

Restaurants

Houston is a culinary hotspot featuring outstanding ethnic and international cuisine.

- Houston is one of the country's most exciting food cities, with local restaurants scoring high on rankings:
 - In '20, Houston received 10 semifinalist nominations for the James Beard Awards, commonly known as the "Oscars of the food world."
 - The city is among WalletHub's "Best Cities for Vegans & Vegetarians"
- According to Yelp.com, Houston has over 80 categories of cuisine, including Latin American, Ramen and Vegan restaurants. Houston is also home to over 1,000 food trucks and stands and about 100 wine bars.

Houston restaurant categories			
American (New)	Comfort Food	Japanese	Seafood
American (Traditional)	Creperies	Juice Bars & Smoothies	Soul Food
Arts & Entertainment	Delis	Korean	Soup
Asian Fusion	Desserts	Latin American	Southern
Bakeries	Diners	Lounges	Specialty Food
Barbeque	Fast Food	Mediterranean	Sports Bars
Beer Bar	Food Court	Mexican	Steakhouses
Breakfast & Brunch	Food Stands	Middle Eastern	Street Vendors
Buffets	Food Trucks	Modern European	Sushi Bars
Burgers	French	Music Venues	Szechuan
Cafes	Gastropubs	Noodles	Tacos
Cafeteria	Gluten-Free	Pizza	Tapas/Small Plates
Cajun/Creole	Greek	Poke	Tex-Mex
Caribbean	Halal	Polish	Thai
Caterers	Hawaiian	Pop-Up Restaurants	Vegan
Cheesesteaks	Hookah Bars	Pubs	Vegetarian
Chicken Shop	Hot Dogs	Ramen	Vietnamese
Chicken Wings	Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt	Salad	Waffles
Chinese	Indian	Salvadoran	Wine Bars
Cocktail Bars	Italian	Sandwiches	Wraps
Source: Yelp.com, March 2021			

- In the four quarters ending Q3/20, the Houston MSA was home to 12,036 food service and drinking establishments that employed more than 239,695. These establishments included: 4,601 full-service restaurants, 4,564 limited-service eating places and 675 drinking establishments.
- The Houston MSA sold \$20.1 billion in the four quarters ending Q3/20, according to the State Comptroller's office.