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101 Small Business Ideas

A List of Small Business Ideas to Get You Inspired to Start a Business

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If you are looking for a new small business opportunity, you are in the right place. This list of 101 small business ideas includes everything from personal services, to retail opportunities, to environmental services, to pet-related ideas, to technology businesses. Use this list to identify the business idea that is perfect for your situation.

1. [Air Duct Cleaner](#)¹
2. Antique Furniture Sales
3. App Developer
4. Appliance Repair Technician
5. [Aquarium Maintenance](#)²
6. Basement Remodeler
7. [Blog Consultant](#)³
8. [Bookkeeper](#)⁴
9. [Business Consultant](#)⁵
10. Candle Maker
11. Candy Maker
12. Carpenter
13. Catering Service
14. Childproofing Expert
15. [Cloth Diaper Service](#)⁶
16. [Composting](#)⁷
17. [Computer Repair and Maintenance](#)⁸
18. [Computer Trainer](#)⁹
19. [Construction Cleanup](#)¹⁰
20. Customer Service Professional
21. [Data Entry Service](#)¹¹
22. [Desktop Publishing](#)¹²
23. Direct Mail Marketing Service
24. Disaster Planning and Prevention Service
25. [Dog Trainer](#)¹³
26. [Dog Treat Baker](#)¹⁴
27. [Dog Waste Remover \(Pooper Scooper\)](#)¹⁵
28. Doula
29. [eBay Consultant](#)¹⁶
30. eBay Seller
31. Florist
32. [Freelance Writer](#)¹⁷
33. Furniture Mover
34. [Gardener](#)¹⁸
35. Genealogist
36. Grant Writer
37. [Green Cleaner](#)¹⁹
38. [Green Consultant](#)²⁰
39. Gutter Cleaner
40. Hair Salon Owner
41. [Handmade Crafter](#)²¹
42. [Handyman](#)²²
43. Hauling Services
44. Holiday Decorator
45. [Home-Based Child Care Provider](#)²³
46. Home Stager
47. Home Theater Designer
48. [Home Weatherization Professional](#)²⁴
49. [House Painter](#)²⁵
50. Ice Cream Shop Business
51. [Image Consultant](#)²⁶
52. [Ink and Toner Cartridge Refilling](#)²⁷
53. Interior Designer
54. [Internet Researcher](#)²⁸
55. Jewelry Maker
56. Laundry Service
57. [Life Coach](#)²⁹
58. Locksmith
59. Marketing Copywriter
60. Massage Therapist
61. [Medical Transcriptionist](#)³⁰

62. Motivational Speaker
63. Nutritionist
64. [Organic Hair Care Products Seller](#)³¹
65. [Organic Lawn Care Provider](#)³²
66. [Party Planner](#)³³
67. Personal Chef
68. [Personal Concierge](#)³⁴
69. Personal Trainer
70. Pest Control Professional
71. [Pet Couture Designer/Seller](#)³⁵
72. [Pet Groomer](#)³⁶
73. [Pet Sitter](#)³⁷
74. Photo Restoration Service
75. Photographer
76. Pizza Parlor
77. Pool Cleaning and Maintenance Provider
78. [Private Tutor](#)³⁸
79. Professional Organizer
80. [Project Manager](#)³⁹
81. [Proofreader](#)⁴⁰
82. Public Relations Agency
83. Resume Writer
84. Sales Consultant
85. Scrapbooker for Hire
86. Senior Care Provider
87. [SEO Consultant](#)⁴¹
88. Snow and Ice Removal Service
89. Soap Maker
90. [Social Media Consultant](#)⁴²
91. Speech Writer
92. Tax Accountant
93. [Translation Service Provider](#)⁴³
94. Tree Farmer
95. [Video Producer](#)⁴⁴
96. [Virtual Assistant](#)⁴⁵
97. [Virtual Call Center](#)⁴⁶
98. Voice-Over Professional
99. [Web Designer](#)⁴⁷
100. Wedding Planner
101. Yoga Instructor

Now that you have a few business ideas in mind, you've completed the first step of starting a business: you're inspired! It's time to take the next step, and research the business ideas that made it to the top of your list.

Follow along with this [step-by-step small business startup guide](#)⁴⁸ to work on each of the remaining steps in the small business startup process, and you'll be on your way to starting a new business in no time.

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