

From an all-you-can-eat chicken restaurant to Mario Batali's Vegas steakhouse: The top 100 highest-grossing independent restaurants revealed

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A new list is shedding light on the most popular - and expensive - restaurants in the nation.

Trade magazine **Restaurant Business** has released a list of the top 100 highest-grossing independent restaurants in the U.S.

An independent restaurant only means it does not have more than five locations.

The list shows that New York City is the most popular city for such restaurants, with 30 of the top 100 restaurants located there. Las Vegas follows with 15 restaurants on the list.

The magazine says they numbers are based on 'gross 2015 food and beverage sales'.

'Information was gathered through surveys. When data wasn't provided, sales were estimated based on public information, similar concepts and other factors,' the magazine explained.

TOP 100 GROSSING INDEPENDENT RESTAURANTS

RANK	RESTAURANT	SALES	AV. CHECK SIZE	LOCATION	MEALS SERVED
85	Virgil's Real Barbecue	\$13,681,113	\$26	New York, NY	995,000

