




Tip or Nah?















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The US tipping cheat sheet – do I even have to tip here?












⊘ Skip it – you're not a jerk

 Coffee at the counter	\$0–\$1	 Self-checkout kiosk	\$0
 Drive-thru window	\$0	 Bakery / pastry counter	\$0–\$1
 Grab-and-go bottled drink	\$0	 Fast-casual (order at counter)	\$0–\$1
 Retail store checkout	\$0		

🕒 Totally optional

 Picking up takeout	\$0–\$2	 Food truck	\$0–\$2
 Buffet (self-serve)	5–10%	 Hotel housekeeping	\$2–\$5 /night
 Movers	\$20–\$40 /mover	 Tour guide	\$5–\$10 /person
 Furniture / appliance delivery	\$5–\$20 /person	 Dog groomer	15–20%
 House cleaner	15–20%	 Dog walker / pet sitter	15–20%
 Hotel / airport shuttle	\$2–\$5	 Car wash	\$2–\$5
 Coat check	\$1–\$2 /coat	 Hotel concierge	\$5–\$20

✔ Yes, it's expected

 Sit-down restaurant	18–20%	 Bartender	\$1–\$2 /drink
 Food delivery	15–20%	 Rideshare / taxi	15–20%
 Hairdresser / barber	15–20%	 Nail salon	15–20%
 Tattoo artist	15–20%	 Massage / spa	15–20%
 Valet parking	\$3–\$5 /car	 Bellhop / porter	\$1–\$2 /bag
 Grocery delivery	10–15%		