


# 4 Ways Business Central Can Reduce Business Costs



Inefficient workflows, unexpected downtime, and skyrocketing transport expenses – **Do these issues sound familiar?**

Manufacturing and distribution businesses face these challenges daily, but there is good news.

Companies using Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems such as Business Central can cut these costs dramatically. A study from the Aberdeen Group found that ERP systems can reduce operational expenses by up to 23%.

Let's look at how Business Central can help to tackle business costs head-on...



# 1

# Better Resource Allocation



Whether you're dealing with inventory, personnel, or financial resources, Business Central centralises all data into a single platform. This visibility ensures you're not over-ordering stock, duplicating tasks, or underutilising staff.

With Business Central you can automate inventory management to avoid costly overstocking or stockouts.

Additionally, Business Central allows seamless scheduling of tasks across departments. This eliminates redundant processes and ensures every team member's time is spent wisely. Over time, the cumulative savings from streamlined resource use can be significant.



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# 2

## Reduced Downtime



Within Business Central, the Power BI Manufacturing app provides insights into your manufacturing activities – this can help streamline processes, improve decision making and optimise your manufacturing efficiency.

- Get a clear understanding of how efficiently you're using each resource and identify bottlenecks in production.
- Analyse the production time of orders, to identify ways to optimise the production process.
- Balance production across your facility.

In addition, if supply chain delays occur, the system automatically updates schedules and informs relevant teams.

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# 3

## Optimised Transportation



Transportation is often the most expensive part of distribution. Fuel costs, vehicle maintenance, and inefficient routes all add up. ERP systems provide the tools to optimise your logistics strategy and significantly cut these expenses.

Using ISV add-ons to Business Central, you can use route optimisation to plan the most efficient delivery paths for your fleet. This reduces fuel consumption and vehicle wear and tear.

You can also integrate GPS tracking and real-time traffic updates, ensuring deliveries avoid unnecessary delays, and analyse delivery schedules to combine shipments, reducing the number of trips needed.



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# 4

## Enhanced Decision-Making



ERP systems empower businesses with actionable insights. Using real-time analytics, you can identify inefficiencies and make informed decisions to address them.

Dashboards in Business Central highlight key distribution metrics like transportation costs per mile, inventory turnover, and delivery times. Business Central can also highlight production metrics such as average production times, to improve production planning, identify waste and reduce costs.

For enhanced decision making, robust planning functionalities, including demand forecasting and supply planning, can help balance supply and demand effectively. For advanced scenario planning and what-if analysis, additional tools can be sourced through ISV's to suit business needs.





# A Solution for the Long Run

Investing in an ERP system isn't just about solving today's problems. It's about future-proofing your business.

Business Central provides the flexibility and scalability needed to keep up with industry demands.

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