



## Fun Facts

The seating capacity is **185 people**.

An expanded kitchen and **new dining room** were built in 2000.

Blue Bonnet Cafe feeds approximately **2,000 people** on a busy Saturday.

On average, the cafe sells **1,400 pies** during the Thanksgiving week.

There are approximately **65 employees**.

The average employee tenure is **eight years**.

During a busy shift, **30 employees** are working.

The original Blue Bonnet Café was located on **Main Street** in Marble Falls.

The restaurant is named after a blue “bonnet” or hat, not the popular Texas wildflower.

The *Burnet Bulletin* reported in December 1931 that Blue Bonnet Café was burglarized. The thieves made away with pies, a little cash and a strap watch.

In 1933, Blue Bonnet Café started a patron registry. Tourists, fisherman and visitors who ate at the café were asked to list their names and hometowns. The *Marble Falls Messenger* printed the registry list in the newspaper each week.

Construction on the current Blue Bonnet building began in 1946. World War II made steel expensive and very hard to come by. Lyndon Baines Johnson, a state senator at the time, helped secure the steel used to lay the foundation for the current Blue Bonnet Café building.

In 1955, the Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce Information Center moved into the café. In addition to operating the restaurant, the café owners gave out information and literature to travelers.

After retiring from the United States Air Force, John Kemper’s father, George, started a granite manufacturing business. George crafted all of the granite countertops and tables inside Blue Bonnet Cafe. The restaurant became a showcase of different granite varieties. The large, round table in the “old” dining room weighs more than 600 pounds.