



Yelp: Over 50% Of Restaurants Temporarily Closed Are Now Permanently Closed

The number of permanently closed business is surging across America and no major media outlet is sounding the alarm. These are lives ruined, jobs lost, bankruptcies entered, life savings lost and families broken apart. □ TN Editor

It's tough out there for restaurants and other small businesses.

Yelp's [Economic Average report](#) out Wednesday shows exactly how tough: 60 percent of the 26,160 temporarily closed restaurants on the business review site as of July are now permanently shut. Temporary closures are dropping, and permanent shutdowns are increasing.

Yelp's previous report in April found that more than 175,000 total businesses were closed in some capacity. Just under 25 percent of those closed businesses have reopened three months later. For restaurants in particular, this is becoming the way it goes. Yelp noted a 23-percent

increase in permanent restaurant closures from only a month ago. Bars and clubs are also closing forever at high rates: 44 percent (as of July) of 5,454 temporarily shuttered bars and other nightlife establishments are shut for good.

Yelp broke down which cities and states are experiencing the most closures, both temporary and permanent. Places like Honolulu, San Francisco, and Las Vegas were struggling to keep businesses open as the cities with the highest rate of closures.

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