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Report description:

The Global Airport Quick Service Restaurant Market reached USD 36.8 billion in 2024 and is projected to grow at a CAGR of 4.5% from 2025 to 2034. The increasing number of air travelers, coupled with the rapid expansion of fast-food chains, particularly in emerging markets, is fueling market growth. Airports worldwide are witnessing a surge in passenger traffic, leading to higher demand for quick and convenient meal solutions. Travelers often have limited time during layovers and departures, making fast service a necessity. In response, leading QSR brands are strengthening their presence in airports, contributing to the market's expansion.

Enhancements in airport infrastructure further create lucrative opportunities, as major international hubs invite fast-food chains to establish operations within their premises. As a result, food service entrepreneurs are increasingly setting up strategic airport locations to tap into this growing business. The evolution of airport QSRs extends beyond location expansion, with many brands diversifying their menus to attract a broader customer base. The shift in consumer preferences toward healthier and organic options is also shaping the market landscape.

The market is categorized by cuisine type into beverages, fast food chains, bakery & confectionery, and international cuisine. The demand for healthier food options is accelerating growth across all categories. The beverage segment is expected to expand at a CAGR of 5.8% during the forecast period, driven by the increasing preference for functional drinks that promote health and immunity. Fast food chains held the largest share of 44.9% in 2024 and are set to grow at the fastest rate of 5.8%.

The popularity of quick meals like burgers, sandwiches, and pizzas is a key factor behind this dominance. The bakery & confectionery segment held a moderate share of 15.3% in 2024, supported by the rising consumption of baked goods and desserts. Consumer demand for croissants, cookies, and similar snacks continues to push growth in this segment. International cuisine is also gaining traction, with a market valuation of USD 1.8 billion in 2024. This segment caters to travelers seeking diverse flavors and authentic culinary experiences.

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Based on service type, the market is divided into eat-in and takeaway options. Airport QSRs are improving service speed and enhancing customer experiences to meet increasing consumer expectations. The eat-in segment was valued at USD 24.1 billion in 2024, driven by growing preferences for a comfortable dining atmosphere and social eating experiences. Meanwhile, the takeaway segment is rising at a CAGR of 3.2%, primarily due to the increasing demand for quick-service solutions.

By franchise type, the market is segmented into branded chains and local brands. Branded chains accounted for 59.4% of the market share in 2024, driven by customer loyalty and consistent quality. Local brands are expanding at a steady pace of 3.5%, supported by menu innovations, aggressive marketing efforts, and technology integration.

North America airport QSR market is projected to reach USD 21.2 billion by 2034. The region's strong reliance on fast food and the growing need for quick, efficient meal options continue to drive market expansion.

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