

Colin Gray Official Chicken Sandwich Tier List (AS OF 9-4-2025)

Shoutout Gemini for giving me the greenlight on putting this on my portfolio.

Of course, I can add that button to your homepage for you. A chicken sandwich tier list sounds like an excellent addition to any portfolio!

GOAT

- Chick-fil-A (Everywhere) - childhood classic, unbeatable

S-Tier - Normally specialty sandwiches

- My own attempt (The Goat's Kitchen) - wasn't actually that good, freshest though
- Howlin Rays (Pasadena, CA) - speaks for itself, maybe better than dave's but I burned my face off because I got WAYYY too spicy
- Dave's Hot Chicken (Charlotte, NC) - very consistent, excellent flavour, one of the best sauces and with honey, definitely one of my favourites
- Popeyes (Greensboro, NC) - very classic, perfect sandwich
- PDQ Chicken (Winston-Salem, NC) - super sauced up but still crispy, super juicy and fresh
- Wingstop (Greensboro, NC) - can get HELLA sauces, all of which HIT
- Main Chick (Pasadena (?), CA) - speaks for itself
- The Hoppy Monk (El Paso, TX) - double stacked chicken thigh, perfectly cooked and juicy, a delicious gochujang sauce, and some tomato and pickled onions to mellow it out, only thing I would say is that the flavours were TOO strong I think
- Church's (Greensboro, NC) - such good flavour in a sandwich tbh, good pickles and bun, got very lucky with freshness
- Jollibee (Pasadena (?), CA) - Plain chicken sandwich. I mean all chicken at this place HITS, its incredible, chicken sandwich had good bun and was fresh even tho doordashed
- Jollibee (Pasadena (?), CA) - Aloha chicken sandwich was also really good.
- Chicken Big Mac McDonalds (Pasadena, CA) - Big macs are already goats if you ignore bad bread ratio and stuff, so having big crispy chicken nuggets instead of bland burger patties, this was actually goats

A-Tier - Mainly super solid sandwiches with no gimics

- NYC Chicken and Gyros (Pasadena, CA) - this was the first chicken sandwich I have had with just straight raw onions, was VERY good, super fresh
- Latin Fixins (Rolling Loud Food Truck) - even tho it was tenders, nice and juicy and crispy, good amount of chipotle sauce, good amount of slaw, bun kinda mid

- Buffalo Wild Wings (High Point, NC) - This was the BIGGEST surprise on the list, this sandwich has not disappointed me yet, it is so juicy and has this southwest sauce on it everytime, its so good.
- Smashburger (DFW Airport) - Nothing special in terms of toppings or theme, very solid chicken sandwich, wayyyy better than other airport chicken sandwich experiences.
- Culvers (Thomasville, NC) - Culver's is so insanely good, the chicken sandwich here is super tender and juicy, hot, and the toppings are NEVER soggy.
- Cane's Chicken (Lexington, Kentucky) - Can this even count as a chicken sandwich? It's canes tenders, sauce, some bread, and some toppings. It's A tier, as good as you would expect.
- Whataburger (El Paso, Texas) - spicy chicken sandwich honestly it was just pretty good, solid sandwich. Good spice too, nice and crispy and burned my mouth off.
- Zaxby's (High Point, NC) - Deku bop dun dem deku bop dun dem.
- Roscoes Chicken and Waffles (Los Angeles, CA) - I ordered SO MUCH FOOD when I went here for Rickett's celebratory dinner after getting in (RIP Roscoe's), but the chicken here is like OKAY, what made this sandwich A-tier in hindsight was probably the environment.
- Porterhouse (High Point, NC) - Burger places NORMALLY have super solid chicken sandwiches, they have a couple here and both are really good. Porterhouse always gives big sandwiches and the chicken sandwich no exception.
- Bojangles (High Point, NC) - solid pickles, great crispy and flavoured chicken, was amazing in CLT airport, better than a cigarette
- Burger King (High Point, NC) - Their mexican chicken sandwich they just got temporarily was SUPER good, has fried jalapenos and such on it.
- COOKOUT (Greensboro, NC) - THOSE WHO KNOW.
- Tokyo Chick (Pasadena, CA) - Really good slaw on the burger, I am a huge fan of asian style chicken sandwiches with slaw and sauce, the bites are all so good and balanced especially when fresh.
- Local Tap House (Oceanside, CA) - This sandwich had like insanely crispy bacon on it, and normally I'm not a HUGE bacon on chicken sandwich guy (it sort of becomes a LOT), this one was well done because the rest of the sandwich was a bit sweet.
- Fosters Old Fashioned Freeze (Somewhere in LA) - bacon, onion rings, pickles, very interesting, fresh, but unmelted cheese

B-Tier - It is NOT an insult to be in this tier.

- Mel's Diner Sunset Blvd (Hollywood, CA)- Creole chicken sandwich, was super flavorful, good slaw and sauce, small amount of heat, only downside was that chicken was dry and tough, which is a huge downside sadly
- Country BBQ Express (High Point, NC) - two chicken tenders on bread, lettuce tomato mayo, was very very standard but chicken was average so it wasn't
- Tyson Chicken Sandwich (Microwave in my house) - If I had infinite metabolism and infinite money, this would likely be my go-to snack forever. This just has school cafeteria vibe but Tyson never disappoints with chicken, was pretty juicy, spicy.

- Sheetz (High Point, NC) - Probably the best gas station chicken sandwich, but this is some big back stuff, was pretty greasy.
- Arby's (High Point, NC) - Arby's is the most OVERHATED fast food restaurant of all time.
- Wendy's (High Point, NC)
- Shake Shack (Pasadena, CA)
- Bucc-ee's (Kodak, Tennessee)- Solid gas station chicken sandwich, nothing to write home about, except Matthew got a HUGE chicken on his I think I got scammed, the triple meat sandwich is the goat at Bucc-ee's.
- Urban Plates (Pasadena, CA) - Solid chicken sandwich, and the urban plates menu is insane, but it was a little hard (?) for some reason. They have some special flavoured chicken sandwiches though, pretty good. It's just, would I ever go here over Wingstop or CFA for a chicken sandwich...?
- Kings Hawaiian Grill (Los Angeles, CA) - Got this at the BMW arena or whatever it is, where LAFC is located, I can't remember who owns the stadium. Solid but expensive.
- Nashville Chicken Sandwich Twin Peaks (El Paso TX) - chicken was kinda mid, and the sauces were good but the other toppings were kinda mid, chicken was super thin and even where it was fat it was kind of dry.
- Hot Fish Club (Myrtle Beach, SC) - smoked gouda, some pepper sauce, bacon, Was very dry and hard to chew sadly even tho flavour was insane
- am pm gas station
- Applebee's (High Point, NC) - Applebee's is pretty slept on,
- CDS Nashville Chicken (Caltech)
- Rock and Brews (LAX) - this was so dry and mid and the chicken was super thin and somehow still dry, also probably the most expensive chicken sandwich on this mf list, awful
- McDonalds McCrispy (High Point, NC) - Honestly, just a bigger fan of the McChicken.
- Freddy's (High Point, NC) - Freddy's Frozen Custard and whatever has honestly some of the best (and priciest) fast food burgers in the game but the sandwich was just standard, not super juicy, not super fresh or anything, just good flavour.
- DQ (Myrtle Beach, SC) - The PUNIEST two chicken tenders on some bread with some condiments, I don't know what I expected. This 100% hit the craving at the time but I would NOT do it again.
- KFC (Greensboro, NC) - Dude the chicken here was SO DRY and the sandwich was just warm, so honestly I think maybe I got unlucky, will probably retry in the future.

Bad-Tier - These don't really have descriptions, they are just bad, bad bread, bad chicken, bad taste, just unenjoyable sandwiches.

- Ruckus Pizza, Pasta, and Spirits
- Panera
- Hardee's
- Biscuit King
- Zinburger (PHX Airport)
- Outback
- Kickback Jack's