

Yale Club of Washington, DC's 2024 Black-owned Restaurants and Bars Guide

It's an exciting time for restaurants and bars in the DC area, and Black-owned and African-inspired venues are a thriving part of that. According to [Axios](#), African restaurants are up 65% compared with 2019 levels. Axios also notes, "in DC, a bunch of African and Afro-fusion restaurants opened last year, including Ghanaian spot [Hedzole](#) on 16th Street, [Ivorian Spicy Water restaurant](#) near U Street, Petworth's Afro-fusion restaurant [Almeda](#), and [Bronze](#) on H Street, NE."

We're holding a [Feb Club Emeritus happy hour](#) at Black-owned restaurant and bar [HalfSmoke](#) on Feb 8, so please join us there!

And don't miss [DC's only Black-owned LGBTQ+ bar Thurst Lounge](#).

Here are some more links to Black-owned restaurants or restaurants with Black Chefs in the DMV:

- Washington Dot Org: <https://washington.org/visit-dc/black-chefs-restaurants>
- The Infatuation: <https://www.theinfatuation.com/washington-dc/guides/black-owned-restaurants-washington-dc>
- Thrillist: <https://www.thrillist.com/eat/washington-dc/black-owned-restaurants-in-dc>
- Open Table: <https://www.opentable.com/lists/black-owned-and-operated-restaurants-dc>
- Travel Noir: <https://travelnoire.com/black-owned-restaurants-in-dc>

Member recommendations:

- [Open Crumb](#) (Anacostia)
- [Stop Smack'N](#) (Shaw – poised to close due to funding issues; an especially good one to support!)

DC Black Restaurant Week organizers will launch a directory at the end of February, 2024. Sign up to know when the list goes live [here](#). You can find their current list of restaurants by Ward [here](#).

Enjoy, and bon appetit!