchising as a whole, nothing guarantees a franchisee or a franchise concept will be successful. Prospective franchisees must thoroughly research every opportunity they are considering to determine if the concept is viable and the right fit for them. One of the best ways to know if a franchise opportunity is really as good as it appears is to look at its franchisee satisfaction data. Not all brands survey their franchisees, but those who do offer a wealth of information on the system's leadership, culture, training and support, financial outlook, and franchisee community.

MODELS, CONCEPTS, AND SERVICES

The low-cost segment has traditionally been very service-oriented because these concepts don't usually need a big office space, inventory, or other resources that require lots of capital. Service brands like U.S. Lawns, Window Genie, and Weed Man have been on our list of top low-cost franchises for several years. We're also seeing an increase in the popularity of businesses related to the home, either real estate franchise concepts like Help-U-Sell or companies that offer home services like **Budget Blinds**. Home healthcare, fitness and recreation, and travel planning all continue to be popular industries for low-cost investments.

Food franchises, which typically require a big investment in real estate, equipment, and supplies, don't usually have much of a presence on our list. However, some

mobile food concepts, like **Repicci's** Italian Ice and Happy and Healthy

Products, fall under the low-cost umbrella and offer franchisees the opportunity to run a food-related business without the large up-front investment.

Some higher-investment franchise companies have created low-investment sub-brands to increase the pool of eligible franchisees. Paul Davis Restoration, for example, which requires an average initial investment of approximately \$210,000, launched **Paul Davis Emergency Services** several years ago as a low-cost alternative.

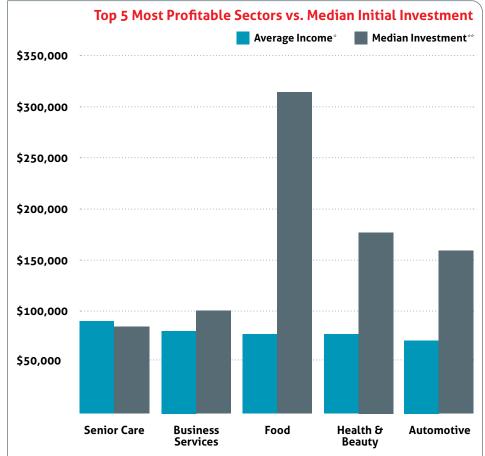
"Essentially what we did was take one of our service sectors out of our offering and created a franchise model built around it, along with building some very new lean technology with the focus being on high profit, fast cash turnaround, and allowing the business to start out homebased, which we have never done before. It's gone incredibly well for us and the timing couldn't have been better," said Robb King, vice president of operations for Paul Davis.

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INVESTMENT

The companies represented in this report have an average initial investment of less than \$100,000, but within the different brands, there is great variety. Some opportunities can be started for less than \$5,000, while others cost \$90,000.

In the past few years, franchisors at all levels have taken steps to reduce the financial burden of running a franchise. Some franchisors have reduced their initial franchise fee, and many have taken strides to reduce the cost of



*Annual Profit is based on average annual pre-tax earnings information reported by franchisees in Franchise Business Review's satisfaction survey. This data includes multi-unit owners and is not an estimate of individual unit performance. **Median Investment is the median initial investment level of the award-winning franchise companies within a given category, and not the median of the entire industry segment.

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opening the business by eliminating the need for office space and branded car wraps, for example.

"In the last couple of years, we have invested heavily in tools that will help franchisees with their technology and keep more profits in their pocket. Above and beyond a basic level of support, we have a very in-depth action plan for virtual support and onsite support that they get on an ongoing basis," said Ron McCoy, Help-U-Sell's vice president of business development. "We try to leverage the buying power of the network," added Paul Davis's King. "We have vendor relationships that give very healthy discounts to franchisees. And we also allow franchisees to do their shopping at the local level if they can find a better price."

Franchisees must ensure that they have enough liquid capital to run the business in the first six months. Franchisors told us this is sometimes a challenge in the low-cost space because franchisees have just enough cash to fund the initial start-up but not enough cash to cover expenses early on. **Signal 88 Security**, a commercial security company, offers franchisees a companybranded credit card with a line of credit up to \$35,000 (depending on the franchisee's credit rating) and no interest for the first six months. This provides franchisees with the early cash they need to get the business up and running.

Prospective franchisees need to make absolutely sure that their franchisor is realistic and upfront about expenses involved in the business. People considering any franchise opportunity should ask the franchisor and current franchisees about the company's costcutting initiatives that directly relate to franchisees and what efforts they've made to ensure franchisees are wellcapitalized for start-up and economic ups and downs. The Item 7 in the franchise disclosure documents (FDD) outlines the expenditures needed to establish a business, but all Item 7s are not equal. Some companies will outline the necessary working capital, but otherswho might want to keep the stated investment level as low as possibledon't. Any investor should understand and plan for the fact that it might cost three to four times more to actually run the business than is listed in the Item 7.

We also recommend that where possible, all potential franchisees thoroughly review and understand a company's Item 19, if included, so they have a better idea of what to expect in the way of profitability. Not all franchise companies provide an Item 19 as part of their FDD because it's not required, and, like the Item 7, every Item 19 is different, but they can provide invaluable information related to profitability if the franchise company publishes accurate revenue and cost figures.

"Candidates today are looking for the Item 19 even more, and if it's not there, it's a real red flag," said **FirstLight HomeCare** president and CEO Jeff Bevis.



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It is critical that you truly understand what you're looking at within the Item 19. It's up to the franchisor how detailed they get or which franchisees' profitability information they include, so you want to make sure that you're looking at a good representation of *all* the franchisees and what they earn and spend.

Paul Davis Emergency Services offers ongoing financial education—known as "financial roundtables"—to ensure franchisees stay on track to be profitable.

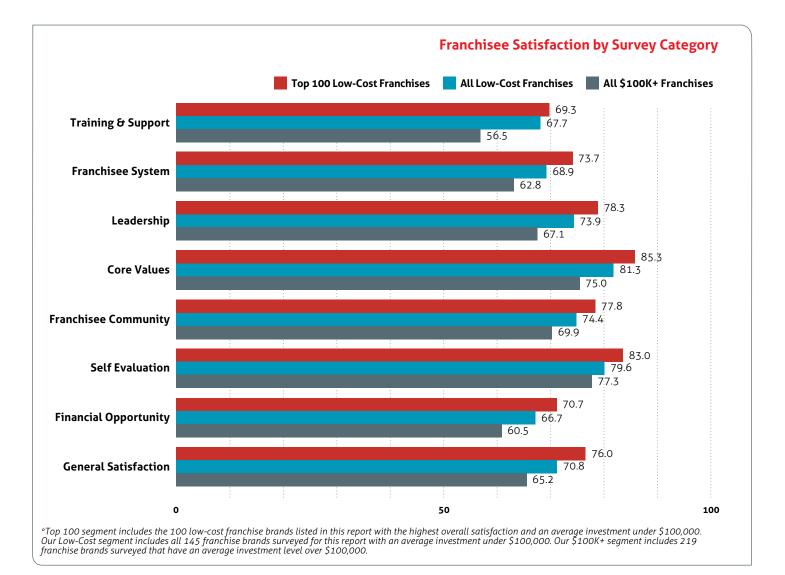
"We offer what we call phase training, so as the business matures, we have different levels of training to project what their cost/profits are going to be," King said.

The franchise sector as a whole has faced a difficult few years in terms of financing and accessing capital. Lower-cost concepts (those costing less than \$50K) were less affected, but the higher end of the low-cost segment (opportunities costing more than \$50K) face more lending challenges because franchisees aren't always able to fund their business out-of-pocket. To help offset this, some brands like FirstLight HomeCare have added staff specifically to help franchise candidates navigate the lending waters. Other franchise companies have created their own in-house finance offerings. Help-U-Sell launched its own lending program a year ago because they struggled to find financially qualified franchisees. Now, franchisees can borrow all but \$2,500 of the franchise fee, interest-free, and they don't have to start paying it back until they actually start selling.

"A year ago, the prospects we were seeing were afraid to get into business or spend any money. Most of them had very little resources to get started, and it was hard finding financially qualified prospects given the economy. We decided that, in order to broaden the prospective base of available franchise prospects, we needed to be a little more creative," said Help-U-Sell's McCoy.

MARKET ANALYSIS

The low-cost franchise sector has always been popular with investors, but it's become even more popular in recent years. Franchisors report a considerable increase in franchise sales since the start of the year.



Our Town America CEO Michael Plummer, Jr., told us he had scaled back franchising efforts during the recession but became more aggressive this year.

"I have definitely seen an uptick in the economy. There is still some uncertainty, but a lot of the concerns have subsided and people are looking to get into things that make money—something they can believe in and stand by," Plummer said. He expects to sell 20 new franchises in 2013, compared to just two a year in the past few years.

Help-U-Sell's McCoy has seen a similar uptick in sales.

"In the last six months to a year, our prospects have increased tenfold or greater. The volume of leads we're getting today compared with a year ago is night and day," McCoy said.

The total number of low-cost franchise companies that Franchise Business Review researched went in up in 2013, as did the number of low-cost companies that have higher-than-average satisfaction (compared to all franchises). Of course, along with increased popularity, there's more competition, so franchisees should be aware of who is already in their local market, in whatever space or industry they are considering.

PROS & CONS OF LOW-COST FRANCHISING

Pros

In general, low-cost means lower risk, and for most franchisees, that's the biggest pro of starting a low-investment franchise. Depending on the investment, franchisees who buy into this space will be able to recoup their investment pretty quickly and, in general, don't risk losing their assets or retirement savings if the business fails. And it may be easier to finance a low-cost franchise—either because it can be financed out-of-pocket or because the loan amount is small.

The costs associated with running a low-investment franchise also tend

to be lower than some of the high-cost concepts like restaurants or retail stores. Most of the businesses within the lowcost space don't require a big physical space, lots of inventory, or dozens of employees, so it's easier for franchisees to manage their expenses.

"When you are a low-cost investment, it's easier to get into the program and easier to justify the capital needed to run the business in the first couple months. It's easier to find the money," said Our Town's Plummer.

Because low-cost franchises are so often owner-operated, it's more likely that franchisees in some fields will actually get to do what they enjoy personal training, work with children, photography, for example—rather than just managing a bunch of employees. This is a great attribute if you're someone who wants to be very involved in your business, doing something you are passionate about, but it can also be a detriment if you're less hands-on or if the business grows to demand more of your operational oversight.

Investment level aside, there are many pros to franchising versus starting your own non-franchised business. Franchisees get an established brand and operational system, and the expertise, training, and support of an experienced corporate office.

Many franchisees appreciate the "plug and play" nature of franchising franchisors provide the technology platforms and materials operators need to handle tasks like invoicing, scheduling, marketing, and customer service. Franchisees tell us that purchasing a franchise enables them to stay out of some of the more tedious parts of setting up a business so they can focus more on actually running the business.

"We would not have been able to have the success we have had without the prebaked stuff that comes from the franchise," said **Rhea Lana's** franchisee Katelyn Logan. "Hands down, we have the best marketing and imagery that we get to share with the public. I think that really, really helps us."

Another huge advantage to franchising is the franchisee community. In franchise systems with a strong and active franchisee community, franchisees reap the benefits of learning from each other's mistakes and successes. Running a business can, at times, be a lonely endeavor, but in franchising, you are never alone.

Cons

It's important for anyone considering a lower-cost franchise opportunity to be realistic about what they're going to get out of it and what they need to put into it to be successful.

"Just because it's low cost doesn't necessarily mean you are going to earn profits sooner—you may earn no profits," said Paul Davis's King. "Franchise candidates need to look at the total cost of entry, the real cash required to get in, how much they need to finance ... They need to ask, 'What is this business model and how much capital is it going to take to keep it operating?'"

Many franchisees in the low-cost space are able to run their businesses from their homes, work their own hours, and keep their full-time jobs, which can be both good and bad when it comes to the long-term success of the business. Our Town America's Plummer told us that he sometimes sees reluctance on the part of the franchisee to give up a steady job and paycheck to focus on running the business, but the franchise won't be successful unless they commit to it full-time.

Soccer Shots franchisee Doug Schneider understands this dilemma firsthand. Schneider, who opened his Soccer Shots

Top 100 Low-Cost Franchises: Investment Level*

\$25,000 or less = 30 companies
\$25,001 - \$50,000 = 37 companies
\$50,001 - \$75,000 = 25 companies
\$75,001 - \$100,000 = 8 companies

franchise in 2005, worked a full-time job while his partner (his brother) focused on growing the business. Although his brother was able to make a good living running the franchise, Schneider knew they could do a lot more if he, too, focused solely on the business.

"In 2009, it began to dawn on me that a lot of opportunity and a lot of money was going under the bridge because we hadn't fully invested," Schneider said.

At that point, he quit his job and invested all of his energy into Soccer Shots. Since then, the business has expanded its territory across Pennsylvania and into New Jersey and is approaching annual revenues of \$500,000. As much as soccer is a passion for Schneider (he has an impressive collegiate record), he spends most of his time marketing and selling the business, not coaching.

It's important to note that, with increased flexibility, sometimes comes reduced revenue potential. Not all low-cost franchise opportunities provide a fulltime salary (especially those concepts that don't require a full-time time commitment). Some of the "consignment event" concepts, like Rhea Lana's and **Just Between Friends**, are intended to be supplemental income businesses although some of the most successful franchisees *have* made it their livelihood. This isn't necessarily a con if what you're looking for is supplemental income, but prospective franchisees should make sure they have realistic expectations before they commit to any franchise agreement.

"I think you have to go into it knowing you aren't going to make \$1 million your first year, but the work is easily divisible and manageable," said Rhea Lana's franchisee Logan, who also works a full-time job. "In the very near future, it could be my full-time thing. The gross potential is somewhat unlimited as long as we continue to grow and have great events."

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SUCCESSFUL FRANCHISEE

The low-cost franchise segment attracts a lot of people who may be interested in starting a business of their own, but who aren't necessarily a good fit for franchising. Franchising is not for everyone. You need the skills to run a business and the willingness to follow a tried-and-true system.

Because they are so often owneroperators with fewer resources, franchisees at the lower investment level must be able to multi-task and wear a lot of hats, at least initially, until their business is well-established. Sales and marketing experience is especially important—in part because many of the low-cost brands aren't as well known or advertised nationally. Much of this responsibility may fall on the franchisee (depending on the brand).

Franchisors also tell us they look for people with strong people management skills, as well as networking, marketing, and operational expertise.

"While it can be advantageous to have previous experience running a business, we've realized that it's not necessary to become a successful Soccer Shots owner," said Soccer Shots partner Justin Bredeman. "We seek out people who want to positively impact kids, are passionate about sports and soccer, and have a drive

A Look at Low-Cost Franchise Owners

70% Are single-unit operators

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and an applicable skill set to operate a business based on kids and soccer."

It should go without saying that, with any business, you need enough money to actually run it, but franchisors told us franchisees in this space are more likely to be undercapitalized than operators in the higher investment businesses. This is why we urge you to carefully consider the financial documents within the FDD (see information about Item 7 and Item 19 above) and talk to existing franchisees about what you should realistically expect in terms of how long it takes to be profitable.

Money, however, doesn't necessarily guarantee success or failure.

"We've had people that barely qualified and turned out to be fantastic franchisees, and we've had people with loads of money who failed," said McCoy of Help-U-Sell. "When I think about our franchisees and particularly those who have been with us ten years or longer, the factors involved around their success have very little to do with the capital they started out with. Our successful franchisees are those who have the ability to market, follow the plan, implement the plan... Those are the things the most important attributes of somebody coming in."

Most of the CEOs we interviewed use some sort of profiling tool to help identify who might make a good franchisee or, once they are franchisees, to help identify their strengths and weaknesses for running the business.

"We are big fans of personality profiling to identify people's natural orientation and match it to the core skills and attributes of our successful owners. We can use the profiles to help coach people, or other times, it identifies when someone is absolutely no match for our system," said Paul Davis's King.

FRANCHISEE SATISFACTION

The 100 companies listed at the front of this report excel in franchisee satisfaction

based on recent surveys. In general, the average franchisee satisfaction for lowcost companies is 8% higher than for brands costing more than \$100,000, and franchisee satisfaction within this elite group of 100 brands is 14% higher. Low-cost franchisees rate their systems higher in every category of our survey than do franchisees at brands costing more than \$100,000. The most significant difference (12%) is seen in the area of Training & Support. Included in the category of Training & Support are questions about a brand's marketing and technology, so the high satisfaction in this area may prove low-cost doesn't necessarily mean fewer resources available from the franchisor. The highest rated categories are Core Values (of the franchisor) and Franchisee Community.

The low-cost franchisees we spoke with for this report recommend prospective investors carefully look at a brand's franchisee community and ask current operators specifically about it while they're conducting their research. Especially at the low-cost level, the franchisee community may play a big part in terms of advice and ongoing support, and it can greatly influence the overall enjoyment you get from running the business.

In the category of Financial Opportunity, low-cost franchisees are slightly more satisfied than franchisees of more expensive brands, even though their average annual income runs approximately 10% lower than our overall franchise benchmark (\$61,000 vs. \$68,000). (It's important to note that while the average income may be less, the return on investment may actually be significantly higher on a percentage basis because the investment is so much lower.)

SUMMARY

The lower-risk nature of the low-cost franchise space is increasingly popular with all levels of investors, and the number of opportunities and types of

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businesses within the space increases every day. However, as we caution with every franchise model at every investment level, not all franchises are equal—and not all "low-cost" opportunities are as good as they sound. It is important to do your homework, talk to current franchisees, and be sure your expectations are realistic.

Most importantly, make sure that franchisee satisfaction and performance across the board is solid. Undoubtedly, you will run into a few unhappy franchisees in any franchise brand, but broad satisfaction research, like the independent reports provided by Franchise Business Review, is that must-have, 3rd-party validation required before moving forward with a franchise opportunity. When talking to any franchise company, ask to see their satisfaction report.

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Domestic Franchises: 104

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Startup Investment: \$50,000 - \$70,000 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 190

Our Town America

Startup Investment: \$74,800 - \$105,450 Cash Requirement: \$89,000 Domestic Franchises: 39

Proforma

Startup Investment: \$0 - \$19,500 Cash Requirement: \$0 - \$19,500 Domestic Franchises: 750

Welcomemat Services

Startup Investment: \$49,000 - \$77,050 Cash Requirement: \$35,000 Domestic Franchises: 15

AUTOMOTIVE

Auto Appraisal Network

Startup Investment: \$12,000 - \$30,000 Cash Requirement: \$3,000 - \$10,000 Domestic Franchises: 25

Color Glo International

Startup Investment: \$44,500 - \$49,800 Cash Requirement: \$44,500 - \$49,800 Domestic Franchises: 104

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BUSINESS SERVICES

ActionCOACH

Startup Investment: \$61,250 - \$108,441 Cash Requirement: \$40,000 Domestic Franchises: 345

Bevintel

Startup Investment: \$36,900 - \$50,600 Cash Requirement: \$30,000 Domestic Franchises: 267

BlueGrace Logistics

Startup Investment: \$65,000 - \$146,250 Cash Requirement: \$65,000 - \$146,250 Domestic Franchises: 26

Estrella Insurance

Startup Investment: \$49,000 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 - \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 52

FocalPoint Coaching

Startup Investment: \$49,950 Cash Requirement: \$49,950 Domestic Franchises: 81

FranNet

Startup Investment: \$44,310- \$81,360 Cash Requirement: \$44,310- \$81,360 Domestic Franchises: 56

InXpress

Startup Investment: \$49,700 - \$59,700 Cash Requirement: \$80,000 Domestic Franchises: 86

Murphy Business & Financial

Startup Investment: \$45,750 - \$113,600 Cash Requirement: \$30,000 Domestic Franchises: 150

RTOWN Communications

Startup Investment: \$50,000 - \$100,000 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 Domestic Franchises: 12

Sandler Training

Startup Investment: \$83,150 - \$99,750 Cash Requirement: \$100,000 Domestic Franchises: 170

The @WORK Group

Startup Investment: \$75,995 - \$119,995 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 52

CHILD SERVICES

Amazing Athletes Startup Investment: \$38,200 - \$53,450 Cash Requirement: \$18,500 Domestic Franchises: 66

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Sandler Training

Startup Investment: \$83,150 - \$99,750 Cash Requirement: \$100,000 Domestic Franchises: 170



Sandler Training is the leader in innovative sales and sales management training. We have over 235 training centers in major cities throughout the country and around the world, offering instruction in a dozen languages. Entrepreneur Magazine has ranked Sandler as the No. 1 training franchise nine times. Our training is designed to create lasting performance improvement rather than the motivational "quick fix" typical of many seminar-based training programs. The demand for quality sales training has rarely been greater than it is today. As a Sandler franchisee, you can tap this vast market—and beyond.

For more information on Sandler Training opportunities, call (800) 669-3537 x2005 or visit www.sandler.com.

CompuChild

Startup Investment: \$18,300 - \$33,600 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 Domestic Franchises: 64



CompuChild is dedicated to preparing children for the academic challenges of tomorrow through technology education today. Classes are offered at existing child care centers, schools, and community centers. This easy to operate home-based business offers exclusive territories, low overhead and proprietary curriculum.

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JumpBunch Startup Investment: \$30,600 - \$69,500 Cash Requirement: \$35,000 - \$77,000 Domestic Franchises: 53

JumpBunch offers structured sports and fitness programs for children from age 15 months to 12 years. The classes are typically 30 minutes long, once a week, with over 70 activity plans. Not a gym or facility, JumpBunch classes are offered as part of a child's day at school, daycare, and after-school programs, plus in YMCAs and Parks and Rec Departments. We help build healthy bodies, self-esteem, and a life-long love for sports and fitness!

For more information on JumpBunch opportunities, call (410) 703-2300 or visit www.jumpbunch.com.

MaidPro

Startup Investment: \$30,000 - \$114,509 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 Domestic Franchises: 135



MaidPro prides itself on its proven groundbreaking technology and software, creative marketing efforts, established brand identity, and stellar support to its franchisees. The company is constantly trying to reinvent new practices and refine old ones to ensure its place in the rapidly growing house cleaning industry. MaidPro offers you the advantages of rapid growth, low startup costs, manageable hours, and recurring revenue. Join a franchise that gives you control and ownership of your business with unmatched 24/7 support!

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CompuChild

Startup Investment: \$18,300 - \$33,600 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 Domestic Franchises: 64

Drama Kids International

Startup Investment: \$33,550 - \$38,950 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 55

i9 Sports

Startup Investment: \$44,900 - \$69,900 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 115

Images 4 Kids

Startup Investment: \$45,600 - \$67,100 Cash Requirement: \$15,000 Domestic Franchises: 50+

JumpBunch

Startup Investment: \$30,600 - \$69,500 Cash Requirement: \$35,000 - \$77,000 Domestic Franchises: 53

Soccer Shots

Startup Investment: \$17,500 - \$21,000 Cash Requirement: \$16,500 Domestic Franchises: 126

TGA Premier Golf & Tennis

Startup Investment: \$13,150 - \$62,200 Cash Requirement: \$13,150 - \$62,200 Domestic Franchises: 68



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Young Rembrandts

Startup Investment: \$39,600 - \$49,600 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 80

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Aire-Master of America

Startup Investment: \$19,500 - \$34,700 Cash Requirement: \$23,500 - \$38,700 Domestic Franchises: 92

ASP - America's Swimming Pool Co.

Startup Investment: \$49,200 - \$89,500 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 124

Buildingstars

Startup Investment: \$2,000 - \$36,000 Cash Requirement: \$1,000 Domestic Franchises: 376

Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning

Startup Investment: \$28,900 - \$64,000 Cash Requirement: \$15,000 Domestic Franchises: 1,248

MaidPro

Startup Investment: \$30,000 - \$114,509 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 Domestic Franchises: 135

Office Pride

Startup Investment: \$14,000 - \$59,900 Cash Requirement: \$14,900 Domestic Franchises: 110

OMEX International

Startup Investment: \$40,000 - \$70,000 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 20

EDUCATION

Mathnasium

Startup Investment: \$82,250 - \$136,000 Cash Requirement: \$37,000 Domestic Franchises: 360

THE TUTORING CENTER

Startup Investment: \$75,000 - \$110,000 Cash Requirement: \$39,000 Domestic Franchises: 58

UCMAS Mental Math

Startup Investment: \$40,000 - \$50,000 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 43

FINANCIAL & TAX

American Prosperity Group

Startup Investment: \$78,300 - \$121,000 Cash Requirement: \$100,000 Domestic Franchises: 18

Liberty Tax Service

Startup Investment: \$56,800-\$69,900 Cash Requirement: \$56,800-\$69,900 Domestic Franchises: 3,788

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Office Pride

Startup Investment: \$14,000 - \$59,900 Cash Requirement: \$14,900 Domestic Franchises: 110

The Office Pride Commercial Cleaning franchise model is designed to help professionals use practical experience and biblical principles to start, grow, and lead a business. With one of the most admired brands in the commercial cleaning industry, Office Pride's systems, training, and support have equipped many business owners to achieve their dreams.

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Mathnasium

Startup Investment: \$82,250 - \$136,000 Cash Requirement: \$37,000 Domestic Franchises: 360



Commercial Cleaning Services

Most kids need help with math—some desperately, while others just want to get ahead. With this ever growing demand for quality math instruction, Mathnasium Learning Centers have become one of the fastest growing educational franchises in the world. Mathnasium offers highly effective and engaging mathematics instruction for children and is the perfect venture for individuals seeking a meaningful business opportunity. Our proprietary Mathnasium Method not only helps children become more competent at math, it also builds confidence. If you're ready to start a new life chapter with a real sense of purpose, then Mathnasium may just be the perfect business for you. Rediscover your passion for math and find: Income + Lifestyle + Fulfillment.

For more information on Mathnasium opportunities, call (877) 531-MATH(6284) or visit www.mathnasium.com/franchising.

Liberty Tax Service

Startup Investment: \$56,800-\$69,900 Cash Requirement: \$56,800-\$69,900 Domestic Franchises: 3,788



Being passionate about the tax preparation business is a central theme in owning a Liberty Tax franchise. Buying a Liberty franchise really means buying into a lifestyle and a culture that values hard work and having fun, being empowered and calling the shots, and being a leader in a fast-growing tax preparation franchise business. Your support team provides the system, tools, and concepts you need to be successful as a franchisee. At Liberty Tax, we are a family. Together, we accomplish the Liberty Tax mission.

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FIT4MOM

Startup Investment: \$5,309 - \$51,790 Cash Requirement: \$5,000 - \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 294



FIT4MOM (formally Stroller Strides) offers fitness programs for a mom in any stage of motherhood. Our pre- and post-natal workout programs are offered in 37 states as well as in Puerto Rico. FIT4MOM is one of the fastest growing and top franchises in the country. Now offering two models, our Classic Model is the perfect business for anyone who has a passion for fitness and motherhood in an owner/operator model. The Business Development Model is ideal for a franchise owner who wants to operate an expanded business. In this model, the franchisee hires instructors to teach the classes so that the franchisee can focus on developing, marketing, and supporting the business. FIT4MOM strives to be the program to support moms in fitness, motherhood, and life.

For more information on FIT4MOM opportunities, call (866) 348-4666 or visit www.fit4mom.com.

Help-U-Sell

Startup Investment: \$25,000 - \$60,000 Cash Requirement: \$17,500 Domestic Franchises: 103



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Caring Senior Service Startup Investment: \$53,000 - \$94,000 Cash Requirement: \$35,000 Domestic Franchises: 51



With 20 years of senior homecare experience, we offer a proven business model designed with your success at the forefront. Our comprehensive start-up, training, and ongoing support will set your business on the right track. Caring Senior Service offers a complete solution to help you hit the ground running after our robust training program. We are also your business resource center so you can focus on what is really important—growing your business. Please contact us to discover how you can Grow With Us. Care With Us. Change Lives With Us.

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Tax Centers of America

Startup Investment: \$15,300 - \$67,450 Cash Requirement: \$5,000 - \$35,000 Domestic Franchises: 165

FITNESS

9Round Kickboxing

Startup Investment: \$52,700 - \$70,800 Cash Requirement: \$18,000 Domestic Franchises: 36

Baby Boot Camp

Startup Investment: \$3,690 - \$9,699 Cash Requirement: \$2,900 - \$5,299 Domestic Franchises: 115

Brickhouse Cardio Club

Startup Investment: \$6,350 - \$30,250 Cash Requirement: \$8,000 Domestic Franchises: 43

FIT4MOM

Startup Investment: \$5,309 - \$51,790 Cash Requirement: \$5,000 - \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 294

Fitness Revolution

Startup Investment: \$16,278 - \$119,409 Cash Requirement: \$16,278 - \$119,409 Domestic Franchises: 171

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Happy and Healthy Products

Startup Investment: \$34,508 - \$89,045 Cash Requirement: \$34,508 - \$89,045 Domestic Franchises: 53

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Kona Ice

Startup Investment: \$99,800 - \$120,000 Cash Requirement: \$20,000 - \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 376

Repicci's Italian Ice

Startup Investment: \$49,500 - \$99,900 Cash Requirement: \$250,000 Domestic Franchises: 48

HOME SERVICES

Budget Blinds

Startup Investment: \$89,000 - \$187,000 Cash Requirement: \$74,950 Domestic Franchises: 750

Five Star Painting

Startup Investment: \$55,000 - \$75,000 Cash Requirement: \$45,000 Domestic Franchises: 90

HandyPro Handyman

Startup Investment: \$68,530 - \$107,333 Cash Requirement: \$30,000 Domestic Franchises: 72

HouseMaster

Startup Investment: \$59,200 - \$89,200 Cash Requirement: \$45,000 Domestic Franchises: 365

Miracle Method Surface Refinishing

Startup Investment: \$85,000 - \$125,000 Cash Requirement: \$67,500 - \$107,500 Domestic Franchises: 130

Mr. Rooter Plumbing

Startup Investment: \$60,950 - \$156,250 Cash Requirement: \$29,500 - \$31,570 Domestic Franchises: 254

Pillar To Post

Startup Investment: \$30,700 - \$42,750 Cash Requirement: \$7,500 Domestic Franchises: 400

ShelfGenie

Startup Investment: \$70,100 - \$125,500 Cash Requirement: \$45,000 Domestic Franchises: 132

Surface Specialists Systems

Startup Investment: \$46,000 - \$75,500 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 45

The Glass Guru

Startup Investment: \$27,190 - \$113,990 Cash Requirement: \$15,000 - \$75,000 Domestic Franchises: 58

PET SERVICES

G'Day Pet Care

Startup Investment: \$23,850 - \$72,100 Cash Requirement: \$10,500 - \$12,500 Domestic Franchises: 25

Pet Butler

Startup Investment: \$19,500 - \$32,000 Cash Requirement: \$19,500 - \$32,000 Domestic Franchises: 105

Sit Means Sit

Startup Investment: \$21,125 - \$93,850 Cash Requirement: \$15,000 Domestic Franchises: 71

REAL ESTATE

G.J. Gardner Homes

Startup Investment: \$70,000 - \$100,000 Cash Requirement: \$109,700 - \$115,200 Domestic Franchises: 24

Help-U-Sell

Startup Investment: \$25,000 - \$60,000 Cash Requirement: \$17,500 Domestic Franchises: 103

Realty Executives International

Startup Investment: \$20,400 - \$119,000 Cash Requirement: \$1,000 - \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 480

Showhomes Home Staging

Startup Investment: \$43,800 - \$75,500 Cash Requirement: \$10,000 Domestic Franchises: 65

United Country Real Estate

Startup Investment: \$15,000 - \$25,000 Cash Requirement: \$12,500 Domestic Franchises: 519

RETAIL

Just Between Friends Startup Investment: \$24,074 - \$33,668 Cash Requirement: \$14,900 Domestic Franchises: 132

Kid's Closet Connection

Startup Investment: \$12,000 - \$17,000 Cash Requirement: \$12,000 - \$17,000 Domestic Franchises: 40

Mainstream Boutique

Startup Investment: \$43,650 - \$129,500 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 25

NYS Collection Eyewear

Startup Investment: \$13,580 - \$97,148 Cash Requirement: \$13,580 - \$97,148 Domestic Franchises: 50

Rhea Lana's

Startup Investment: \$16,050 - \$33,050 Cash Requirement: \$8,000 - \$10,500 Domestic Franchises: 65

SENIOR CARE

Always Best Care Senior Services

Startup Investment: \$56,225 - \$104,100 Cash Requirement: \$44,900 Domestic Franchises: 181

CarePatrol

Startup Investment: \$45,000 - \$72,000 Cash Requirement: \$45,000 Domestic Franchises: 44

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Jason McGee FirstLight HomeCare Franchisee Dothan, AL

How long have you been a franchisee?

Since 3/1/2011. We opened our first location in Dothan, AL, on 4/1/2011. We opened Montgomery, AL, on 2/1/2012.

Why did you decide to buy a franchise?

I liked the idea having the infrastructure in place.

Why did you choose your franchise?

We shared a similar vision (diversifying services and providing a high level of care).

What is the best part of being your own boss?

It's not so much about the when, where, and how the decisions are made. I just liked the idea of creating opportunities for my family and for great employees over the long haul.

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What is the worst part of being your own boss? The only thing that might come close is early on you are wearing so many hats for a certain period of time until the business is growing at a consistent level.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Continue to work hard growing both offices and potentially opening another office or offering additional services through FirstLight HomeCare.

What advice do you have for prospective franchise buyers? Be prepared financially and to work hard.

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FirstLight HomeCare

Startup Investment: \$70,146 - \$99,889 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 106



Designed from the ground up, FirstLight HomeCare is the new service leader in non-medical care franchises. With an unmatched approach for client satisfaction, caregiver retention, technology platform efficiencies, web marketing, extensive training and support "in the field," an unparalleled track record of success, and much, much more, FirstLight HomeCare is now the fastest-growing senior care franchise offering. No healthcare experience necessary, just strong presentation and communication skills with a desire to help others. Our foundation: Extraordinary People...Exceptional Care. In appreciation of your service, we offer a Veteran Discount as well. If you or someone you know are extraordinary and desire to join the service leader in senior care, call or email today.

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A All Animal Control Startup Investment: \$10,750 - \$41,615 Cash Requirement: \$5,000 Domestic Franchises: 36



As a national leader in wildlife management for over 17 years, A All Animal Control provides unique solutions to human/wildlife conflicts. By using a niche business model, an in-depth training program, and a support team to guide you every step of the way, you will be well-equipped to enjoy and profit from this fascinating career field. If you have been seeking an outdoor career that is filled with daily challenges, you owe it to yourself to learn more about this opportunity.

For more information on A All Animal Control opportunities, call (866) 380-WILD(9453) or visit www.aallanimalcontrol.com.

Boulder Designs

Startup Investment: \$54,725 - \$65,675 Cash Requirement: \$40,000 Domestic Franchises: 47



Boulder Designs is an uncomplicated franchise system coupled with low cost of entry and minimal inventory requirements and best of all, very fun to do. Boulder Designs trains you around our simple system to create custom boulders that can be used for name or address rocks, memorials, business signage, ranches, schools, parks, subdivisions—anywhere that signage is desired or needed. Our products are earth-friendly and are often allowed by local zoning regulations where other signage is not. If you love to work with others and are looking for a rewarding career, then Boulder Designs may be what you're looking for.

For more information on Boulder Designs opportunities, call (877) 892-2954 or visit www.boulderdesigns.net/franchisee.

Creative Colors International Startup Investment: \$79,600 - \$107,250 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 79



Creative Colors International offers the motivated entrepreneur the opportunity to operate a proven business with immediate income and unlimited potential for growth. With modest start-up costs, a complete training program, and support, we can put tremendous growth potential at your fingertips. Act quickly because each franchise is awarded its own exclusive territory.

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Caring Senior Service

Startup Investment: \$53,000 - \$94,000 Cash Requirement: \$35,000 Domestic Franchises: 51

FirstLight HomeCare

Startup Investment: \$70,146 - \$99,889 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 106

Home Instead Senior Care

Startup Investment: \$56,334 - \$72,470 Cash Requirement: \$44,000 Domestic Franchises: 643

Homewatch CareGivers

Startup Investment: \$77,750 - \$125,000 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 201

Qualicare

Startup Investment: \$73,600 - \$116,600 Cash Requirement: \$75,000 Domestic Franchises: 26

Right at Home

Startup Investment: \$72,200 - \$126,100 Cash Requirement: \$150,000 - \$240,000 Domestic Franchises: 300+

Stay at Home

Startup Investment: \$65,900 - \$88,900 Cash Requirement: \$95,000 Domestic Franchises: 11

Synergy HomeCare

Startup Investment: \$59,000 - \$156,000 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 140

Visiting Angels

Startup Investment: \$59,335 - \$81,085 Cash Requirement: \$31,950 - \$39,950 Domestic Franchises: 450

SERVICES

A All Animal Control Startup Investment: \$10,750 - \$41,615 Cash Requirement: \$5,000 Domestic Franchises: 36

Bin There Dump That

Startup Investment: \$65,000 - \$75,000 Cash Requirement: \$75,000 Domestic Franchises: 55

Boulder Designs

Startup Investment: \$54,725 - \$65,675 Cash Requirement: \$40,000 Domestic Franchises: 47

Complete Music

Startup Investment: \$50,000 Cash Requirement: \$30,000 Domestic Franchises: 200

Creative Colors International

Startup Investment: \$79,600 - \$107,250 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 79

Critter Control

Startup Investment: \$12,250 - \$80,500 Cash Requirement: \$11,000 - \$47,000 Domestic Franchises: 106

Paul Davis Emergency Services

Startup Investment: \$40,784 - \$147,624 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 101

Pop-A-Lock

Startup Investment: \$30,000 - \$120,000 Cash Requirement: \$45,000 Domestic Franchises: 289

Safe Ship

Startup Investment: \$49,900 - \$138,800 Cash Requirement: \$49,900 - \$138,800 Domestic Franchises: 18

Signal 88 Security

Startup Investment: \$85,000 - \$105,000 Cash Requirement: \$60,000 - \$85,000 Domestic Franchises: 100

The Traveling Photo Booth

Startup Investment: \$27,200 - \$45,150 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 Domestic Franchises: 15

Truly Nolen of America

Startup Investment: \$25,000 - \$280,000 Cash Requirement: \$25,000 - \$280,000 Domestic Franchises: 25

U.S. Lawns

Startup Investment: \$48,500 - \$75,300 Cash Requirement: \$30,000 Domestic Franchises: 262

Weed Man

Startup Investment: \$40,000 - \$60,000 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 411

Window Genie Startup Investment: \$75,000 - \$128,600 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 119

SPORTS & RECREATION

American Poolplayers Association Startup Investment: \$17,080 - \$20,150 Cash Requirement: \$11,300 - \$20,150 Domestic Franchises: 293

TRAVEL

Cruise Planners Startup Investment: \$495 - \$9,995 Cash Requirement: \$10,000 Domestic Franchises: 900+

CruiseOne

Startup Investment: \$4,575 - \$9,800 Cash Requirement: \$9,800 Domestic Franchises: 825

Paul Davis Emergency Services

Startup Investment: \$40,784 - \$147,624 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 101



Paul Davis Emergency Services is engineered as a modern, lean, technologically advanced business that can be run from your home and vehicle. With an average gross margin of 64.5%, you're looking at the potential for real financial success! Paul Davis Emergency Services provides rapid response water and fire damage cleanup, structural drying, and mold removal using the latest technology and procedures. Paul Davis has been in business since 1966 in what is now a \$70-billion, need-based industry that is recession-proof and in consistent demand. The business model can be easily scaled to meet demand as you grow and succeed.

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Signal 88 Security

Startup Investment: \$85,000 - \$105,000 Cash Requirement: \$60,000 - \$85,000 Domestic Franchises: 100



Signal 88 Security Group, the leading security service franchisor, was founded in 2003, in Omaha, Neb., where "signal 88" is police code for "situation secure." Signal 88 Security was created to bridge the gap between the large inefficient security company and the small, local security shop. Signal 88 Security provides a superior security services offering through the utilization of the latest technology and a management process with intrinsic efficiencies and capabilities powered by this technology—none of which is available to or utilized by the competition. This approach is unique in the industry and provides a competitive edge for the success of all Signal 88 Security franchises.

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Window Genie

Startup Investment: \$75,000 - \$128,600 Cash Requirement: \$50,000 Domestic Franchises: 119



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