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### RESTAURANT REVIEWS

## Quest for Rye's Best: Pepperoni Pizza

Which eatery in Rye has the best pepperoni pizza?

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Which of Rye's pizzerias has the best pepperoni pizza?

In March Gaby Kappes taste-tested slices from four pizzerias to find out which had the **best traditional Neapolitan slice**. While Neapolitan pizza is definitely tasty, most people can't resist a great pepperoni slice. I went back to the same places that Gaby visited to find out how these pizzerias stacked up against each other when it came to a traditional meat lover's favorite slice of pizza—pepperoni.

### Sunrise Pizza

Located in the heart of town, **Sunrise Pizza's** pepperoni pizza ranges in price from \$3.75 for a slice to \$19.50 for a Sicilian pie. Overall the pepperoni pizza wasn't spectacular, but nothing special. The crust was thin and airy, but a little doughy. The tomato sauce with hints of garlic and basil was flavorful but sparse, and as a whole the pizza was very greasy. The pizza was satisfactory, but the taste didn't live up to the price, considering Sunrise was the most expensive out of the four pizzerias.

### Piazza Pizzeria

You may remember Gabby's verdict on the best traditional Neapolitan slice was The Grandma at **Piazza Pizzeria** in Milton Plaza, so I was excited to try one of their pepperoni slices. Slightly cheaper than Sunrise Pizza, prices range from \$3.20 for a slice to \$19.75 for a large. My slice of pepperoni pizza won points for being less greasy and having a flavorful crust. Overall, this pizzeria had the best crust of any of the places I tried, but the rest of the slice was lacking. There was a good balance of sauce to cheese to pepperoni, but something was missing. But if the crust is the most important part of your pizza, then look no further than Piazza Pizzeria.

### Greek's Pizza Kitchen

The small Greek's Pizza Kitchen located on Midland Avenue had pepperoni pizzas from \$3.00 a slice to \$17.50 for a Sicilian pie. The amount of pepperoni per slice was the smallest here, but had a good balance of flavor. Overall this slice had a nicely toasted crunchy crust with fresh mozzarella cheese and spiced filled sauce.

### Al Dente Pizza & Restaurant

In the center of town with a welcoming exterior, **Al Dente Pizza** was having a May special on pizza slices: each slice is \$2.00 to the end of May, making this the cheapest option. Pepperoni pizza normally ranges from \$2.25 to \$16.50 for a Sicilian pie. Al Dente had one of the largest slices of pepperoni pizza with a nice crispy crust, and lots of pepperoni, but the slice itself lacked spice and wasn't particularly flavorful.

**The Verdict:** Greek's Pizza Kitchen on Midland Avenue had the overall best pepperoni pizza, but if crust is important to you check out Piazza Pizzeria in Milton Plaza.

Who has Rye's best pepperoni slice? [Vote in our poll.](#)



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