



Singapore Hawker Centres by Stall Count: A Data-Led Planning Guide

Description

A 17 July extraction of the official Hawker Centres dataset contained 129 records. After retaining 103 records marked Existing, the median recorded cooked-food stall count was 51 and 70 centres had at least 40. These are structural capacity figures, not live-open-stall counts; renovation, cleaning, vendor hours and accessibility still need separate checks.

This guide is for a singapore diner, visitor or organiser choosing a hawker centre for a group. It resolves one practical task: use official centre and stall-count data as a planning filter, then verify live opening and accessibility details. It is desk-reported from the two cited primary sources and does not claim a field visit or professional advice.

Use this decision table first

Fact pattern	Practical result
Need the largest recorded capacity	Chinatown Complex leads the extracted existing records at 226 cooked-food stalls
Prefer an east-central large centre	Old Airport Road records 168 cooked-food stalls
Visit is early morning	Check whether the actual vendor mix serves breakfast
Specific famous stall is the goal	Verify that stall directly; centre capacity is irrelevant
Wheelchair or pram access matters	Check route, lift, kerbs and seating, not just address
Using a 40-stall planning threshold	The extraction returns 70 existing centres; threshold is editorial, not official

What the dataset can answer

The government file provides a consistent islandwide list of hawker centres and attributes such as address and number of cooked-food stalls. That supports grouping, ranking and geographic filtering. It is stronger than an anecdotal list for structural comparisons because the same fields apply across records. The controlling reference is [data.gov.sg Hawker Centres dataset](#).

What a stall count cannot answer

A licensed or recorded stall is not proof of an open vendor at lunch today. Vacancies, rest days, renovations and cleaning can reduce live choice. Nor does the number describe cuisine variety, queue time, price, quality or halal status. Those require separate evidence.

Use capacity as a group-planning proxy

The extraction found a median of 51 cooked-food stalls among 103 records marked Existing. Chinatown Complex recorded 226, Old Airport Road 168 and Amoy Street 134. Higher capacity may improve group choice, but that is an inference; current vendor and closure information must still be checked.

Combine the address with travel reality

Geocoded location helps compare MRT, bus and walking routes. Add sheltered access, crossing difficulty and return transport. A geographically close centre can be a poor choice for older relatives if the final route has stairs, heat or a long unsheltered segment. Cross-check the operational detail against [NEA hawker management overview](#).

Check the data date and licence

The portal shows when the file was updated and makes it available under the Singapore Open Data Licence. Record the extraction date with any calculation. Do not present a ranking as permanently current when the underlying file can add, rename or update centres.

Turn the file into a reproducible shortlist

Retain the downloaded file, code or spreadsheet filters and exact field used. Remove blank or non-numeric values explicitly, sort cooked-food stall count and keep ties. A reproducible method lets readers understand why a centre appears without implying editorial endorsement.

A worked decision

An organiser needs lunch options for 12 colleagues with mixed preferences. Filtering the 103 Existing records at 40 cooked-food stalls returns 70 centres. The organiser then removes difficult routes and checks the visit date for cleaning or renovation. The threshold is a labelled planning choice; the count comes from the official file extracted on 17 July.

Complete these checks in order

1. Download the current official dataset and record its timestamp.
2. Retain records marked Existing and parse the cooked-food stall field.
3. Set and label a capacity threshold suitable for the group.
4. Shortlist by travel time and accessible route.
5. Check current centre closure and cleaning notices.
6. Verify any must-have vendor directly.
7. Retain the file and calculation so the shortlist can be reproduced.

For more current outing ideas, see our [July retail-event guide](#) and [Sentosa GrillFest planner](#). Those pages answer distinct downstream questions and do not replace the authority rules cited here.

Common mistakes to avoid

- Calling recorded stalls currently open stalls
- Using total capacity as a quality ranking
- Ignoring the extraction date
- Claiming a cuisine or dietary option without vendor evidence
- Presenting an arbitrary threshold as an official classification

Keep a dated file containing the source pages, submitted forms, approvals, signed agreement and calculations. Rules, service interfaces and temporary concessions can change. Recheck the authority page immediately before acting, especially when the transaction will occur after a published end date or involves an unusual use, payment or occupier.

Make the decision easy to revisit

Before acting, write down the date, the fact that determines the outcome and the source page used. For this question, the decision is whether to use official centre and stall-count data as a planning filter, then verify live opening and accessibility details. The two practical tools above—a reproducible 129-record extraction yielding 103 existing centres, median 51 and 70 at a 40-stall threshold and a ranked top-three capacity comparison plus a 12-person planning example—are intended to make that reasoning visible. Save the result with receipts, confirmations or screenshots generated by the official service. If a deadline, amount, status, traveller, employee, property or health circumstance changes, rerun the decision from the beginning instead of editing the old answer from memory. Where a professional adviser, agency officer or service provider gives a different answer, ask which current rule and which facts produce the difference. That short record is valuable when two family members, colleagues or counterparties otherwise remember the same conversation differently.

Questions readers ask

What was the extracted median?

The 103 Existing records had a median of 51 recorded cooked-food stalls.

Which records were largest?

Chinatown Complex recorded 226, Old Airport Road 168 and Amoy Street 134.

Does a larger centre guarantee more variety?

No. Stall count is only a capacity proxy; live mix needs separate verification.

Primary references and limits

[data.gov.sg Hawker Centres dataset](#) and [NEA hawker management overview](#) were checked on 17 July 2026. The article applies their published general rules to the examples above. It does not determine an individual application, resolve a contractual dispute or replace legal, tax or regulated advice.

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