restaurant accounting

BASICS

The Ultimate Cheat Sheet





MASTER THE 5 BASIC RESTAURANT ACCOUNTING CONCEPTS THAT WILL HELP YOU RUN A MORE PROFITABLE RESTAURANT

#1 CHART OF ACCOUNTS

What it means: The different categories of buckets of money that go in and out of your restaurant like assets, revenue and expenses.

Why you care: It's the master spreadsheet where you keep all your financial numbers. It's important for day-to-day operations and doing taxes.

#2 COST OF GOODS SOLD

What it means: The total cost of what it took to put the food on the plate... all the ingredients & items on your menu.

Why you care: Tells you how much profit you're making per plate and if your menu prices are where they need to be.

#3 LABOR COSTS, OCCUPANCY EXPENSES & OPERATING EXPENSES

What they mean:

- Labor costs: How much you're spending to pay your staff.
- Occupancy expenses: Rent, property taxes & insurance and utilities.
- Operating expenses: Everything else... from food spend to marketing.

Why you care: You can't really do anything about occupancy expenses... but labor costs and operating expenses are worth a second look. It's in these areas that you can cut back to save more money.

#4 PRIME COST

What it means: Add your Cost of Goods Sold and your Labor Costs. That's your Prime Cost.

Why you care: These 2 areas are where you spend the bulk of your money. If this is increasing, dig in to see where you can cut costs.

#5 COST-TO-SALES RATIO

What it means: This is a comparison of your Chart of Accounts buckets to your sales. So if you want to see how much your food costs are as a percentage of your sales, use this formula:

Food Cost / Food Sales X 100% = Food Cost-to-Sales Ratio

Why you care: Your Food Cost-to-Sales Ratio should be at least 26%... so you can determine if you're meeting that goal. You can also better compare your business to other businesses... no matter their size.



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