

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

- Restaurant Business magazine has released a list of the top 100 highest-grossing independent restaurants for 2015
- Topping the list is Tao's Asian Bistro in Las Vegas, which made \$47,941,106 last year
- Rounding out the top five is Joe's Stone Crab in Miami, Tao Downtown and Carmine's Times Square in NYC and DC's Old Ebbitt Grill

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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.

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Carmine's Times Square location in New York City comes in at number four with \$32,015,788

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
1	Tao Asian Bistro	\$47,941,106	\$96	Las Vegas, NV	22,704
2	Joe's Stone Crab	\$36,837,000	\$80	Miami Beach, FL	350,000
3	Tao Downtown	\$33,822,962	\$77	New York, NY	450,000
4	Carmine's (Times Square)	\$32,015,788	\$32	New York, NY	395,000
5	Old Ebbitt Grill	\$30,568,157	\$47	Washington, DC	650,802
6	Lavo New York	\$27,508,162	\$75	New York, NY	260,000
7	Smith & Wollensky	\$25,584,000	\$101	New York, NY	298,417
8	Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse	\$23,636,657	\$73	Chicago, IL	356,051
9	Prime 112	\$23,600,000	\$115	Miami Beach, FL	220,000
10	Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab	\$23,600,000	\$76	Washington, DC	290,800

