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## CATERING COMPANIES

Ranked by full-time employees

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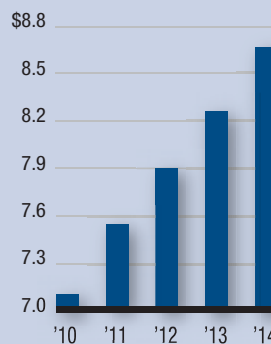
This year's No. 1 catering company was DJ's California Catering with 31 full-time employees in the San Fernando Valley. In addition to catering events for individuals and groups, DJ's is the exclusive caterer for notable local venues including Rancho de las Palmas in Moorpark, Rancho Providencia in Chatsworth and Tropical Paradise in Camarillo.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Bear Pit in Mission Hills started out as a barbeque spot in Newhall opened by Missouri native Ben Baier in the 1940s. The restaurant soon moved to its current location thanks to a partnership that Baier formed with Don Carrow, known for the Carrows Restaurants chain. Since 1976, the company has been owned by members of the Schatz family.

Rank	Company • address • website	SFV Employees • full-time • part-time	Clients (partial list)	Cuisine	Events	Profile • headquarters • year founded	Cost per head	Owner • name • phone
1	<b>DJ's California Catering</b> 2784 Johnson Drive, Ventura djscatering.com	31 78	Haas Automation, Facebook, Technicolor, Skyworks Solutions, California Lutheran University, Kaiser Permanente, Medtronic, Lynda.Com, Southern California Edison, U.S. Forest Service, Lincoln Military	California Casual	weddings, corporate events, government contracts, theme parties, private parties	Ventura 1991	\$10-\$100	Doug and Jennifer Biggs (805) 850-0194
2	<b>Someone's in the Kitchen</b> 5973 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana sitk.com	30 80	Motion Picture Academy, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Skechers USA	upscale	weddings, corporate, entertainment industry, fundraisers and galas	Tarzana 1980	50-100	Joann Roth-Oseary (818) 343-5151
3	<b>Starlite Catering Inc.</b> 15739 Ventura Blvd., Encino starlitecaterers.com	20 50	Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, Los Angeles Jewish Home, New Community Jewish High School, Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School, Valley Beth Shalom, Temple Aliyah	Kosher	life events, fundraisers	Encino 1972	WND	Steve Cohen (818) 789-7588
4	<b>Stonefire Grill Inc.<sup>1</sup></b> 5655 Lindero Canyon Road, Suite 204, Westlake Village stonefiregrill.com	15 100	NA	BBQ	weddings, corporate parties, conventions	Westlake Village 2000	9.99 and up	Mary & Maureen Harrigan (818) 991-4054
5	<b>The Bear Pit</b> 10825 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills bearpitbbq.com	15 20	Kaiser Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital, CBS Television, Subaru, Santa Clarita Catholic Archdiocese	authentic Missouri-style BBQ	corporate parties and luncheons, private parties, barbecues, company picnics, weddings	Mission Hills 1954	9.95-11.95	Andrew Schatz (818) 365-2500
6	<b>Celebrity Gourmet Catering</b> 3803 W. Burbank Blvd., Burbank celebritygourmetcatering.com	14 32	NA	American, Italian, German, Mediterranean	private, corporate, TV and film production	Los Angeles 1982	WND	Kurt Ehrlich (818) 792-2541
7	<b>Robert's Catering Service Inc.</b> 435 S. Main St., Burbank robertscateringservice.com	7 50	NA	International	weddings, corporate, studios	Burbank 1960	WND	Roubina Begoumian (818) 848-8337
8	<b>Bobby Weisman Caterers</b> 736 S. Glenwood Place, Burbank bobbyweisman.com	7 12	NA	fresh and healthy cuisine	TV and film production, weddings, corporate and social events	Burbank 1984	15-40	Bobby Weisman (818) 843-9999
9	<b>Buck's BBQ Catering</b> 14733 Keswick St., Van Nuys BucksBBQ.com	4 50	NA	American BBQ	corporate events, picnics, weddings, birthdays, memorials	Van Nuys 1990	10-15	Doug Noland (818) 909-9595
10	<b>Rita's Gourmet Catering</b> 28708 Roadside Drive #H, Agoura Hills ritasgourmetcatering.com	4 8	DreamWorks, Cheesecake Factory, "The Bachelor" (ABC), UCLA, L.A. Philharmonic, Villa Dolce, Cool Haus, Deus Ex Machina Cafe, Agoura High School, Bethany Christian School, St. Patrick's School, Child's World School	Italian, International	TV and film production, weddings, school lunch programs, corporate events, private events, farmer's markets	Agoura Hills 1992	15 and up	Rita Di Dionisio (818) 216-4848
11	<b>Pierre's Catering Co.</b> 31210 La Baya Drive, Westlake Village pierre catering.com	3 15	NA	French, Italian	any	Westlake Village 1999	10-250	Pierre Chapat (805) 496-1177

**Full Meal**  
Catered U.S. food and drink sales. (in billions)



Source: Statista

<sup>1</sup> Figures for Stonefire Grill Inc. also includes combined numbers from Rattler's BAR-B-QUE.  
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