

# Inflight Catering Market Size, Share, Trends and Forecast by Food Type, Flight Service Type, Aircraft Seating Class, and Region, 2026-2034

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## Abstracts

The global inflight catering market reached USD 14.28 Billion in 2025 and is projected to reach USD 19.11 Billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 3.29% during 2026-2034. The market is driven by the accelerating recovery of global air travel, rising passenger expectations for quality onboard dining, and the growing penetration of low-cost carriers expanding meal service offerings to drive competitive differentiation.

Inflight catering refers to food services provided by airline companies to passengers during air travel. These confectionery items, baked goods, beverages, and meals are specially designed by specialist airline catering professionals based on various flight classes, including economy, business and first-class. This, in turn, enables organizations to offer quality and quantity snacking options for providing a better customer experience and generating revenue. At present, it is available in varying types, including full service, low cost, and hybrid.

### Inflight Catering Market Trends:

The widespread adoption of inflight catering across the aviation industry on account of the increasing competition amongst the airlines represents one of the key factors driving the market growth. In line with this, the need for serving enhanced onboard dining experience is contributing to the market growth. This is further supported by the implementation of high-level services, including meal pre-selection, mixed buy order, and complimentary catering options for fulfilling individual passenger requirements and complying with the hybrid operational scenarios at lower prices.

Significant technological advancements, along with rising automation in food and

beverage (F&B) industry, such as the utilization of tablets and mobile devices for ordering meals, thus ensuring the smooth functioning and management of catering services are acting as other major growth-inducing factors. Besides this, favorable initiatives being undertaken by governments of various countries for elevating the inflight catering standards by ensuring food safety, hygiene and sanitization, especially during the ongoing global outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) are further creating a positive outlook for the market growth. The market is also driven by rising consumer expenditure capacities, steadily increasing number of air travelers, and the introduction of premium meal plans by airline companies and catering services.

#### Key Market Segmentation:

This report provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the global inflight catering market, along with forecasts at the global, regional, and country levels from 2026-2034. The market has been categorized based on food type, flight service type, and aircraft seating class.

#### Breakup by Food Type:

Meals

Bakery and Confectionary

Beverages

Others

#### Breakup by Flight Service Type:

Full-Service Carriers

Low-Cost Carriers

#### Breakup by Aircraft Seating Class:

Economy Class

Business Class

First Class

Breakup by Region:

North America

United States

Canada

Asia-Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Others

Europe

Germany

France

United Kingdom

Italy

Spain

Russia

Others

Latin America

Brazil

Mexico

Others

Middle East and Africa

#### Competitive Landscape:

The competitive landscape of the industry has also been examined along with the profiles of the key players being AAS Catering Co. Ltd, Abby's Catering, Cathay Pacific Catering Services (H.K.) Ltd. (Cathay Pacific Airways), DO & CO Aktiengesellschaft, Emirates Flight Catering (The Emirates Group), Flying Food Group, Gategroup, Jetfinity, KLM Catering Services Schiphol, LSG Sky Chefs (Lufthansa AG), Sats Ltd. (Singapore Airlines), Saudi Airlines Catering, and Universal Weather and Aviation Inc.

#### Key Questions Answered in This Report:

What is inflight catering?

How big is the inflight catering market?

What is the expected growth rate of the global inflight catering market during 2026-2034?

What are the key factors driving the global inflight catering market?

What is the leading segment of the global inflight catering market based on food type?

What is the leading segment of the global inflight catering market based on flight service type?

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Who are the key players/companies in the global inflight catering market?

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