

retail + restaurants

There is no shortage of reasons to spend time in Minneapolis' dynamic downtown. With a bustling workforce and growing residential population, restaurants, shops, farmers markets, hotels and entertainment venues are well-attended.

From patios to the skyways, the North Loop to East Town and everywhere in between, more than 400 restaurants and retail shops are open downtown. Browse the list and find your favorite spots at mplsdowntown.com/reenimation.

- Owamni, has garnered national recognition including winning the James Beard Award Best New Restaurant and to the New York Times' list of the 50 most vibrant and delicious restaurants.
- Chameleon Shoppes continues to provide spaces for women- and minority-owned businesses pop-up retail space along Nicollet. The initiative began in 2019 and brings diverse shopping opportunities representing all areas of Minneapolis to our city's core.
- Thanks to contributions from Target, Xcel Energy Foundation, Thrivent and RBC Wealth Management, the mplsdowntown council awarded a total of \$1.5 million to 102 small businesses downtown in 2020 through its small business grant program. Of the grants awarded, 80 percent went to restaurants and bars, 16 percent to retailers and 4 percent to venues. All eligible woman and minority-owned businesses received funding.

James Beard award semifinalists:

Best Chef, Midwest:

- Sean Sherman (Owamni)
- Yia Vang (Union Hmong Kitchen)

Best New Restaurants:

- Owamni (won)
- Union Hmong Kitchen

Pints and Patios

The downtown craft brewery scene is ready for you. Our 15+ distilleries, breweries, cideries, and wineries are a great outing whether it is your lone destination or part of your journey. Stop by after work for happy hour, before a game, or on the way to a show.

mplsdowntown.com/guides_activities/patios-pints/

New retail + restaurant openings include:

- Allbirds (North Loop)
- Anna Be (North Loop)
- Bar Rufus (Rand Tower Hotel)
- Billy's After Dark (North Loop)
- Blondette (Rand Tower Hotel)
- B'Youtique (Baker Center)
- Coconut Whisk Café (Nicollet)
- EaTo (East Town)
- Farmer's Kitchen and Bar (East Town)
- Grace Loves Lace (North Loop)
- JR Thai (U.S. Bank Plaza)
- Mara (Four Seasons)
- Mother Dough (Capella Tower)
- NOA (IDS Center)
- Owmani (East Town)
- Sanjusan (North Loop)
- Sistah Co-Op (Tiangy Designs + SJC Body Love) (IDS Center)
- Sonora Mexican Kitchen & Bar (Loring Park)
- Spice & Tonic (East Town)
- The Fabled Rooster (Graze-North Loop)
- Ties Mpls (Nicollet)
- Tom's Watch Bar (City Center)
- Union Hmong Kitchen (Graze-North Loop)
- Uniquely Global (Gaviidae Commons)
- Vow'd (North Loop)

The Dayton's Project

The Dayton's Project officially opened its doors with a November 2021 ribbon cutting, welcoming patrons to The Departments at Dayton's with a Holiday market featuring 35 local small businesses and revitalized public spaces on the street and skyway levels. This reimagined historical re-development project features office space with incredible amenities including a library, fitness center, summer terrace overlooking Nicollet from atop the 6th story, winter lounge and more highlighting Dayton's as a must-see mixed-use destination for years to come. Tenants include Ernst and Young, Uncommon Retail, and Unilever. Dayton's Market, a 45,000-square-foot food hall led by four-time James Beard Award-winning chef, writer and TV host Andrew Zimmern and Robert Montwaid, creator and co-founder of Gansevoort Market in New York City is in the works and the Departments at Dayton's will host another retail market this Spring.

retail distribution

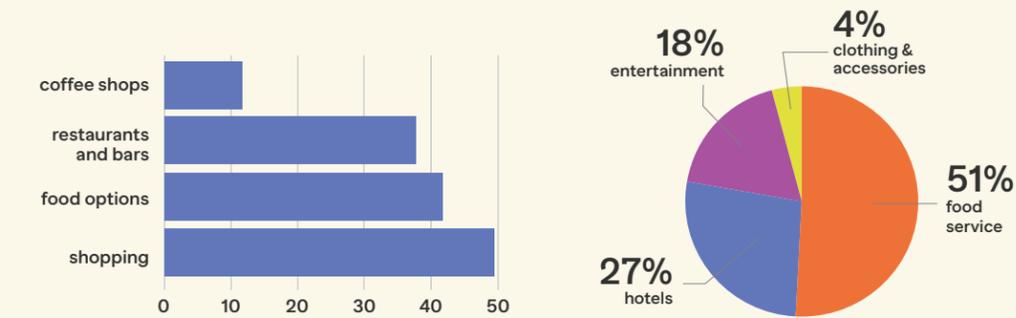


PHOTO CREDIT: MIKE EVANGELIST/ DAYTON PROJECT