

# Big, bigger, biggest

Wal-Mart opened its first Sam's Club in 1983 and its first Supercenter in 1988. The first Super Target opened in 1995. Costco opened its first warehouse store in 1976.

	Traditional stores	"Super" stores	Warehouse stores
Target	1,311 Targets	177 Super Targets	N/A
Wal-Mart	1,075 Wal-Marts	2,256 Wal-Mart Supercenters	579 Sam's Clubs
Costco	N/A	N/A	371 Costcos

SOURCES: Target, Costco and Wal-Mart corporate reports

Part 2 of this month's series on retail stores  
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