

ROAST LAUNCH

Coffee Shop Startup Cost Checklist

A category-by-category budget planner so you know exactly what to plan for.

Use this checklist to build your startup budget from real numbers, not guesswork. Get actual quotes for each line item in your market. Your total will depend on your format, location, and concept — but this ensures you don't miss anything.

Category	Typical Range	Your Estimate	Notes
BUILD-OUT & RENOVATION			
Demolition & framing	\$5K–\$20K		
Plumbing (incl. grease trap)	\$8K–\$25K		
Electrical upgrades	\$5K–\$15K		
HVAC modifications	\$3K–\$12K		
Flooring	\$3K–\$10K		
Countertops & millwork	\$8K–\$25K		
Painting & finishing	\$2K–\$8K		
Signage (exterior + interior)	\$2K–\$8K		
ADA compliance	\$1K–\$5K		
EQUIPMENT			
Espresso machine	\$8K–\$25K		
Grinders (espresso + batch)	\$4K–\$10K		
Batch brew equipment	\$500–\$2K		
Water filtration system	\$1.5K–\$3K		
Commercial refrigeration	\$2K–\$6K		
Ice machine	\$2K–\$4K		
Dishwasher	\$2K–\$5K		
POS system hardware	\$1K–\$3K		
Blenders & misc equipment	\$1K–\$3K		

Category	Typical Range	Your Estimate	Notes
PERMITS & LICENSES			
Business license	\$50–\$500		
Food service permit	\$200–\$1K		
Health dept inspection	\$100–\$500		
Fire inspection	\$100–\$500		
Sign permit	\$50–\$500		
INVENTORY & SUPPLIES			
Initial coffee inventory	\$1K–\$3K		
Milk & alternative milks	\$500–\$1K		
Syrups, teas, flavorings	\$300–\$800		
Cups, lids, sleeves, napkins	\$1K–\$2.5K		
Smallwares (pitchers, tampers, etc.)	\$1K–\$3K		
FURNITURE & DECOR			
Tables & chairs	\$3K–\$12K		
Lighting fixtures	\$500–\$3K		
Decor & artwork	\$500–\$3K		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
Attorney (lease review + entity)	\$1.5K–\$5K		
Accountant / CPA	\$500–\$2K		
Designer / architect	\$1K–\$5K		
WORKING CAPITAL			
3–6 months operating expenses	\$30K–\$60K		
Contingency (10–15%)	Varies		
OTHER			
Security deposit (2–3 mo rent)	Varies		
Insurance premiums	\$1K–\$3K		
Pre-opening payroll	\$2K–\$5K		
Website & marketing	\$500–\$3K		

Total Estimated Budget: \$ _____

Typical range for a specialty coffee shop (800–1,500 sq ft): \$150,000 – \$350,000

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