

# No-tip restaurants gaining in popularity

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Is the no-tip movement at restaurants reaching, well, a tipping point?

In recent years, such renowned restaurants as Thomas Keller's Per Se in New York and French Laundry in Yountville, Alice Waters' Chez Panisse in Berkeley, and Grant Achatz's Alinea in Chicago have put no-tip policies in place. So did the recently closed Linkery restaurant in San Diego.

Perhaps the policies at these establishments shouldn't come as a surprise, since restaurant patrons are increasingly saying they don't like to play the tipping game. A solid majority of Americans – 75 percent – say they tip less than the customary 20 percent when dining out, according to a new survey by vouchercloud.net, which researches consumer spending habits. Additionally, the website reports that 46 percent of Americans say they are tipping less in general than they did five years ago.

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