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## Poll Results: Readers Choose Their Favorite NJ Restaurants of 2022

The winners of New Jersey Monthly's 39th annual Jersey Choice Restaurant Poll, presented by New Brunswick Performing Arts Center.

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Readers picked Common Lot in Millburn as the best American/New American restaurant in North Jersey this year. Above, a dish that features Heirloom Jersey tomatoes, Asian salsa verde, fried capers, shallots, sesame seeds and Thai basil. Photo: Ehren Ryan

The results of our 39th annual Jersey Choice Restaurant Poll, presented by New Brunswick Performing Arts Center, are in. They showcase *New Jersey Monthly* readers' picks for their favorite dining spots, by category, in New Jersey.

Balloting took place online in February. The winning restaurants in each category received the most votes in their region—North (N), Central (C) or South (S) Jersey. Ballots from duplicate email or IP addresses were disqualified. Editorial discretion was used when votes were cast for restaurants that, in our judgment, belonged in another category.

We have also added our critics' picks (★) for the top restaurants in the various poll categories.

Qualified entrants were eligible to win our random drawing for a dinner for two.

There are plenty of restaurants to try (or visit again) on the list, so we hope you're hungry!

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## Best of the Best

- N **Lorena's** · Maplewood
- C **Nicholas Barrel & Roost** · Red Bank
- S **410 Bank Street** · Cape May
- ★ **Bodegon** · Cliffside Park
- ★ **Fiorentini** · Rutherford
- ★ **Santorini** · Wildwood
- ★ **Tara Kitchen** · Wildwood
- ★ **Versi Vino** · Maple Shade

## Best New Restaurant

- N **1776 by David Burke** · Morristown
- C **Black Swan Public House** · Asbury Park
- S **Santorini** · Wildwood

## American | New American

- N **James on Main** · Hackettstown
- C **Nicholas Barrel & Roost** · Red Bank
- CS **B2 Bistro + Bar** · Bayville, North Brunswick, Point Pleasant Beach, Red Bank, Toms River
- ★ **Café Panache** · Ramsey
- ★ **Common Lot** · Millburn
- ★ **The Farm & Fisherman** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **Mama Dag's Seafood & Pizza House** · West Orange
- ★ **South + Pine** · Morristown
- ★ **Wanda BYOB** · Haddonfield

## Asian Fusion

- NC **Ani Ramen House** · Multiple locations
- C **Taka** · Asbury Park
- S **Xina** · Toms River
- ★ **Grace Bistro** · Marlton

## Bagels

- N **Hot Bagels Abroad** · Bloomfield, Clifton, Montclair, South Orange
- C **Bagel Masters** · Shrewsbury
- S **Baron's Bagels** · Point Pleasant
- ★ **Bagelati** · Cinnaminson, Voorhees
- ★ **Bagels by Jarrett** · West Orange
- ★ **Hot Bagels Abroad** · Various locations
- ★ **Sonny's** · South Orange

## Bakery

- N **Calandra's Bakery** · Caldwell, Fairfield, Newark
- C **The Gingered Peach** · Lawrence Township
- S **Mueller's Bakery** · Bay Head

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- ★ **Able Baker** · Maplewood
- ★ **Artist Baker** · Morristown
- ★ **Boaggio's Bread** · Mount Laurel
- ★ **Cocoluxe** · Peapack
- ★ **Liv Breads** · Englewood, Millburn, Short Hills
- ★ **Palazzone 1960** · Wayne
- ★ **Plum (GF)** · Montclair

## Bang for the Buck

- Ⓝ **Cucina Calandra** · Fairfield
- © **Cattani Catering & Kitchen** · Ewing
- ©Ⓢ **Surf Taco** · Multiple locations
- ★ **Miga Sushi** · Denville
- ★ **Popolari** · Bloomfield
- ★ **Sagami** · Collingswood

## Bar Scene

- Ⓝ **Calandra's Italian Village** · Caldwell
- © **Asbury Festhalle & Biergarten** · Asbury Park
- Ⓢ **Charlie's of Bay Head** · Bay Head
- ★ **Fitzgerald's** · Glen Ridge
- ★ **Giumarello's** · Haddon Township
- ★ **Verona Inn** · Verona

## Barbecue

- Ⓝ **Mighty Quinn's BBQ** · Clifton
- © **Big Ed's BBQ** · Old Bridge
- ©Ⓢ **Local Smoke BBQ** · Cookstown, Highlands, Neptune City, Red Bank, Sea Girt
- ★ **Fat Jack's** · Turnersville
- ★ **Obalton (Korean)** · Fort Lee
- ★ **Red, White & Cue** · Green Brook
- ★ **Ruthie's** · Montclair

## Beer Selection

- Ⓝ **Cloverleaf Tavern** · Caldwell
- © **Asbury Festhalle & Biergarten** · Asbury Park
- Ⓢ **Crab's Claw Inn** · Lavallette
- ★ **Blu Alehouse** · Weehawken, Woodbridge
- ★ **Erlton Social** · Cherry Hill

## Breakfast

- Ⓝ©Ⓢ **Turning Point** · Multiple locations
- © **Buttered Biscuit Café** · Bradley Beach
- Ⓢ **Mad Batter** · Cape May
- ★ **Amy's Omelette House** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **The Corner** · Montclair
- ★ **Edison Automat** · Edison

## Brew Pub

- Ⓝ **Long Valley Pub & Brewery** · Long Valley
- © **Triumph Brewing Company** · Princeton, Red Bank
- Ⓢ **MudHen Brewing Company** · Wildwood
- ★ **Iron Hill Brewery** · Maple Shade

## Brunch

- Ⓝ **Anthony's Cheesecake** · Bloomfield
- Ⓝ©Ⓢ **Turning Point** · Multiple locations
- Ⓢ **Mad Batter** · Cape May
- ★ **The Cubby Hole** · Moorestown

## Burger

- ① **Arthur's Tavern** · Morris Plains
- ② **Stage Left Steak** · New Brunswick
- ③ **The Ark Pub & Eatery** · Point Pleasant Beach
- ★ **The Fare Porter** · Haddonfield
- ★ **LT Bar & Grill** · Hackensack

## Caterer

- ① **Calandra's Italian Market & Deli** · Caldwell
- ② **Cattani Catering & Kitchen** · Ewing
- ③ **Joe Leone's Italian Specialties** · Manasquan, Point Pleasant Beach, Sea Girt
- ★ **Cathy's Catering** · Moorestown

## Chain Restaurant

- Bonefish Grill
- Cheesecake Factory
- Jersey Mike's Subs

## Cheese Steak

- ① **Cloverleaf Tavern** · Caldwell
- ② **Hoagie Haven** · Princeton
- ③ **White House Subs** · Atlantic City
- ★ **Cockadoodle Dan's** · Palmyra

## Chinese

- ① **Hunan Taste** · Denville, Montclair
- ② **Kuo Social** · Robbinsville
- ③ **Xina** · Toms River
- ★ **Hunan Taste** · Denville, Montclair
- ★ **Han Dynasty** · Cherry Hill

## Coffee | Tea Bar

- ① **The Coffee Potter** · Long Valley
- ② **Booskerdoo Coffee Co** · Asbury Park, Fair Haven, Holmdel, Monmouth Beach, Red Bank
- ③ **The Beanery** · Point Pleasant Beach
- ★ **The Station** · Merchantville
- ★ **New Leaf Tearoom** · Riverton

## Deli (Italian-Style)

- ① **Calandra's Italian Market & Deli** · Caldwell
- ② **Taliercio's Ultimate Gourmet Deli** · Red Bank
- ③ **Joe Leone's Italian Specialties** · Manasquan, Point Pleasant Beach, Sea Girt
- ★ **Croce** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **Nicolo's** · Montclair

## Deli (Kosher-Style)

- ① **Eppes Essen Deli & Restaurant** · Livingston
- ② **Harold's New York Deli Restaurant** · Edison
- ③ **Irv & Karen's Hot Pastrami** · Brick
- ★ **The Borscht Belt** · Stockton
- ★ **The Kibitz Room** · Cherry Hill

## Desserts

- ① **Calandra's Bakery** · Caldwell, Fairfield, Newark
- ② **Catherine Lombardi** · New Brunswick
- ③ **410 Bank Street** · Cape May
- ★ **How Delish** · West Orange
- ★ **Mango Mango** · Cherry Hill

## Diner

- ① **Prestige Diner** · New Providence
- ② **Americana Diner** · Shrewsbury
- ③ **Rainbow Diner Restaurant** · Brick
- ★ **Chit Chat** · West Orange
- ★ **Ponzio's** · Cherry Hill

## French

- ① **Faubourg** · Montclair
- ② **Pascal & Sabine** · Asbury Park
- ③ **410 Bank Street** · Cape May
- ★ **The Little Hen** · Haddonfield

## German | Austro-Hungarian

- ① **Black Forest Inn** · Stanhope
- ② **Asbury Festhalle & Biergarten** · Asbury Park
- ③ **Sebastian's Schnitzel Haus** · Wrightstown
- ★ **Best of the Wurst** · Riverside
- ★ **Charley** · Harrison

## Greek

- ① **Stamna Taverna** · Bloomfield, Little Falls
- ② **The Greek Spot** · Ocean Township, Red Bank
- ③ **George's Place** · Cape May
- ★ **Estia Taverna** · Marlton
- ★ **Santorini** · Wildwood

## Hot Dog

- ① **Rutt's Hut** · Clifton
- ② **Destination Dogs** · New Brunswick
- ③ **Hot Dog Tommy's** · Cape May
- ★ **Moon Dog Grill** · Moorestown

## Ice Cream

- ① **Applegate Farm** · Montclair
- ② **Nicholas Creamery** · Atlantic Highlands, Fair Haven, Long Branch, Tinton Falls
- ③ **Hoffman's Ice Cream & Yogurt** · Point Pleasant Beach, Spring Lake Heights
- ★ **Apem** · Bloomfield
- ★ **Holsten's** · Bloomfield
- ★ **Pee Wee's** · Medford

## Indian

- ① **Brick Lane Curry House** · Upper Montclair
- ② **Aarzu Modern Indian Bistro** · Freehold
- ③ **Aamantran Indian Cuisine** · Toms River
- ★ **Mausam** · Montclair
- ★ **Tiffin** · Cherry Hill

## Italian

- ① **Cucina Calandra** · Fairfield
- ② **Catherine Lombardi** · New Brunswick
- ③ **Toscana** · Bordentown
- ★ **Bici** · Ramsey
- ★ **Fiorentini** · Rutherford
- ★ **ITA 101** · Medford
- ★ **Palato** · Montclair
- ★ **Popolari** · Bloomfield

## Japanese

- 🇺🇸 **Fujiyama** · Hackettstown
- 🇨🇦 **Taka** · Asbury Park
- 🇸🇪 **Izakaya** · Atlantic City
- ★ **Sagami** · Collingswood

## Latin American | Caribbean

- 🇺🇸 **Cuban Pete's** · Montclair
- 🇨🇦 **Barrio Costero** · Asbury Park
- 🇸🇪 **410 Bank Street** · Cape May
- ★ **Que Ricas** · Westmont

## Lunch

- 🇺🇸 **Calandra's Il Vecchio Café** · Caldwell
- 🇨🇦 **Cattani Catering & Kitchen** · Ewing
- 🇸🇪 **Blue Pig Tavern** · Cape May
- ★ **The Bistro** · Haddonfield

## Mexican

- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 **Jose Tejas Fairfield** · Iselin
- 🇨🇦 **Tortuga's Mexican Village** · Princeton
- 🇸🇪 **Cinco De Mayo Mexican Grill** · Toms River
- ★ **El Oaxaqueño** · New Brunswick
- ★ **Julio's on Main** · Vineland

## Middle Eastern | Turkish

- 🇺🇸 **Beyond Pita** · Montclair
- 🇨🇦 **Reyla** · Asbury Park
- 🇸🇪 **Falafel Brothers** · Brick
- ★ **Efes Mediterranean Grill** · New Brunswick
- ★ **Norma's** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **Tara Kitchen** · Wildwood

## Pizza

- 🇺🇸 **Cucina Calandra** · Fairfield
- 🇨🇦 **Federici's Family Italian Restaurant** · Freehold
- 🇸🇪 **Manco & Manco Pizza** · Ocean City, Somers Point, Atlantic City
- ★ **Bakeria 1010** · Linwood
- ★ **Pizza Crime** · Haddonfield
- ★ **Razza** · Jersey City
- ★ **Santillo's** · Elizabeth
- ★ **Star Tavern** · Orange

## Romantic

- 🇺🇸 **Bistro d'Azur** · South Orange
- 🇨🇦 **Catherine Lombardi** · New Brunswick
- 🇸🇪 **Charlie's of Bay Head** · Bay Head
- ★ **Caffe Aldo Lamberti** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **Haven** · Edgewater
- ★ **Jardin at the Hugh** · Cape May

## Seafood

- 🇺🇸 **H2Ocean Restaurant & Raw Bar** · Cedar Knolls
- 🇨🇦 **Blue Point Grill** · Princeton
- 🇸🇪 **The Lobster House** · Cape May
- ★ **Cap'n Cats Clam Bar** · Franklinville, Voorhees, Woodbury
- ★ **Quahogs** · Stone Harbor

## Soup | Salad | Sandwich

- 🇺🇸 **Calandra's Il Vecchio Café** · Caldwell
- 🇨🇦 **Frank's Deli & Restaurant** · Asbury Park
- 🇸🇪 **Barry's Do Me a Flavor** · Beach Haven
- ★ **Crumb** · Haddonfield, Bordentown

## Southeast Asian | Thai

- 🇺🇸 **Pandan Room** · Hackettstown
- 🇨🇦 **Bamboo Leaf Thai Eatery** · Bradley Beach
- 🇸🇪 **A Little Thai Kitchen** · Cherry Hill
- ★ **Binh Duong** · Bloomfield
- ★ **Sanook Thai** · Haddonfield

## Southern | Soul Food

- 🇺🇸 **Vonda's Kitchen** · Newark
- 🇨🇦 **Delta's Restaurant** · New Brunswick
- 🇸🇪 **Corinne's Place** · Camden

## Spanish | Portuguese

- 🇺🇸 **Don Pepe Restaurant** · Newark
- 🇨🇦 **The Portuguese Fisherman** · South River
- 🇸🇪 **Under the Moon Cafe** · Bordentown
- ★ **Forno's of Spain** · Newark
- ★ **Seabra's Marisqueira** · Newark
- ★ **Solar Do Minho** · Belleville

## Steak

- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 **Roots Steakhouse** · Morristown, Princeton, Ridgewood, Summit
- 🇨🇦 **Stage Left Steak** · New Brunswick
- 🇸🇪 **410 Bank Street** · Cape May
- ★ **Chubby's** · Gloucester City
- ★ **Let's Meat** · River Vale
- ★ **Old Homestead** · Atlantic City
- ★ **Rails** · Towaco
- ★ **The Feathered Fox** · Livingston
- ★ **Edward's Steakhouse** · Jersey City

## Vegetarian | Vegan

- 🇺🇸 **Veggie Heaven** · Denville, Montclair, Teaneck
- 🇨🇦 **Good Karma Vegan Café** · Red Bank
- 🇸🇪 **Green Cuisine** · Stone Harbor
- ★ **Goodbeet** · Westmont
- ★ **Michezo** · South Orange
- ★ **How Delish** · West Orange

## Wine List

- 🇺🇸 **Calandra's Mediterranean Grill** · Fairfield
- 🇨🇦 **Nicholas Barrel & Roost** · Red Bank
- 🇸🇪 **Washington Inn** · Cape May
- ★ **Restaurant Latour** · Hamburg
- ★ **Pluckemin Inn** · Bedminster
- ★ **Versi Vino** · Maple Shade

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