

# MOBILEORDER-AHEAD Tracker<sup>™</sup>

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# WHAT'S INSIDE

o customer wants to be left waiting when hunger strikes. That's why quick-service restaurants (QSRs) have rolled up their sleeves, unveiled mobile orderahead and reconfigured their kitchens to handle the increasing volume.

Preparing pre-ordered meals without disrupting the flow of instore tickets calls for significant strategizing. From introducing a separate <a href="mailto:prepline">prepline</a> designated solely for mobile orders, to a routing <a href="mailto:system">system</a> that carefully times when each hits the kitchen, companies have tried a range of tactics to ensure meals are hot and ready to go when customers step through their doors.

Having orders ready on time is only half the battle, though. The other half is getting those orders into customers' hands after they leave the kitchen.

If a restaurant isn't careful, order-ahead customers may end up waiting in pickup lines so long they lose the time saved by preordering. Worse yet, a large crowd can descend on the pickup area all at once, creating a chaotic situation as customers attempt to claim their food purchases. These issues came to particularly glaring light in the early days of Starbuck's mobile order-ahead <u>service</u>, which has since become a well-worn cautionary tale.

To keep those woes in the past, solution providers are tackling the problem from a variety of angles. Supply chain solutions firm Apex Pick-Up Technologies has been working to help QSRs keep organized with a compartmentalized order collection locker into which staff load food and through which customers — with proper codes — can retrieve their purchases.

Similarly, Chipotle Mexican Grill seems to be taking a leaf out of Dunkin' Donuts' <u>playbook</u>. The burrito QSR recently <u>debuted</u> drive-through lanes exclusively for mobile order pickup in an attempt to shift the option into high gear.



#### Around the mobile order-ahead world

Customers are increasingly showing demand for mobile orderahead services, making it a good time for companies to focus on smoothing out any frictions.

Among the newcomers is southeast Asia-inspired bowl provider Basil Box, which recently <u>launched</u> an offering enabling customers to build boxes of mix-and-match ingredients using an app. In a statement, founder Peter Chiu said the move intends to answer customers' desire for greater speed, convenience and customization.

In fact, mobile ordering is so popular that it's being used for more than just complete meals. Big-box retailer BJ's Wholesale Club has <u>extended</u> a pilot service to its deli meats and cheeses. Customers can now select from deli brands and customize slicing thickness via a mobile app, then collect their orders in 20 minutes or by the end of day.

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Also emerging on the mobile ordering landscape is a long-promised service from Disneyland. Previously only available at the Disney World theme park and resorts in Orlando, Florida, or as part of a pilot test conducted by employees and passholders, mobile ordering is now open to all visitors to the Anaheim, California, amusement park location. Guests can use the Disneyland mobile app to place orders with a number of in-park restaurants, and receive notifications when their food is ready.

#### Applebee's on the mobile ordering buzz

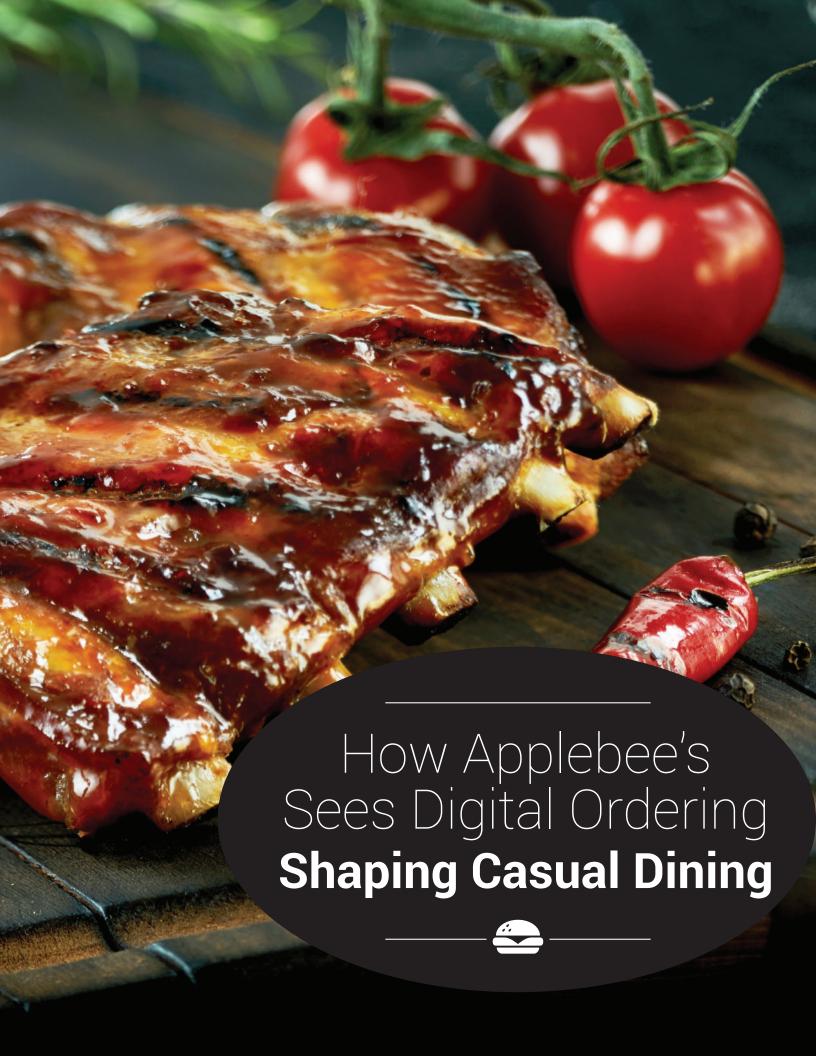
Casual dining restaurants can't rely on just table service if they want to stay competitive. Mobile ordering helps capture loyal customers when they don't have the time to come in to dine, and keeps restaurants relevant in a retail world increasingly given to online shopping.

In this month's Mobile Order Ahead Tracker™ feature story (p. 6) Scott Gladstone, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill + Bar's vice president of strategy and development, explains the casual restaurant's approach to mobile ordering, its struggles to make menu items more travel-friendly and its efforts to get ahead of the next wave of changes in where and how customers want to order.

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# FEATURE STORY



"Fast" and "on-the-go" aren't just the buzzwords of QSRs anymore. Even casual dining restaurants are hopping on the mobile ordering bandwagon.

A growing number of such establishments are now looking beyond their own dinner tables, working to reach customers wherever they are and serving them in the ways they want to be served — whether through a device at the table, a mobile app or even a virtual assistant.

Scott Gladstone, vice president of strategy and development for <u>Applebee's Neighborhood Grill + Bar</u>, has seen this shift firsthand. In a recent interview, he told PYMNTS that eCommerce and mobile order-ahead trends are reshaping the casual dining landscape.

"[In the broader retail landscape], behavior is changing, and guests are more comfortable consuming and purchasing things on their phones and online," Gladstone said. "Consumption patterns are changing, [too, and] most restaurant concepts in casual dining are really pursuing to-go because it's incremental — and it's where the customer is going."

# Eating good — and ordering ahead — in the neighborhood

On-premise dining is the core of Applebee's business, and is likely to remain the core in the near future. The restaurant chain is recognizing the growing importance of offering mobile order-ahead and online ordering channels, however.

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Its dine-in and order-to-pickup offerings don't compete thus far, according to Gladstone. Instead, order-ahead services seem to cater to the millennial crowd and to customers who are too busy to dine in. Applebee's Carside to Go takeout diners, meanwhile, tend to have children or pets with them, making it more difficult to come into the restaurant.

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"They want to have that Applebee's experience, but they might not have the time or it's not the right occasion to consume it in the restaurant," he explained.

One major difference between dine-in and pickup orders is readily apparent, though: Gladstone says consumers who eat in tend to order more beverages than those who take their items to go. These order-ahead customers are taking their meals home, where they may already have drinks, but check totals tend to be more comparable when it comes to food items.

#### Cooking up more efficient mobile fulfillment

Introducing online and mobile ordering service has forced Applebee's to reexamine its software and hardware to make the flow of orders as efficient as possible.

One major area of focus has been ensuring proper order timing so kitchen staff members are not overwhelmed with requests at peak times, Gladstone explained, and so order-ahead volume doesn't compromise service to in-restaurant diners. The company conducted studies to ensure proper functioning, and has implemented careful limits on both pickup time slots and when orders appear on kitchen display systems.

# **UNDER THE HOOD**

How do you expect restaurants' engagement with mobile to develop going forward?

"There's going to be, at some point, the confluence of the mobile device coming into the restaurant, whereas today, it's largely used by our guests to interact with us on our website or app to make an order to-go. Over the next several years, you'll start to see that type of evolution [in] how guests are interacting, either to order, pay or order-ahead to engage with the restaurant within the four walls. That's likely how mobile will continue to disrupt the restaurant industry, in addition to just opening up additional channels.

For us, what's quite interesting is how many marketplaces, third-party vendors and other channels are opening up because of both mobile and online ordering platforms. Whether it's third-party delivery, whether it's financial institutions that have their own marketplaces that they're setting up, whether it's other types of retail third-party marketplace experiences that are being generated by apps or websites. Our menu is being posted in so many more places than it's had access to in the past. We're trying to find ways to get our menu in front of guests wherever they want to interact with or consume it."

**-SCOTT GLADSTONE,** VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT AT <u>APPLEBEE'S</u>



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Applebee's also recently reconsidered its food packaging for to-go orders after Gladstone and his team noticed not all items are created equally for dine-in and takeout.

"Ice cream does not travel as well as a burger or a steak," Gladstone said. "How do you present these items to a guest so they're still appetizing at the end of a 15- to 20-minute car ride?"

Customers select their items differently because of this, he explained, so the restaurant chain decided to design and roll out new packaging which made its debut in April. The new packaging better contains and separates dry from wet, keeping ice cream, soup and similar items from dripping and ensuring they're still appetizing when they reach a customer's home.

#### **Changing service landscape**

Gladstone believes customers will soon be using smartphones and other technology to help grab meals, regardless of whether they are sitting down or having their food to go.

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Dine Brands, which oversees Applebee's, is currently exploring a service that would offer this blend of mobile and inrestaurant dining, enabling customers to order items ahead and have those items fully cooked when they arrive to eat. Applebee's sees its potential to tap more customers who want the dining experience but are tight on time, Gladstone explained.

Current practices suggest customers do have an appetite

for using such technology. The restaurant already provides on-table devices that enable diners to place orders, swipe a card to pay a bill or play games. It has seen consistent growth in usage of these devices, too, suggesting customers may be ready to apply ordering technology to dine-in experiences.

"We've seen success with that, and that's an indication of guests' willingness to interact with mobile or technology within the restaurant," Gladstone said.

Applebee's future omnichannel strategy includes enabling menu ordering through third-party providers. It recently signed an agreement to allow voice ordering with Google assistant, as well as partnerships with Waze and General Motors to enable ordering from a car.

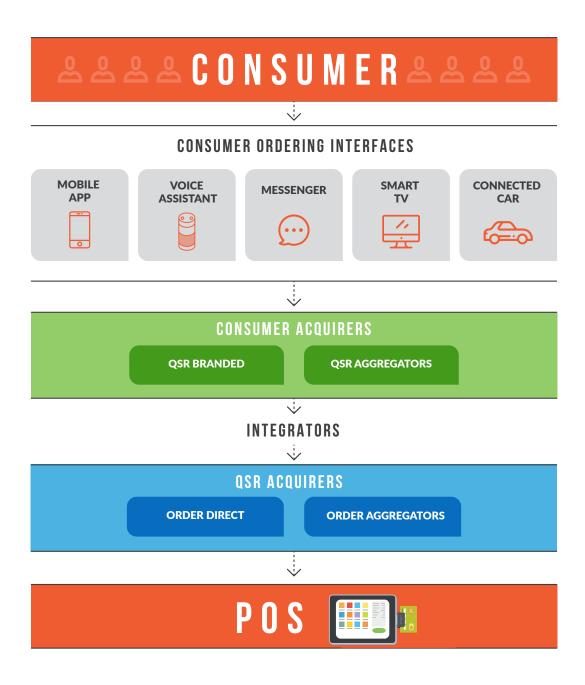
"These are emerging technologies," Gladstone noted. "It's not necessarily how the guests choose to order today, but it may be how they want to order in the near future: hands-free ordering from a car or from your home. We want to be ready for those continuing shifts and changes in the same way we're enhancing our mobile devices. If guests change the way they consume, we want to be ready for that."

Getting in front of hungry customers has so far meant having mobile apps, voice ordering and in-car ordering readily available, as well as preparing for whatever may come next. After all, not even casual dining is exempt as consumer purchasing moves increasingly online.

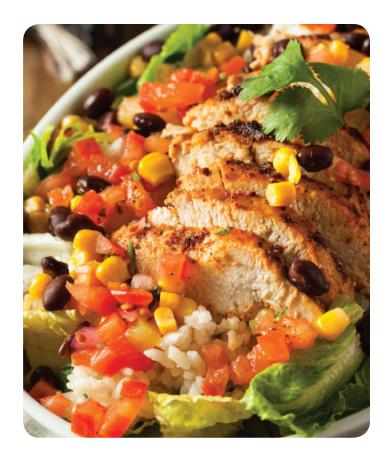


# MOBILE ORDER-AHEAD ECOSYSTEM

The PYMNTS Mobile Order-Ahead Tracker™ gives an overview of the trends and activities across the mobile order-ahead space, as well as the companies that offer relevant solutions and services. Each month, the Tracker's News and Trends section provides a comprehensive update of the latest goings-on of the major industry players, technologies and solutions fueling the consumer-driven ecosystem. This visual representation of the mobile order-ahead ecosystem explains how we organize our News and Trends.



# **NEWS** AND TRENDS



## Meals at the wheel

#### Chipotle debuts drive-through pickup

Chipotle's new CEO has been taking a multi-pronged approach to getting burritos into customers' hands more quickly. The latest of these efforts is a designated drive-through mobile order pickup lane enabling customers to collect their meals at a preset time. The lanes were recently added to five of the 2,500 total Chipotle locations, including two in Ohio and one each in Tennessee, Texas and Massachusetts. Plans reportedly call for bringing the service to Virginia this year, too.

This isn't Chipotle's only plan to drive business forward. The QSR recently <u>partnered</u> with delivery provider DoorDash to offer delivery at more than 1,500 restaurants. It also focused on upping its order fulfillment capacity in another recent <u>effort</u>, which saw the addition of a second meal prep line equipped with digital supports and designated solely for mobile order preparation.

#### **Dunkin' rolls out VA concept store**

Chipotle is not the only QSR with customers who are hungry for drive-through services. Back in January, coffee and donut chain Dunkin' Donuts <u>announced</u> a new concept store design which debuted in Quincy, Massachusetts. Its redesigned store features a layout focused on better serving mobile ordering customers, including a separate drive-through lane for mobile order pickup, a separate in-store queue, better serving equipment, new espresso machines and a new tap system for iced coffee and teas. Now, more customers will get their own tastes of that mobile-forward experience, as Dunkin' Donuts recently <u>opened</u> a new concept location in Hampton, Virginia.

#### Sonic launches mobile ordering

Sonic Drive-In is finally moving its mobile ordering service out of the trial stage, having officially <u>launched</u> the feature at locations in its headquarters of Oklahoma City on May 31. Customers can use the app to place orders and pay for meals by loading money onto a Sonic card before making their selections.

The QSR has reportedly been at work on this feature for approximately two years, testing the service in March in Lafayette, Louisiana. According to Matt Schein, Sonic's vice president of operations, systems and execution, part of the delay resulted from the rapid pace of innovation during

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creation, which forced the company's developers to adapt to new technology as they built the app. Sonic's mobile orderahead program won't be limited to Oklahoma City for long, though, as the QSR intends to bring it to all its locations by the end of 2018.

"All the data tells us consumers are moving toward utilizing smartphone technology," Schein told *The Oklahoman*.

## Putting MOA to the test

#### Jack in the Box unboxes mobile ordering

Fast food chain Jack in the Box has reportedly been struggling, with its Q2 2018 <u>earnings</u> declining 7 percent and revenues



dropping 21.1 percent from the year-ago quarter. To spring back, the QSR is now rolling out a new mobile app to help customers order and pay ahead. Plans for the app were announced in 2017, and the service is currently being trialed in select markets.

The service is only <u>available</u> in Hawaii and certain Oregon cities, according to the iTunes App Store, as well as San Diego, California, and the Texas cities of McAllen and Brownsville. Reports are positive thus far, with the mobile order features said to be drawing in higher spending. Jack in the Box <u>expects</u> an official rollout by year's end.

This news comes roughly a year after the QSR announced a new deal with online ordering platform Grubhub. As part of the partnership, Grubhub offers online ordering and delivery services in more than 20 markets around the U.S. The two companies plan to expand delivery services later this year.

#### BJ's expands deli ordering pilot

In the age of mobile ordering convenience, BJ's Wholesale Club consumers can now cut themselves a bigger slice of the... ham? The retailer is enabling its members to order deli meats and cheeses ahead via a mobile app service that's currently in pilot, recently extending the option to its stores in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The new feature allows customers to place deli orders, request certain slicing thicknesses of selected meats and cheeses, track orders and pick them up within 20 minutes — though stores will hold orders until the end of the day. BJ's first rolled out its app in October 2017.

#### New entrants

#### **Checking the mobile ordering Basil Box**

Customized southeast Asia-inspired food boxes restaurant
Basil Box has joined the mobile order-ahead game. According
to a recent announcement from mobile order and payment

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solution provider Smooth Commerce, which is powering the restaurant's digital ordering service, customers will now be able to place, pay for and earn loyalty rewards on orders via an iOS or Android app.

The move is in response to customers' demand for faster and more personalized service, Basil Box founder Peter Chiu said in a press release. The company can track customer analytics and loyalty through the offering, which will help facilitate targeted marketing campaigns using push notifications, SMS and in-app offerings.

#### Mobile ordering arrives at Disneyland

Disneyland has made its long-awaited mobile order-ahead solution a reality. All park visitors can now <u>order</u> their meals ahead — whether waiting in line for a ride or on their way to the park — from nine restaurants at Disney California Adventure and eight at Disneyland using the official Disneyland app. They can also pre-pay for their food using credit or debit cards, select a pickup time and elect to receive push notifications when their orders are ready. The service was tested with park employees and annual passholders prior to its broader release.

Mobile order-ahead services have long been available at restaurants located inside Orlando, Florida's Walt Disney World park and resort. All told, customers can now place mobile orders at more than 20 restaurants inside the theme park and resort property lines, according to the company's website.

#### Two ND Subways introduce mobile ordering

A pair of Jamestown, North Dakota, Subway sandwich shops are freshening their image with <u>updates</u> that include mobile ordering. These come as part of the company's national "Fresh Forward" tech-savvy redesign initiative, into which owners of individual stores can opt. The two stores are adding mobile order-ahead, but are bypassing an available self-serve kiosk component.

Both stores say customers will be able to pick up their items 15 minutes after ordering with the mobile order-ahead service, and do so via a designated in-store express lane. Fresh Forward was first <a href="Launched">Launched</a> in 2017, and Subway said at the time that it would extend the initiative to 44,000 worldwide locations over the next several years. The new mobile app has been the "most successful" part of Fresh Forward, according to Michigan-based regional Subway agent John Clark.



#### In-store innovation

#### Apex's bid to lock down order pickup

Speedy service is crucial when it comes to keeping restaurant customers happy. As such, self-service automation provider Apex Order Pick-Up Technologies recently <u>announced</u> a new

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solution to help restaurants get orders to customers faster — without the chaos that infamously plaqued Starbucks.

The company's Flow-Thru Locker Solution, consisting of a double-sided locker, enables employees to load orders through the back and customers to scan pickup codes and collect orders from the front. It integrates with a restaurant's point-of-sale, kitchen display and mobile apps, according to an Apex press release, and 12 QSRs and several food service operations have already signed on to implement the offering.

#### Dine Brands tests order-ahead for table service

Dine Brands, which oversees IHOP (or should we say IHOb?) and Applebee's Grill + Bar, is experimenting with a new type of mobile order-ahead service. The still-in-development offering would enable dine-in customers to place orders via a mobile app, according to reports, ensuring food is ready to be served to them when they arrive. Customers would then be able to pay their bills electronically.

## Payment & partnership power-ups

#### Ritual rakes in Series C funding

Social mobile ordering app Ritual recently <u>brought in</u> a fresh flow of resources with the closing of a Series C funding round, which was led by Georgian Partners and saw participation from Greylock Partners, Insight Ventures and Mistral Venture Partners. The round brought in \$70 million, upping Ritual's funding to \$112.9 million in total.

The company offers an app to facilitate lunch ordering among coworkers. Users can order and pay ahead for meals from participating nearby restaurants, and members of a user's network can join an order, add their own purchases and have one person collect everyone's items. In a <u>press release</u>, Ritual said more than 44,500 workplace teams have used the app, and that its restaurant partnerships doubled in the past year.

#### **Rakuten acquires Curbside**

Meanwhile, mobile ordering technology company Curbside recently received a boost of its own: <u>acquisition</u> by Tokyobased eCommerce giant Rakuten. Curbside supports its retailer partners' efforts to offer mobile order-ahead for curbside pickup, providing features like customer arrival time and inventory predictions that help stores prepare for incoming consumers and avoid listing out-of-stock items.

While the acquisition terms were not made public, Curbside will continue to operate independently as a Rakuten-owned company. The development is expected to give Curbside's partners — the QSRs and other retailers it serves — access to Rakuten's ecosystem of more than 1 billion merchants and customers, helping to grow the platform's global reach.



# SCORINGMETHODOLOGY

#### MOBILE ORDER-AHEAD SCORING METHODOLOGY

Companies included in the Tracker Scorecard are the top restaurants providing mobile order-ahead as an integrated offering within their operations. Providers have been scored and ranked based on three primary mobile order-ahead criteria:



How orders can be placed via the app, including whether they can be made through a branded app, third-party aggregator, messenger app or voiceactivated app How customers can access their loyalty or rewards program accounts via a business' mobile app How many people interact with the app, including usage penetration rates, the number of active monthly users and the average session duration in seconds

# PROVIDERDIRECTORY

## Third-Party Aggregator Apps:













## **SDKs Enabling Branded Order-Ahead Apps:**







## Middleware Examples (Connecting Ordering Channels to POS):















#### **Demand Side:** QSR Branded Order-Ahead Apps



























































































































#### **STARBUCKS**

Launch of mobile order service date: September 2015

The Starbucks app allows users to order drinks and food in advance and pay for them via the app. Users can also find nearby locations, customize orders and view an estimated time frame for order pickup.



#### DOMINO'S PIZZA

Launch of mobile order service date: February 2012

The Domino's Pizza app enables customers to order and pay in English and Spanish, and earn rewards for purchasing. It connects with Ford Sync to track orders, and customers can place them on the go with Apple Watch or Pebble smartwatch. iPhone users can also access a voice ordering assistant.



#### **CHICK-FIL-A**

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2016

The Chick-fil-A app allows guests to customize their order, pay in advance and skip the line when picking up their meal. It also offers a new rewards program and allows customers to save and reorder favorite items.





#### **PIZZA HUT**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2009

The Pizza Hut app allows orders from a full and customizable menu. The app also helps customers find local deals and the closest stores. It has also the option to pay directly from the app and accepts voice orders.



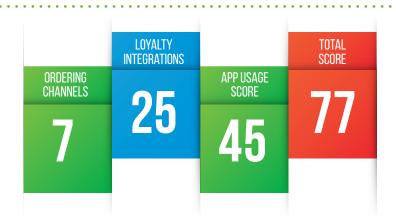


#### PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2010

The Papa John's Pizza app allows customers to choose between delivery and carryout and features special offers. Users can also create accounts to save orders and earn reward points. The app also provides information on nearby locations.



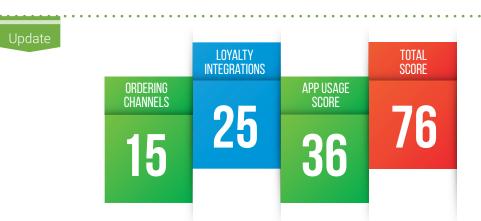


#### **DUNKIN' DONUTS**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2012

The Dunkin' Donuts app enables order-ahead. It also gives users free beverages on special occasions and integrates with the DD Card, Dunkin' Donuts prepaid card.





#### **BURGER KING**

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2016

The Burger King app is piloting an order-ahead tool via Facebook's Messenger chatbot. This service would allow customers to place meal orders, select a pickup location and pay for purchases.



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#### MCDONALD'S

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2015

The McDonald's app allows customers to place and pay for mobile food orders. Users can save orders for reordering, access exclusive discounts and find locations.



#### **PANERA BREAD**

Launch of mobile order service date: April 2014

The Panera Bread app is designed to reduce wait times and speed service. It encompasses digital ordering, payments, operations and a revamped guest experience, whether customers choose to eat in or get an order to go. The app also allows for customized menus and use of the MyPanera loyalty program.



#### **WINGSTOP**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2011

The Wingstop app allows customers to order up to seven days in advance, customize their orders and find their nearest stores. They also can place orders with the Wingbot virtual ordering assistant through text message, Facebook Messenger, Twitter direct message or Alexa voice order.



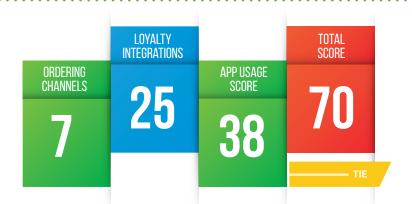
The Fridays app allows patrons to order food and beverages for pick-up, pay directly from the table, find nearby Fridays locations, view the menu and add, check and claim points through the Fridays rewards program.



#### **SHAKE SHACK**

The Shake Shack app enables customers to place orders in advance, create custom profiles and find Shake Shack restaurants based on their GPS location.





#### **WAWA**

Launch of mobile order service date: February 2017

The Wawa app allows Wawa Rewards members to place and pay for orders via their smartphones. It also enables customers to pay in-store with a gift card as well as check their balances, earn rewards and find nutritional information.





#### TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE

Launch of mobile order service date: March 2016

The Tropical Smoothie Cafe app enables customers to order food and link a credit or debit card to make on-the-go payments when ordering ahead. It also offers an automatic reward credit earning feature.





#### MOE'S SOUTHWEST GRILL

Launch of mobile order service date: April 2012

The Moe's Rockin' Rewards app allows customers to place and pay for orders as well as earn rewards points. It also enables customers to find the nearest restaurant location.



#### CHILI'S

Launch of mobile order service date: September 2011

The Chili's app enables customers to find the nearest restaurant, put their name on the seating wait list, and order meals to-go. It also saves previous orders and integrates with the My Chili's Rewards program.





#### **TACO BELL**

Launch of mobile order service date: October 2014

The Taco Bell app allows users to order and pay via the app, set pick up times and use gift cards. Users can also opt-in to receive real-time order status updates.

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#### **SWEETGREEN**

Launch of mobile order service date: February 2013

The Sweetgreen app allows users to order from a full menu and access a rewards program.





#### **BJ'S RESTAURANT & BREWHOUSE**

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2014

The BJ's Mobile App allows customers to order ahead for takeout or dine-in, and offers split-the-bill features for group orders.



#### **QDOBA MEXICAN EATS**

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2016

The QDOBA Rewards app allows users to order and pay in advance. Customers can accumulate points in their rewards accounts and find the nearest restaurant location.





#### **BLAZE PIZZA**

Launch of mobile order service date: March 2016

The Blaze Pizza app enables guests to order and pay from smartphones and earn rewards including free meals. The app also provides an online order history, reordering capabilities and a nutrition calculator.





#### POTBELLY SANDWICH SHOP

Launch of mobile order service date: March 2017

The Potbelly Sandwich Shop app lets patrons place orders for pick-up or delivery. It also includes Potbelly Perks loyalty program, with which customers earn "smiles" that are later exchanged for meals.



#### **COSTA VIDA**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2015

The Costa Vida app features order ahead and rewards capabilities. It also displays special offers and encourages users to purchase gift cards for friends.



#### **SHEETZ**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2017

The Sheetz app allows customers to order, earn loyalty points, pay with saved gift cards and view nutritional information.





### **ZOËS KITCHEN**

Launch of mobile order service date: September 2017

The Zoës Kitchen app enables customers to place orders via their mobile devices. Other features include user profiles, order histories, rewards and a store locator.





#### LA MADELEINE

Launch of mobile order service date: February 2016

The la Madeleine app allows customers to make orders, pay for orders and earn rewards. It also enables customers to find the closest restaurant location and view the restaurant's menu.





#### **FIREHOUSE SUBS**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2015

The Firehouse Subs App allows customers to order online, find locations and earn rewards. Firehouse Rewards, the restaurant's digital loyalty program, is available at nearly all U.S. locations.







#### QUIKTRIP

Launch of mobile order service date: October 2015

The QT app allows ordering for now or a particular time. It also offers exclusive deals and offers. Payments can be made in the app, and customers to log in to save orders and preferences. The app also locates nearby branches for customers.





#### **PEI WEI**

Launch of mobile order service date: September 2016

The Pei Wei Rewards app lets customers order and pay for meals in advance. It also saves order history, allows access to Pei Wei rewards program and displays special offers.





#### **TEXAS ROADHOUSE**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2016

The Texas Roadhouse app enables customer to reserve a place in the queue for a table before arriving. Users can also pay from the table and earn rewards.





#### **CAVA GRILL**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2013

The CAVA app enables customers to view the restaurant's full menu, customize dishes, pay in-app and order in advance.



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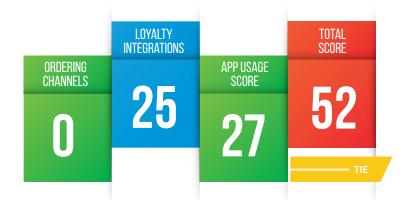


#### **EL POLLO LOCO**

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2016

The El Pollo Loco app allows customers to place and customize orders, choose whether to pick-up or receive orders via delivery and pay in advance. Customers can also earn reward points and save their order histories.





#### **NOON MEDITERRANEAN**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2016

The Noon Rewards app allows guests to order items and pay for them in advance. Guests can also earn rewards points, including \$9 for every \$99 spent, and receive exclusive discounts.



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#### **QUIZNOS**

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2017

The Quiznos app enables customers to place and pay for orders, as well as earn loyalty points for each purchase. It also includes a customer feedback feature and promotional offers.



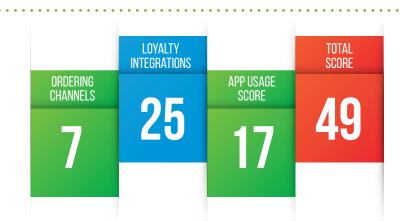


#### **JERSEY MIKE'S**

Launch of mobile order service date: April 2014

The Jersey Mike's app, created in partnership with Splick.it and available both via Android and iOS, this app lets customers locate Jersey Mike's restaurants, choose orders from the full menu, pay ahead and store favorite items for easy return ordering.



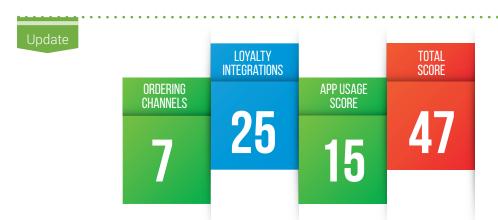


#### **JAMBA JUICE**

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2015

The Jamba Juice app helps guests skip the line by enabling them to order and pay in advance. Users can save their preferred stores, earn reward points on their purchases and reorder from saved recent orders.





#### **FREEBIRDS**

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2016

The Freebirds Restaurant app enables customers to place orders and pay via digital gift cards. Customers can scan receipts to earn rewards.





#### **CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN**

Launch of mobile order service date: February 2017

The CPK Rewards app allows guests to order and pay from their phones, and earn rewards they can spend at participating locations.





#### **PIZZAREV**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2016

The PizzaRev app enables customers to place orders online while earning points for both spending and referring friends. Patrons can also use the app to find the closest PizzaRev location and redeem rewards.





#### CHOP'T

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2016

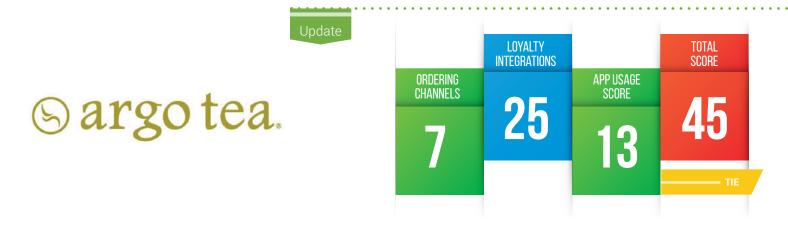
The Chop't app allows customers to place orders in advance to be picked up in-store, earning rewards. It shows the nearest restaurant and displays nutritional and allergen information about menu items.



## **CAPRIOTTI'S**

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2015

Capriotti's app enables customers to place and pay for orders. It is integrated with the company's CAPAddits Rewards Program and features a store locator.



## **ARGO TEA**

Launch of mobile order service date: November 2014

Argo Tea's app enables customers to preorder and prepay for purchases. It gives customers the option to scan a mobile device to pay at the counter when picking up their orders, and offers rewards and loyalty features including a reward for every 10 visits and credit for downloading the app.



#### **VEGGIE GRILL**

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2013

The Veggie Grill Rewards app allows users to order and pay for meals, and saves payment methods for easy future ordering. It helps patrons locate the nearest restaurant and tracks both purchases and rewards, including a \$9 reward for every \$99 spent.





# **CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL**

Launch of mobile order service date: January 2009

The Chipotle app allows iOS and Android users to place orders and pay for them. It also enables users to find nearby restaurants, see menu and nutrition information, and access recent orders.





#### WHICH WICH

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2015

The Which Wich app enables customers to order and pay through the platform, and is also connected to Vibe Club Rewards, the restaurant's loyalty program.





# **SNAP KITCHEN**

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2016

Snap Kitchen's app enables users to earn order ahead prepared meals for pick up. Customers also can schedule meal deliveries for up to a week later.



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## LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN

Launch of mobile order service date: June 2015

The LPQ app allows diners to order and pay for food from their phones. It also enables them to pay their checks by scanning a bar code, as well as earn rewards points for purchases and discounts for referring friends.





#### **MOOYAH**

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2014

The MOOYAH Rewards app allows customers to place and pay for orders in advance. It also integrates with the Mooyah Rewards program, a loyalty program based on points obtained by scanning receipts.





# **SUBWAY**

Launch of mobile order service date: July 2015

The Subway app enables customers to place an order 15 minutes in advance. Users can save their order history and earn rewards at participating locations.



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## MCALISTER'S DELI

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2017

The McAlister's Deli app allows customers to place customized orders, shows nearby locations and displays special offers.





# SPECIALTY'S CAFÉ & BAKERY

Launch of mobile order service date: January 2016

The Specialty's Café & Bakery mobile app enables patrons to make orders and save payment methods and preferences. It also helps customers find the closest location and look up nutritional information for menu items.





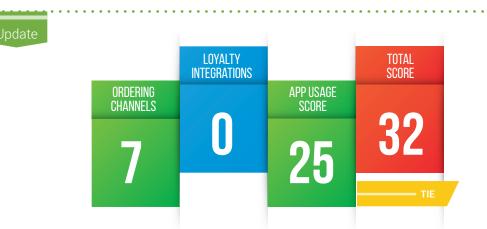


#### JIMMY JOHN'S

Launch of mobile order service date: December 2014

The Jimmy John's Sandwiches app allows patrons to order food and find the closest Jimmy John's to pick it up. If costumer signs in, orders are saved and can be repeated.





## **HUNGRY HOWIE'S PIZZA**

Launch of mobile order service date: January 2015

The Hungry Howie's Pizza app allows customers to place and pay for orders and save payment methods for future use. Users can also create a profile, save orders and reorder past purchases.

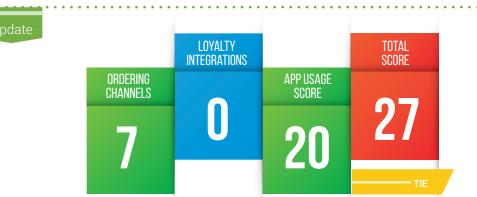




## SONIC

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2014

The Sonic Drive-In app allows users to place and pay for orders in advance, earn rewards and send and receive digital gift cards.



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**FIVE GUYS** 

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2011

The Five Guys Burgers & Fries app was developed by OLO. The app allows mobile ordering and order history capabilities, among other features.



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**DONATOS** 

Launch of mobile order service date: January 2017

The Donatos Pizza app allows customers to place orders and retrieve past order information.





#### **DENNY'S**

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2017

The Denny's app allows customers to place an order for takeout or delivery. Nutritional information is displayed. Orders can be tracked and are saved together with payment information.



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# **APPLEBEE'S**

Launch of mobile order service date: April 2016

The Applebee's app allows customers to order and pay ahead. Users can also create an account to save favorite orders and earn loyalty points.

Portillo's

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## PORTILLO'S

Launch of mobile order service date: August 2016

The Portillo's app enables patrons to place their order for drive-through, or in-store pick up.



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## WHITE CASTLE

Launch of mobile order service date: May 2012

The White Castle app allows customers to order and pay for meals on the go, and to save their favorite meals for repeat ordering.

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