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Restaurants in Germany: who AI assistants recommend

We asked 4 AI assistants where to find restaurants in 20 cities in Germany, with 5 questions per city written the way a resident would ask them. That makes 400 answers, collected on 4 November 2026.

91% of answers recommend at least one business

362 of 400 answers give at least one name to call. With the same method, the true share sits between 87% and 93%; the other answers explain how to choose and name nobody.

Gemini names the most, Claude the fewest

Gemini recommends a business in 100% of its answers, Claude in 75%. Showing up in one assistant does not mean showing up in another.

Takumi is recommended in 4 of 20 cities

5% of answers name at least one national network or chain. The other recommended businesses are independent, and they change from city to city.

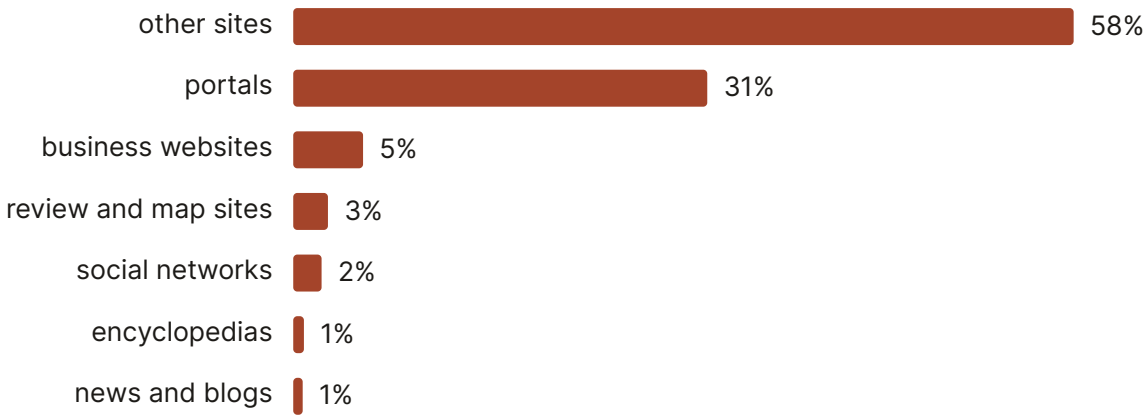
Portals make up 31% of the sites read, business websites 5%

75% of answers link to a portal, 19% to the website of a named business. A site the assistant reads is a site it takes names from.

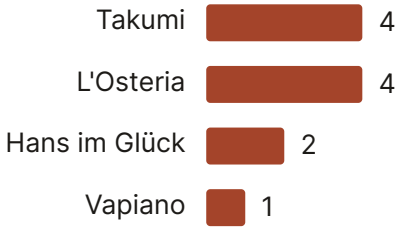
How often each assistant recommends



Sites read, by type



Networks recommended in the most cities



City by city

#	City	Answers	With a business	Most recommended
1	Berlin	20	85%	Rutz, 893 Ryotei, Adana Grillhaus
2	Hamburg	20	80%	Fischereihafen Restaurant, Haerlin, 100/200 Kitchen
3	München	20	95%	Jan, Tantris, Giorgia Trattoria
4	Köln	20	100%	La Société, Inci Fisch Restaurant, Lommerzheim
5	Frankfurt am Main	20	95%	Lafleur, Seven Swans, The dune
6	Düsseldorf	20	90%	Nagaya, Agata's, Takumi
7	Leipzig	20	100%	Frieda, Auerbachs Keller, Kuultivo
8	Stuttgart	20	80%	CUBE, Weinstube Fröhlich, Carls Brauhaus
9	Dortmund	20	90%	Labsal, Vida, SchwarzGold
10	Bremen	20	90%	Bremer Ratskeller, Das Kleine Lokal, Kleiner Olymp
11	Essen	20	100%	Chefs Atelier, Hannappel, Teko
12	Dresden	20	90%	Elements, Sophienkeller, Feine Kost
13	Nürnberg	20	95%	Essigbrätlein, Albrecht Dürer Stube, Zum Gulden Stern
14	Hannover	20	85%	Votum, Jante Studio, Handwerk
15	Duisburg	20	90%	Villa Patrizia, Küppersmühle Restaurant, Mod
16	Bochum	20	85%	Zum Grünen Gaul, Bratwursthaus, Franz Ferdinand

#	City	Answers	With a business	Most recommended
17	Wuppertal	20	95%	Shiraz, Amalfi il Ristorante, Scarpati
18	Bielefeld	20	85%	GUI, Schlichte Hof, Historisches Gasthaus Buschkamp
19	Bonn	20	85%	Yunico, Strandhaus, Theodor's
20	Mannheim	20	95%	Dobler's Restaurant, Eichbaum Brauhaus, Alter Simpl

Method

Cities: the 20 most populous municipalities, Destatis municipal directory at 31 December 2025. Each city has its own 5 questions, in the language spoken there, the same for every assistant.

Assistants: ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, with the models of Mador's free scan and web search on. For each question and assistant the most recent answer counts.

An answer "recommends a business" when it names at least one real business in the category: headings, neighbourhoods, portals and public bodies do not count. The interval accounts for assistants answering the same questions (the same method as the Mador Index).

Since 4 November 2026, the order counts the answers that recommend first, then the mentions.

Names appear only where the assistants recommend them, never if an answer advises against them: national networks in the cities where at least one answer recommends them, independent businesses recommended in at least 2 answers in their city.

This data comes from the same work Mador does every day for businesses: it sees where assistants recommend them, writes and publishes the missing pages and measures again to see what changed.

See where your business shows up

Mador, "Restaurants in Germany: who AI assistants recommend", November 2026, mador.ai.