

HOW TO COST & PRICE A MENU ITEM

Calculate Your Menu Price

Example: Spaghetti Carbonara

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Multiply Cost × Quantity Used in Recipe

Pasta: $\$0.16 \times 8 \text{ oz} = \1.28
Bacon: $\$0.38 \times 4 \text{ oz} = \1.52
Eggs: $\$0.30 \times 2 = \0.60
Parmesan: $\$0.75 \times 2 \text{ oz} = \1.50
Garlic: $\$0.25 \times 1 \text{ oz} = \0.25

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Add Everything Up = Total Food Cost

$\$1.28 + \$1.52 + \$0.60 + \$1.50 + \$0.25 = \5.15

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Determine Your Target Food Cost %

Industry standard: 28-32% for full-service restaurants

We'll use **30%** target food cost
(This means 70% covers labor, overhead & profit)

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Divide food cost by target percentage:

$\$5.15 \div 0.30 = \17.17
Round up to → **\$17.95** menu price

FINAL MENU PRICE:

\$17.95

Food Cost: \$5.15 (29%) | Profit: \$12.80 per dish

Master food costing to maximize your profits →

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