



## Pizza Today's

# HOT 100 Independents

Each year we mail out surveys to independent pizzerias across the nation. Working off their responses, we compile our "Hot 100" list — a ranking of America's 100 largest independent pizza operations (based on sales). This issue typically is eagerly devoured by *Pizza Today's* readers and the list you'll see on pages 54 and 55 is a testament to the ingenuity, diligence and skill of the pizzeria owners that make the grade.

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Restaurant Name	08 Rating	Owner/Manager	Location	Website	Year Est.	# Units	Gross Sales
1 Buddy's Pizza	2	Robert B. Jacobs	Farmington Hills MI	www.buddyspizza.com	1946	9	\$20,000,000
2 Marion's Piazza	4	Roger S. Glass	Dayton OH	www.marionspiazza.com	1965	7	\$14,010,000
3 Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi, Too!	5	John D'Ambrosio	Sunnyvale CA	www.fjlmountainview.com	1956	5	\$13,200,000
4 Woodstock's Pizza	10	Jeff Ambrose	San Diego CA	www.woodstocksca.com	1980	7	\$12,000,000
5 Smoky Mountain Pizzeria Grill	9	Dan Todd	Boise ID	www.smokymountainpizza.com	1992	9	\$12,000,000
6 Il Vicino Wood Oven Pizza	6	Gregory Atkin	Albuquerque NM	www.ilvicino.com	1992	8	\$10,497,000
7 Farrell's Woodfire Pizza	8	John Farrell/Jacquelyn Farrell	Tacoma WA	www.farrellspizza.com	1995	5	\$9,298,211
8 Pizza Street Buffet	-	Michael Guidry/Ron Hooper	McKinney TX	www.pizzastreetinc.com	1994	9	\$8,300,000
9 Wick's Pizza Parlor & Pub	13	Michael/Meredith Wickliffe	Louisville KY	www.wickspizza.com	1991	4	\$8,170,066
10 La Nova	14	The Todaro Family	Buffalo NY	www.lanova.com	1957	2	\$8,000,000
11 Shield's Pizza	7	Paul Andoni/Peter Andoni	Troy MI	www.shieldspizza.com	1946	5	\$8,000,000
12 Metro Pizza	15	John Arena/Sam Facchini	Las Vegas NV	www.metropizza.com	1980	5	\$8,000,000
13 Steve's Pizza	31	Will Glennie	Denver CO	www.stevespizza.com	1978	9	\$8,000,000
14 Reginelli's Pizzeria	22	Darryl Reginelli/Brue Erhardt	New Orleans LA	www.reginellis.com	1996	6	\$7,967,148
15 Flipper's Pizzeria	-	Scott Kousaie	Orlando FL	www.flipperspizzeria.com	1987	7	\$7,900,000
16 Pitfire Pizza	55	Paul Hibler/David Sanfield	Los Angeles CA	www.pitfirepizza.com	1999	4	\$7,800,000
17 Flyers Pizza & Subs	16	The Ulrey Family	Powell OH	www.flyerspizza.com	1976	7	\$7,700,000
18 Paisano's	-	Fouad Qreiten	Centerville VA	www.pizzapaisanos.com	1998	7	\$7,500,000
19 Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria	12	Joe Fugere	Seattle WA	www.tuttabella.com	2004	3	\$7,364,250
20 Pizza Cottage	18	Kevin Gorham	Buckeye Lake OH	www.pizza-cottage.com	1972	3	\$7,145,000
21 Willow Street	-	Ed Rathmann	Los Gatos CA	www.willowstreet.com	1991	3	\$7,000,000
22 Mangia Chicago Stuffed Pizza	-	Mark Negro/Jeff Sayers	Austin TX	www.mangiapizza.com	1988	6	\$7,000,000
23 Fuel Pizza	19	Jeremy Wladis/Lincoln Clark/Zack Current	Charlotte NC	www.fuelpizza.com	1998	9	\$7,000,000
24 Moose's Tooth Pub & Pizzeria	24	Rod Hancock/Matt Jones	Anchorage AK	www.moosestooth.net	1996	1	\$6,600,000
25 Cristy's Pizza	-	Jason D. Biggs	Lancaster OH	www.cristyspizza.com	1985	8	\$6,500,000
26 Zito's Pizza	34	Steve Silverstein	Orange CA	www.zitospizza.com	1988	5	\$6,329,709
27 Nick's Pizza & Pub	23	Nick Sarillo	Crystal Lake IL	www.nickspizzapub.com	1995	2	\$6,226,000
28 Lui Lui	25	Eric Roberts/Marc Milowsky	Nashua NH	www.lului.com	1991	2	\$6,200,000
29 Star Pizza	30	Hank Zwirek	Houston TX	www.starpizza.net	1976	2	\$6,000,000
30 The Original Gino's Pizza	29	Chuck Kreutz	Toledo OH	www.originalginos.com	1955	6	\$6,000,000
31 Fortel's Pizza Den	28	Jan Fortel	St. Louis MO	www.fortelspizzaden.com	1981	9	\$6,000,000
32 Pizza Shuttle	32	Mark Gold & Louis Siecinski	Milwaukee WI	www.pizzashuttle.com	1985	1	\$5,600,000
33 Great Northern Pizza Kitchen	48	Ken Greene	Fairport NY	www.greatnorthernpizza.com	1999	6	\$5,600,000
34 Piece	39	Bill Jacobs	Chicago IL	www.piecechicago.com	2001	1	\$5,187,263
35 Pizza X	44	Jeff Mease	Bloomington IN	www.express.bloomington.com	1982	6	\$5,152,092
36 Sanfratello's Pizza	-	Joseph A. Sanfratello	Glenwood IL	www.sanfratellos.com	1969	5	\$5,110,000
37 Figlio Wood-Fired Pizza	60	Peter Danis	Columbus OH	www.figliopizza.com	1991	3	\$5,000,000
38 Vazzy's Brick Oven	36	Johnny Vazzano	Bridgeport CT	-	1993	5	\$5,000,000
39 Amici Italian Café	-	Mike Torino	Madison GA	-	1993	6	\$5,000,000
40 Rotolo's Pizzeria	-	Michell Rotolo	Baton Rouge LA	www.rotolos.com	1996	9	\$5,000,000
41 d'Bronx	46	Don Foringer	Kansas City MO	www.dbronxkc.net	1990	3	\$4,868,500
42 Cal'z Pizza Inc.	26	(Family Owned)	Virginia Beach VA	www.calzpizza.com	1982	8	\$4,860,000
43 Pizza Plus	40	Daniel L. Blake	Sparks NV	www.pizzaplusrenosparks.com	1981	4	\$4,750,879
44 Shakespeare's Pizza	54	Jay Lewis	Columbia MO	www.shakespeares.com	1973	2	\$4,750,000
45 Partners II Pizza	37	Jim/Marilyn Royal	Peachtree City GA	www.partnerspizza.com	1977	4	\$4,737,830
46 Milton's Pizza & Pasta	45	Jeff Janik	Raleigh NC	www.miltonspizza.com	1981	2	\$4,711,421
47 The Original Graziano's Pizza Rest.	33	Lee Turrigiano	Upland CA	-	1969	3	\$4,530,000
48 Adornetto's Pizzeria	47	James L. Adornetto	Zanesville OH	www.adornettos.com	1958	3	\$4,350,800
49 Fat Jack's Pizza	49	David S. Boyles	Lima OH	www.fatjackspizza.com	1975	2	\$4,200,000
50 Rome's Pizza	52	Gus Nassar	San Antonio TX	www.romespizza.com	1986	5	\$4,185,691

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51 Asheville Pizza & Brewing	56	Mike Rangel/Leigh Lewis	Asheville	NC	www.ashevillepizza.com	1995	2	\$4,000,000
52 Boombozz Famous Pizza	58	Tony Palombino	Louisville	KY	www.tonyboombozz.com	1998	4	\$3,985,000
53 Rocky's Italian Grill	43	John J. Fondrisi	Jeffersonville	IN	www.eat@rockys.com	1977	1	\$3,800,000
54 Brick Oven	51	Stan/Debbie Adams	Austin	TX	www.brickovenrestaurant.com	1982	3	\$3,734,988
55 Mario's Pizza & Pasta	87	Joe/Eddy/Sal Burgarello	Albuquerque	NM	www.mariospizzaabq.com	1972	3	\$3,600,000
56 Ardovino's	-	Michael Myers/Carl Myers	El Paso	TX	www.ardovinopizza.com	1961	3	\$3,600,000
57 PieWorks Pizza by Design	71	Marc L. Able	Shreveport	LA	www.piework.com	1990	5	\$3,600,000
58 Georgio's Chicago Pizzeria & Pub	53	Brian Coli	Crystal Lake	IL	www.georgiospizza.com	2002	2	\$3,587,500
59 Danny Boy's Pizza	-	Rob/Renee Grendow	Rocky River	OH	www.dannyboypizza.com	1991	2	\$3,400,000
60 Magpie's Gourmet Pizza	50	Adam Romero	Tucson	AZ	www.magpies.com	1989	5	\$3,400,000
61 Firehouse Pizzeria	68	Greg Chamber/Neal Chamber	Logan	UT	www.firehousepizzeria.com	2001	3	\$3,327,330
62 Fargo's Pizza Company	61	Barry L. Manis	Colorado Springs	CO	www.fargospizza.com	1973	1	\$3,300,000
63 Kaleidoscope Pizzeria & Pub	-	Jacob/Ben Allmaras/Kristi Haavig	Medford	OR	www.kaleidoscopepizza.com	2004	1	\$3,162,444
64 Red Rose Pizzeria	67	Antonio Caputo	Springfield	MA	-	1963	1	\$3,100,000
65 Rafferty's Pizza	79	Mike Brussea/Mark Loschko	Baxter	MN	www.raffertypizza.com	1981	4	\$3,100,000
66 Ron's Original Bar & Grille	93	Ron Inverso	Exton	PA	www.ronoriginal.com	1990	1	\$3,073,000
67 Vanelli's - Greek & Italian	-	Vaz Vanelli	Tupelo	MS	www.vanellis.com	1975	1	\$3,000,000
68 Robintino's Restaurants	-	Merrilee McCall	Bountiful	UT	-	1964	2	\$3,000,000
69 Garibaldi's Pizza	66	Mike Garibaldi	Memphis	TN	www.garibaldipizza.com	1975	3	\$3,000,000
70 Pizza Rita	77	June/Brian Dickmann	Spokane	WA	www.pizzarita.net	1989	6	\$3,000,000
71 Pizzeria Classico	65	Scott Litteral	Gold River	CA	-	1985	2	\$2,982,323
72 Giovanni's Pizzeria	74	Zito Family	Albuquerque	NM	www.giovannispizzaalbuquerque.com	1988	2	\$2,900,000
73 Papa Pete's Pizza	75	Keli Coscia	Longview	WA	www.papapetes.com	1974	3	\$2,801,000
74 Mother Bear's Pizza	89	Ray McConn	Bloomington	IN	www.motherbearspizza.com	1973	1	\$2,800,100
75 Kingys Pizza Pub	82	Bert Reynolds/Rick Reynolds	Canal Winchester	OH	www.kingyspizza.com	1980	1	\$2,700,000
76 Selma's Chicago Pizzeria	84	Mike Phillips/Eric Miller	Rancho Santa Margarita	CA	www.selmaspizza.com	2002	2	\$2,700,000
77 Gino's Pizza & Brew	73	Ben Darwish	Orlando	FL	www.ginospizzaandbrew.com	1996	3	\$2,700,000
78 B & J Pizza Restaurant	69	Jack R. Baker	Corpus Christi	TX	www.bandjpizza.com	1987	3	\$2,646,001
79 Sal & Mookies New York Pizza	-	Daniel Blumenthal	Jackson	MS	www.salandmookies.com	2007	1	\$2,600,000
80 The Couch Tomato Café	99	Craig Mosmen/Michael Cassano	Philadelphia	PA	www.thecouchtomato.com	2003	1	\$2,550,000
81 Mozzi's Pizza	-	Mark Lee	Greenfield	IN	www.mozzispizza.com	1982	5	\$2,540,000
82 Tony's Pizza	-	Dimitri Dickson	Lake Charles	LA	-	1968	1	\$2,500,000
83 Roppolo's Pizzeria II	83	Mark Roppolo	Austin	TX	www.roppolos.com	1990	2	\$2,500,000
84 Pavone's Pizza	90	Angelo Pavone	Fayetteville	NY	-	1971	4	\$2,500,000
85 Aviccolli's Pizzeria & Restaurant	92	Nick Aviccolli/Anthony Fiacchi	Liverpool	NY	www.avicollirestaurant.com	1983	1	\$2,475,000
86 Ricardo's	-	Rick/Kathy Loch/Brenda Regenfelder	Greendale	WI	www.foodspot.com/ricardos	1970	2	\$2,460,144
87 Piecora's New York Pizza	100	Daniel Piecora	Seattle	WA	www.piecoras.com	1983	1	\$2,422,900
88 PARISI pizzeria*trattoria*deli	95	Christine Parisi	Denver	CO	www.parisidenver.com	1998	1	\$2,400,000
89 A Slice of Italy Pizzeria	41	Tony DiFatta	Baldwin	MD	-	1984	3	\$2,400,000
90 Pastime + Pastime Jr.	-	Randy Wesley	Baton Rouge	LA	www.pastimerestaurant.com	1945	2	\$2,382,100
91 KD's Allegro Pizzeria	92	Eric Drake	Ashland	OH	-	1981	4	\$2,351,000
92 Aver's Gourmet Pizza	85	Brad Randall/Kris Kaiser	Bloomington	IN	www.averspizza.com	1995	3	\$2,272,910
93 Flying Pie Pizzeria	98	Howard Olivier	Boise	ID	www.flyingpie.com	1978	2	\$2,155,000
94 The Original Impellizzeri's Pizza	-	Wes Phelps	Louisville	KY	www.impellizzeris.com		2	\$2,113,558
95 Eaton's Fresh Pizza	81	Dale Hochstein	Fon du Lac	WI	-	1980	4	\$2,100,000
96 Lillian's Pizza	-	Lillian Walsh	Pensacola	FL	www.lillianspizza.com	1990	1	\$2,000,513
97 Mazzella's Italian Restaurant	-	Domenico V. Mazzella	Wilmington	DE	www.mazzellas.net	1997	1	\$2,000,000
98 Salutos Pizza & Pasta	-	Robert/Melody Bode	Gurnee	IL	www.salutosofgurnee.com	1990	1	\$1,958,411
99 Covered Bridge Pizza Parlors	-	Gary O. Hewitt	North Kingsville	OH	-	1972	3	\$1,950,684
100 Sweet Tomatoes Pizza	-	Hedy Jarras	Newton	MA	www.sweettomatoespizza.com	1998	3	\$1,891,291