

Different Banks and NBFCs

The Indian banking and financial sector are vast. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) classifies institutions into Banks (which can accept demand deposits like savings accounts) and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).

While it is possible to list all the major commercial banks, **there are over 9,000 NBFCs** currently registered with the RBI. Therefore, providing a complete list of every single NBFC is impossible in this format.

Below is the complete list of all commercial banks in India (as of the most recent RBI classifications), followed by the top systemically important NBFCs.

1. Commercial Banks in India

There are currently ****128 commercial banks**** operating in India. They are divided into distinct categories based on their ownership and target markets.

1. Public Sector Banks (12)

These are banks where the Government of India holds the majority stake.

- * State Bank of India (SBI)
- * Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- * Bank of Baroda (Bob)
- * Bank of India (BOI)
- * Canara Bank
- * Union Bank of India
- * Indian Bank
- * Central Bank of India
- * Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- * UCO Bank
- * Bank of Maharashtra
- * Punjab & Sind Bank

2. Private Sector Banks (21)

These banks are majority-owned by private shareholders and corporations.

- * Axis Bank
- * Bandhan Bank
- * CSB Bank (Catholic Syrian Bank)
- * City Union Bank
- * DCB Bank (Development Credit Bank)
- * Dhan Laxmi Bank
- * Federal Bank
- * HDFC Bank
- * ICICI Bank
- * IDBI Bank
- * IDFC FIRST Bank
- * IndusInd Bank
- * Jammu & Kashmir Bank
- * Karnataka Bank

- * Karur Vysya Bank
- * Kotak Mahindra Bank
- * Nainital Bank
- * RBL Bank
- * South Indian Bank
- * Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank
- * Yes Bank

3. Small Finance Banks (11)

These banks are designed to provide financial inclusion to underserved sections, including micro-industries and unorganized sector entities.

- * AU Small Finance Bank
- * Capital Small Finance Bank
- * Equitas Small Finance Bank
- * ESAF Small Finance Bank
- * Fincare Small Finance Bank
- * Jana Small Finance Bank
- * Shivalik Small Finance Bank
- * Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- * Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- * Unity Small Finance Bank
- * Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

4. Payments Banks (5)

These banks can accept restricted deposits (currently up to ₹2 Lakhs) but cannot issue loans or credit cards.

- * Airtel Payments Bank
- * India Post Payments Bank
- * Fino Payments Bank
- * Jio Payments Bank
- * NSDL Payments Bank

(Note: Paytm Payments Bank previously operated in this category before facing RBI regulatory restrictions).

*(In addition to the above, **there are 44 Foreign Banks with branches in India, 28 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), and 2 Local Area Banks**, making up the total commercial banking ecosystem).

2. Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)

NBFCs provide banking-like services (loans, asset finance, investments) but cannot accept demand deposits (like Savings/Current accounts) from the public.

Because **there are over 9,000 registered NBFCs**, the RBI currently regulates them strictly based on their size and systemic risk under a **"Scale-Based Regulation"** framework. Instead of listing thousands of small regional companies, here are the dominant **"Upper Layer"** NBFCs that control the vast majority of the lending market in India:

1) Top Systemically Important NBFCs

- * Bajaj Finance Limited: The largest in consumer durables and retail financing.
- * Tata Capital Financial Services: A massive player in corporate and retail lending.
- * Muthoot Finance Limited: The market leader in gold-backed loans.
- * Shriram Finance Limited: Dominates the commercial vehicle and auto financing space.
- * Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (Mahindra Finance): Focuses heavily on rural and semi-urban vehicle and tractor financing.
- * Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company: A major player in vehicle finance and home equity.
- * L&T Finance Limited: Highly active in infrastructure, real estate, and two-wheeler financing.
- * HDB Financial Services: The NBFC arm of HDFC Bank, focusing on commercial and retail loans.
- * Aditya Birla Finance Limited: Provides wealth management and corporate finance solutions.
- * Poonawalla Fincorp: Rapidly growing in the personal and professional loan segments.