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## CATCH 'EM IF YOU CAN

THESE 100 FRANCHISES ARE EXPERIENCING RUNAWAY GROWTH.

THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP?

If your motto in life is “the faster, the better,” you probably aren’t looking for a franchise that’s crawling toward expansion. Fortunately for you, many franchises in a variety of categories are on the fast track to growth. Offering everything from tax preparation to sandwiches, here are the 100 franchises that grew the fastest over the past year.

These rankings are based on growth in the number of U.S. and Canadian franchise units from 2004 to 2005, as verified by *Entrepreneur* magazine. Ties are listed alphabetically. For more information on these franchises and helpful articles on

buying a franchise, check out *Entrepreneur’s* FranchiseZone at [www.entrepreneur.com/franchise](http://www.entrepreneur.com/franchise).

This ranking is not intended to endorse any particular franchise, but rather to provide a starting point for your research. Due diligence includes thoroughly reading a company’s literature and its Uniform Franchise Offering Circular, calling and visiting the existing franchisees, and consulting with an attorney and an accountant. You should only buy a fast-growing franchise after slowing down and taking the time to conduct a careful investigation.

Franchise (2006 Franchise 500® ranking)	Contact Information	Description	# of Franchises, 2005 (Growth, 2004-2005)*
83. Handyman Matters Franchise Inc. (205)	<a href="http://www.handymanmatters.com">www.handymanmatters.com</a> , (866)808-8401	Handyman services	110 (+49)
83. Wingstop Restaurants Inc. (332)	<a href="http://www.wingstop.com">www.wingstop.com</a> , (972)686-6500	Chicken wings	225 (+49)
87. Wireless Zone (135)	<a href="http://www.wirelesszone.com">www.wirelesszone.com</a> , (860)632-9494	Wireless communications store	249 (+48)
88. Buffalo Wild Wings (96)	<a href="http://www.buffalowildwings.com">www.buffalowildwings.com</a> , (800)499-9586	Buffalo wings & sandwiches	227 (+47)
<b>88. Instant Tax Service (Not ranked)</b>	<b><a href="http://www.instanttaxservice.com">www.instanttaxservice.com</a>, (937)425-6900</b>	<b>Retail tax preparation &amp; electronic filing</b>	<b>47 (+47)</b>
88. Tutoring Club Inc. (148)	<a href="http://www.tutoringclub.com">www.tutoringclub.com</a> , (888)674-6425/(925)513-7784	Individualized instruction for K-12 students	148 (+47)
91. Contours Express (116)	<a href="http://www.contoursexpress.com">www.contoursexpress.com</a> , (877)227-2282	Women’s fitness centers	320 (+46)
91. Weichert Real Estate Affiliates Inc. (221)	<a href="http://www.weichert.com">www.weichert.com</a> , (973)359-8377	Real estate	141 (+46)
93. Benjamin Franklin Plumbing (454)	<a href="http://www.benfranklinplumbing.com">www.benfranklinplumbing.com</a> , (800)695-3579/(941)552-5111	Plumbing services	157 (+45)
93. Comfort Keepers (100)	<a href="http://www.comfortkeepers.com">www.comfortkeepers.com</a> , (800)387-2415	Nonmedical in-home senior care	470 (+45)
93. Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits (37)	<a href="http://www.popeyesfranchising.com">www.popeyesfranchising.com</a> , (800)639-3780	New Orleans-style fried chicken, seafood & biscuits	1,455 (+45)
96. BuildingStars Inc. (248)	<a href="http://www.buildingstars.com">www.buildingstars.com</a> , (314)991-3356	Commercial cleaning	189 (+44)
96. Papa Murphy’s (57)	<a href="http://www.papamurphys.com">www.papamurphys.com</a> , (360)260-7272	Take-&-bake pizza	849 (+44)
98. Avaral Real Estate & Mortgage Network (276)	<a href="http://www.avalal.biz">www.avalal.biz</a> , (800)801-4030	Real estate & mortgage services	63 (+43)
98. One Hour Air Conditioning & Heating (367)	<a href="http://www.onehourair.com">www.onehourair.com</a> , (800)746-0458/(941)552-5100	HVAC replacement & services	126 (+43)
100. Decor & You Inc. (263)	<a href="http://www.decorandyou.com">www.decorandyou.com</a> , (203)264-3500	Interior decorating services & products	74 (+41)

\*U.S. and Canadian franchise units

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