

## 105 fastest-growing franchises

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**W**ant to be a part of a franchise system that's not only steady, but also rapidly growing? Want to know what other entrepreneurs are buying into? You might find the perfect opportunity right here.

This listing features the 105 franchises that grew the most from 2007 to 2008, as verified by *Entrepreneur's* Franchise 500® research. This ranking is based on growth in the number of open and operating U.S. and

Canadian franchise units from July 31, 2007, to July 31, 2008. Ties are listed alphabetically.

This ranking is not intended to endorse any of these franchise companies. Growth is just one factor to consider when shopping for a franchise opportunity. You should carefully read the Franchise Disclosure Document, contact existing franchise owners, and consult an attorney and an accountant. You should only invest in a franchise after conducting your own research.

*Listing compiled by Tracy Stapp*

**1. Jan-Pro Franchising Int'l. Inc.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #19  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 8,875  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +1,859  
jan-pro.com  
(678)336-1780

**2. Subway**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #1  
Submarine sandwiches & salads  
Total franchises: 29,612  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +770  
subway.com  
(800)888-4848/(205)877-4281

**3. Instant Tax Service**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #12  
Retail tax preparation & electronic filing  
Total franchises: 1,181  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +708  
instanttaxservicefranchise.com  
(888)870-1040

**4. Stratus Building Solutions**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #38  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 1,359  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +631  
stratusclean.com  
(514)731-2000

**5. Snap Fitness Inc.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #24  
24-hour fitness center  
Total franchises: 701  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +408  
snapfitness.com  
(952)474-5422

**6. Dunkin' Donuts**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #36  
Coffee, doughnuts, baked goods  
Total franchises: 8,082  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +396  
dunkinfranchising.com  
(561)626-4114/(781)757-3432

**7. Jazzercise Inc.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #42  
Dance/exercise classes  
Total franchises: 7,578  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +390  
jazzercise.com

(760)476-1750

**8. Bonus Building Care**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #45  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 2,119  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +345  
bonusbuildingcare.com  
(800)951-1102

**9. Anytime Fitness**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #47  
Fitness center  
Total franchises: 782  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +337  
anytimefitness.com  
(800)704-5004

**10. Vanguard Cleaning Systems**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #43  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 1,175  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +330  
vanguardcleaning.com  
(800)564-6422/(650)594-1500

**11. Jani-King**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #15  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 12,980  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +328  
janiking.com  
(800)552-5264

**12. Domino's Pizza LLC**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #41  
Pizza, breadsticks, buffalo wings  
Total franchises: 8,053  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +285  
dominos.com  
(734)950-3030

**13. Choice Hotels Int'l.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #49  
Hotels, inns, suites, resorts  
Total franchises: 5,709  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +274  
choicehotelsfranchise.com  
(866)560-9871

**13. McDonald's**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #2  
Hamburgers, chicken, salads  
Total franchises: 24,799

U.S./Canada franchise growth: +274  
mcdonalds.com  
(630)625-6196

**15. Liberty Tax Service**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #3  
Income-tax preparation  
Total franchises: 2,579  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +250  
libertytaxfranchise.com  
(800)790-3865/(757)495-8855

**16. Long John Silver's Restaurants Inc.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #32  
Fish & chicken  
Total franchises: 791  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +242  
yumfranchises.com  
(866)298-6986

**17. ExpressTax**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #77  
Tax preparation & electronic filing  
Total franchises: 647  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +239  
express-tax.com  
(888)417-4461

**18. System4**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #72  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 704  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +237  
system4usa.com  
(216)524-6100

**19. Anago Cleaning Systems**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #78  
Commercial cleaning  
Total franchises: 1,233  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +227  
anagousa.com  
(800)213-5857

**20. Massage Envy**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #58  
Therapeutic massage services  
Total franchises: 457  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +210  
massageenvy.com  
(602)889-1090

**21. Edible Arrangements Int'l. Inc.**

2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #40  
Floral-like designs from sculpted fresh fruit  
Total franchises: 750  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +195  
ediblearrangements.com  
(888)727-4258

**22. InterContinental Hotels Group**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #5  
Hotels  
Total franchises: 3,498  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +153  
ichotelsgroup.com  
(770)604-2000

**23. Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich Shops**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #53  
Gourmet sandwiches  
Total franchises: 701  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +142  
jimmyjohns.com  
(800)546-6904

**24. Denny's Inc.**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #25  
Full-service family restaurant  
Total franchises: 1,191  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +139  
dennys.com  
(800)304-0222

**25. Colbert/Ball Tax Service**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #514  
Tax preparation & electronic filing  
Total franchises: 322  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +131  
colbertballtax.com  
(713)592-5555

**26. Hardee's**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #26  
Burgers, chicken, biscuits  
Total franchises: 1,397  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +125  
ckefranchise.com  
(866)253-7655

**27. Sport Clips**  
2009 Franchise 500 ranking: #56  
Men's sports-themed hair salon  
Total franchises: 565  
U.S./Canada franchise growth: +123  
sportclips.com

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