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## The Top Food Franchises of 2019

Food dominates the franchise world. Here, we rank the strongest brands in 14 tasty categories.

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Ask someone to name a franchise, and chances are it will be a [food-based](#) one. Some of the biggest and best-loved franchise brands center around food, and perhaps that's no surprise -- after all, everybody eats. And more than that, everybody enjoys eating. Food isn't just a necessity -- it's a desire, one that draws in both customers and [franchisees](#).

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More than a fifth of the companies that applied for our [2019 Franchise 500 ranking](#) were food-based franchises, offering everything from tried-and-true favorites like burgers and pizza to the latest trends, like poke and acai bowls. You'll find the top 200 of them on the following pages, ranked within their respective categories. These rankings are based on the scores each company received from our Franchise 500 formula, which evaluates more than 150 data points in the areas of costs and fees, size and growth, franchisee support, brand strength, and financial strength and stability.

Keep in mind that this list is not intended as a recommendation of any particular company. With so many food-based franchises to choose from, it's important to do your own careful research before you buy. Read the company's legal documents, consult with an attorney and an accountant, and talk to existing and former franchisees.

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## HOT DOGS

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### [#1 Wienerschnitzel](#)

**Startup cost:** \$303.6K - \$1.4M

**Total franchises/co.-owned:** 323/0

### [#2 Hot Dog on a Stick](#)

**Startup cost:** \$338.2K - \$556K

**Total franchises/co.-owned:** 29/45

### [#3 Dog Haus Int'l.](#)

**Startup cost:** \$366K - \$823.1K

**Total franchises/co.-owned:** 31/0