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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 29, 2026

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-21423

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California	**33-0485615**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	**Trading Symbol**	**Name of each exchange on which registered**
Common Stock, No Par Value	BJRI	NASDAQ Global Select Market

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☑ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every interactive data file required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☑ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

☑ Large accelerated filer	☐ Accelerated filer
☐ Non-accelerated filer	☐ Smaller reporting company
☐ Emerging growth company	

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes ☐ No ☑

As of November 3, 2026, there were 21,899,859 shares of Common Stock of the Registrant outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands)

	September 29, 2026 (unaudited)	December 30, 2025
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 12,936	$ 23,781
Accounts and other receivables, net	16,894	18,391
Inventories, net	12,987	13,106
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	9,946	19,647
Total current assets	52,763	74,925
Land held for sale	663	—
Property and equipment, net	506,036	502,108
Operating lease assets	298,245	314,178
Goodwill	4,673	4,673
Intangible assets, net	2,608	129
Equity method investment	3,922	4,083
Deferred income taxes, net	70,722	67,300
Other assets, net	45,019	48,059
Total assets	$ 984,651	$ 1,015,455
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 44,116	$ 38,353
Accrued expenses	113,350	105,336
Current operating lease obligations	43,751	44,086
Total current liabilities	201,217	187,775
Long-term operating lease obligations	340,949	361,672
Long-term debt	16,000	85,000
Other liabilities	16,332	14,815
Total liabilities	574,498	649,262
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value, 5,000 shares authorized, none issued or outstanding	—	—
Common stock, no par value, 125,000 shares authorized and 21,878 and 21,114 shares issued and outstanding as of September 29, 2026 and December 30, 2025, respectively	—	—
Capital surplus	62,648	75,020
Retained earnings	347,505	291,173
Total shareholders' equity	410,153	366,193
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	$ 984,651	$ 1,015,455

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In thousands, except per share data)

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Revenues	$ 358,625	$ 330,157	$ 1,105,631	$ 1,043,727
Restaurant operating costs (excluding depreciation and amortization):				
Cost of sales	90,733	84,904	279,747	262,527
Labor and benefits	129,815	122,343	394,026	377,369
Occupancy and operating	85,207	81,589	254,980	244,800
General and administrative	23,680	22,432	71,983	65,934
Depreciation and amortization	21,089	19,311	64,857	56,324
Restaurant opening	130	—	232	663
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	2,752	575	5,521	943
Total costs and expenses	353,406	331,154	1,071,346	1,008,560
Income (loss) from operations	5,219	(997)	34,285	35,167
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(358)	(1,183)	(2,256)	(3,685)
Other (expense) income, net	(192)	1,181	750	4,881
Total other (expense) income	(550)	(2)	(1,506)	1,196
Income (loss) before income taxes	4,669	(999)	32,779	36,363
Income tax (benefit) expense	(648)	(1,464)	(354)	198
Net income	$ 5,317	$ 465	$ 33,133	$ 36,165
Net income per share:				
Basic	$ 0.25	$ 0.02	$ 1.56	$ 1.62
Diluted	$ 0.24	$ 0.02	$ 1.49	$ 1.58
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:				
Basic	21,646	21,893	21,282	22,265
Diluted	22,582	22,483	22,175	22,910

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(In thousands)

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended				
	Common Stock		Capital	Retained	
	Shares	Amount	Surplus	Earnings	Total
Balance, July 1, 2025	22,181	$ —	$ 73,193	$ 313,371	$ 386,564
Exercise of stock options	5	214	(75)	—	139
Issuance of restricted stock units	42	1,032	(1,123)	—	(91)
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(996)	(1,246)	—	(31,929)	(33,175)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	2,296	—	2,296
Net income	—	—	—	465	465
Balance, September 30, 2025	21,232	$ —	$ 74,291	$ 281,907	$ 356,198
Balance, June 30, 2026	21,179	$ —	$ 72,265	$ 325,133	$ 397,398
Exercise of stock options	150	8,765	(2,198)	—	6,567
Issuance of restricted stock units	27	1,298	(1,632)	—	(334)
Cashless warrant exercise	539	8,015	(8,015)	—	—
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(17)	(18,078)	—	17,055	(1,023)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	2,228	—	2,228
Net income	—	—	—	5,317	5,317
Balance, September 29, 2026	21,878	$ —	$ 62,648	$ 347,505	$ 410,153

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended				
	Common Stock		Capital	Retained	
	Shares	Amount	Surplus	Earnings	Total
Balance, December 31, 2024	22,697	$ —	$ 77,576	$ 292,441	$ 370,017
Exercise of stock options	190	9,700	(2,861)	—	6,839
Issuance of restricted stock units	183	6,006	(6,746)	—	(740)
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(1,838)	(15,706)	—	(46,699)	(62,405)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	6,322	—	6,322
Net income	—	—	—	36,165	36,165
Balance, September 30, 2025	21,232	$ —	$ 74,291	$ 281,907	$ 356,198
Balance, December 30, 2025	21,114	$ —	$ 75,020	$ 291,173	$ 366,193
Exercise of stock options	319	18,127	(5,370)	—	12,757
Issuance of restricted stock units	138	5,756	(6,563)	—	(807)
Cashless warrant exercise	539	8,015	(8,015)	—	—
Repurchase, retirement and reclassification of common stock	(232)	(31,898)	—	23,199	(8,699)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	7,576	—	7,576
Net income	—	—	—	33,133	33,133
Balance, September 29, 2026	21,878	$ —	$ 62,648	$ 347,505	$ 410,153

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	**September 30, 2025**
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	$ 33,133	$ 36,165
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization (1)	65,420	56,324
Non-cash lease expense	26,980	25,758
Amortization of financing costs	174	167
Deferred income taxes, net	(3,422)	(2,893)
Stock-based compensation expense	7,318	6,090
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	5,521	943
Equity method investment	161	73
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and other receivables, net	1,497	4,293
Inventories, net	119	752
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,817	2,126
Other assets, net	(886)	(3,432)
Accounts payable	1,423	(5,107)
Accrued expenses	7,784	(148)
Operating lease assets and liabilities	(32,774)	(29,847)
Other liabilities	1,517	696
Net cash provided by operating activities	115,782	91,960
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(58,687)	(58,513)
Proceeds from disposal of assets	59	39
Internally developed software	(2,250)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(60,878)	(58,474)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on credit facility	659,000	803,187
Payments on credit facility	(728,000)	(780,187)
Payments of debt issuance costs	—	(845)
Taxes paid on vested stock units under employee plans	(807)	(740)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	12,757	6,839
Repurchase of common stock	(8,699)	(62,405)
Net cash used in financing activities	(65,749)	(34,151)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(10,845)	(665)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	23,781	26,096
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	$ 12,936	$ 25,431

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

(1)The thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 includes $0.6 million of depreciation expense related to brewery operations, which is recorded as Cost of sales on our Consolidated Statements of Income.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In thousands)

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	**September 30, 2025**
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	$ 4,120	$ 4,925
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	$ 1,745	$ 2,895
Cash paid for operating lease obligations	$ 50,159	$ 48,753
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Operating lease assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	$ 13,732	$ 7,086
Property and equipment acquired and included in accounts payable	$ 5,488	$ 3,727
Stock-based compensation capitalized	$ 258	$ 232

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated financial statements.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BJ's Restaurants, Inc. (referred to herein as the "Company," "we," "us" and "our") and our wholly owned subsidiaries. The consolidated financial statements presented herein include all material adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the periods presented. Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been omitted pursuant to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions for the reporting periods covered by the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual amounts could differ from these estimates. Our operating results for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 may not be indicative of operating results for the entire year.

A description of our accounting policies and other financial information is included in our audited consolidated financial statements filed with the SEC on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2025. The disclosures included in our accompanying interim consolidated financial statements and footnotes should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Intangible Assets

We capitalize qualifying costs incurred in the development of software for internal use. Costs incurred during the preliminary project stage are expensed as incurred, while qualifying costs incurred during the application development stage are capitalized. Capitalized costs are included in intangible assets, net and amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software once the software is placed into service. During the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, we amortized $0.2 million and less than $0.1 million, respectively, related to these costs. Training, maintenance, and other post-implementation costs are expensed as incurred.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In November 2024, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2024-03, Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses (Subtopic 220-40). The ASU requires public entities to disaggregate, in a tabular presentation, certain income statement expenses into different categories, such as purchases of inventory, employee compensation, depreciation, and intangible asset amortization. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2027, with early adoption permitted, and may be applied retrospectively. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting the new ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In September 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-06, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Internal-Use Software (Subtopic: 350-40): Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Internal-Use Software. The ASU modernizes certain aspects of the accounting for software costs to develop or obtain software for internal use under Accounting Standards Codification 350-40. The ASU requires entities to begin capitalizing software costs when management authorizes and commits to funding the software project, and it is probable that the project will be completed and the software will be used for its intended purpose. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027, and interim periods within those fiscal years, and early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

2. REVENUE RECOGNITION

Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Revenues from restaurant sales are recognized when payment is tendered. Amounts paid with a credit card are recorded in accounts and other receivables until payment is collected from the credit card processor. We sell gift cards which do not have an expiration date, and we do not deduct non-usage fees from outstanding gift card balances. Gift card sales are recorded as a liability and recognized as revenues upon redemption in our restaurants. Based on historical redemption rates, a portion of our gift card sales are not expected to be redeemed and will be recognized as gift card "breakage." Estimated gift card breakage is recorded as revenue and recognized in proportion to our historical redemption pattern, unless there is a legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to government authorities.

Our "BJ's Premier Rewards Plus" guest loyalty program enables participants to earn points for qualifying purchases that can be redeemed for food and beverages in the future. We allocate the transaction price between the goods delivered and the future goods that will be delivered on a relative standalone selling price basis, and defer the revenues allocated to the points, less expected expirations, until such points are redeemed.

The liability related to our gift card and loyalty program, included in "Accrued expenses" on our Consolidated Balance Sheets is as follows (in thousands):

	September 29, 2026	December 30, 2025
Gift card liability	$ 10,987	$ 16,060
Deferred loyalty revenue	$ 2,045	$ 3,023

Revenue recognized for the redemption of gift cards and loyalty rewards deferred at the beginning of each respective fiscal year is as follows (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Revenue recognized from gift card liability	$ 1,318	$ 1,458	$ 9,061	$ 9,370
Revenue recognized from guest loyalty program	$ 142	$ 1,088	$ 2,932	$ 8,153

3. LEASES

We determine if a contract contains a lease at inception. Our material operating leases consist of restaurant locations and office space. U.S. GAAP requires that our leases be evaluated and classified as operating or finance leases for financial reporting purposes. The classification evaluation begins at the commencement date, and the lease term used in the evaluation includes the non-cancellable period for which we have the right to use the underlying asset, together with renewal option periods when the exercise of the renewal option is reasonably certain and failure to exercise such option would result in an economic penalty. All of our restaurant and office space leases are classified as operating leases. We have elected to account for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component for office and beverage equipment. We do not have any finance leases.

Lease costs included within our Consolidated Statements of Income consisted of the following (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Operating	$ 14,918	$ 14,994	$ 44,268	$ 44,491
Variable	888	762	3,238	2,801
Short-term	320	300	945	987
Total lease costs	$ 16,126	$ 16,056	$ 48,451	$ 48,279

4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Line of Credit

On May 30, 2025, we entered into a Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement ("Credit Facility") with Bank of America, N.A. ("BofA"), JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and certain other parties to amend and restate our revolving line of credit (the "Line of Credit") to extend the maturity date, obtain a swingline subfacility, modify the interest rate, and revise certain loan covenants.

Our Credit Facility matures on May 30, 2030, and provides us with revolving loan commitments totaling $215 million, which may be increased up to $315 million, of which $50 million may be used for the issuance of letters of credit. Availability under the Credit Facility is reduced by outstanding letters of credit, which are used to support our self-insurance programs. On September 29, 2026, there were borrowings of $16.0 million and letters of credit of $15.6 million outstanding, leaving $183.4 million available to borrow.

Borrowings under the Line of Credit bear interest at an annual rate equal to either (a) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("Term SOFR"), adjusted by 10 basis points regardless of the duration of the Term SOFR, plus a percentage not to exceed 2.00%, or (b) the Base Rate plus a percentage not to exceed 1.00%. As with swingline loans: (i) the percentage adjustment depends on the level of lease and debt obligations of the Company as compared to EBITDA and lease expenses; and (ii) there is a floor of 0.00% on Term SOFR plus the 10 basis point adjustment. The weighted average interest rate during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025 was approximately 5.0% and 5.9%, respectively.

The Credit Agreement contains certain representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default that are customary for credit arrangements of this type, including covenants which restrict or limit the Company's ability to, among other things, create liens, borrow money (other than purchase money indebtedness and trade credit, lease obligations incurred in the ordinary course, and similar ordinary course liabilities), make dividends, and engage in mergers, consolidations, significant asset sales, stock repurchases and certain other transactions. On September 29, 2026, we were in compliance with these covenants.

Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Company will be required to pay certain customary fees and expenses associated with maintenance and use of the Line of Credit including letter of credit issuance fees and unused commitment fees. Interest expense and commitment fees under the Credit Facility were approximately $2.3 million and $3.7 million, for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, respectively. We also capitalized approximately $0.4 million and $0.1 million of interest expense related to new restaurant construction and remodels during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, respectively.

Additionally, during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2025, we capitalized approximately $0.8 million of fees related to the Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which are being amortized over the remaining term of the Credit Facility. These fees are presented as an asset and recorded in "Other assets, net" on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. For each of the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, we amortized $0.2 million and $0.2 million of these fees, respectively, which is included as a component of "Interest expense, net" on our Consolidated Statements of Income. At September 29, 2026 and December 30, 2025, unamortized fees were $0.9 million and $1.0 million, respectively.

5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820"), establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. ASC 820 establishes a three-level hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs in measuring fair value. Fair value measurements are estimated based on valuation techniques and inputs categorized as follows:

- **Level 1**: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- **Level 2**: Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- **Level 3:** Unobservable inputs in which little or no market activity exists, therefore requiring the Company to develop its own assumptions.

There were no transfers among levels within the fair value hierarchy during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026. The following table presents the fair values for our financial assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis (in thousands):

		Fair Value Measurements	
	Level	September 29, 2026	December 30, 2025
Deferred compensation plan - assets	1	$ 14,916	$ 13,508
Deferred compensation plan - liabilities	1	$ 15,565	$ 14,042

The Company's financial statements include cash and cash equivalents, accounts and other receivables, accounts payable, and accrued expenses for which the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short-term maturity. At September 29, 2026 and December 30, 2025, the fair value of our Credit Facility approximated its carrying value since it is a variable rate credit facility (Level 2).

Non-financial instruments measured at fair value, on a nonrecurring basis, include certain property and equipment and operating lease assets for which an impairment loss was recognized and recorded within our consolidated financial statements. The following table presents the carrying value after impairment loss and the related impairment loss (in thousands):

		Impairment Loss			
		For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	Level	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Long-lived assets held for use	3	$ 949	$ -	$ 949	$ -
Operating lease right of use assets	3	$ 669	$ -	$ 669	$ -

	Level	Carrying Value			
		September 29, 2026		December 30, 2025	
Long-lived assets held for use	3	$	-	$	-
Operating lease right of use assets	3	$	654	$	-

The fair value of these assets represents a Level 3 fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs include the discount rate, and projected restaurant revenues and expenses. For the operating lease assets' fair value estimate as of September 29, 2026 and December 30, 2025, the Company estimated the sublease income through lease expiration and discounted such cash flows using a property specific discount rate of approximately 7%.

6. NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic and diluted net income per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. The number of diluted shares reflects the potential dilution that could occur if holders of in-the-money options were to exercise their right to convert these instruments into common stock and unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") were to vest. Additionally, performance-based RSUs are considered contingent shares; therefore, at each reporting date we determine the probable number of shares that will vest and include these contingently issuable shares in our diluted share calculation unless they are anti-dilutive. Once these performance-based RSUs vest, they are included in our basic net income per share calculation.

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic and diluted net income per share, including the number of dilutive equity awards included in the dilutive net income per share computation (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Numerator:				
Net income	$ 5,317	$ 465	$ 33,133	$ 36,165
Denominator:				
Weighted-average shares outstanding – basic	21,646	21,893	21,282	22,265
Dilutive effect of equity awards	936	590	893	645
Weighted-average shares outstanding – diluted	22,582	22,483	22,175	22,910
Net income per share:				
Basic	$ 0.25	$ 0.02	$ 1.56	$ 1.62
Diluted	$ 0.24	$ 0.02	$ 1.49	$ 1.58

For each of the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, there was less than 0.1 million and approximately 0.7 million, respectively, of common stock equivalents excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share because they were anti-dilutive. For each of the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, there were approximately 0.1 million and 0.6 million, respectively, of common stock equivalents excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share because they were anti-dilutive.

7. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Our current shareholder approved stock-based compensation plan is the BJ's Restaurants, Inc. 2024 Equity Incentive Plan (as it may be amended from time to time, "the Plan"). Under the Plan, we may issue shares of our common stock to team members, officers, directors and consultants. We grant non-qualified stock options, and service- and performance-based RSUs, including performance-based RSUs with market-based metrics. Additionally, we issue service-based RSUs in connection with the BJ's Gold Standard Stock Ownership Program (the "GSSOP"), a long-term equity incentive program under the Plan for our restaurant general managers, executive kitchen managers, directors of operations and directors of kitchen operations. All GSSOP participants are required to remain in good standing during their vesting period.

All options granted under the Plan expire within 10 years of their date of grant. Awards of stock options or stock appreciation rights are charged against the Plan share reserve on the basis of one share for each option granted. All other awards are charged against the 2024 Plan share reserve on the basis of 1.5 shares for each award unit granted. We estimate forfeitures based on historical data and we take into consideration future expectations. The Plan also contains other limits on the terms of incentive grants such as the maximum number that can be granted to a team member during any fiscal year.

We use the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the fair value of our stock options, and we use the Monte Carlo simulation model to determine the fair value of our performance-based RSUs that include a market-based metric. Both valuation models require management to make assumptions regarding stock price, volatility, the expected life of the award, risk-free interest rate and expected dividend yield. The fair value of service-based and performance-based RSUs without market-based metrics, is equal to the fair value of our common stock at market close on the grant date, or the last trading day prior to the grant date if the grant occurs on a day when the market is closed.

The grant date fair value of each stock option, service-based RSU, and performance-based RSU with market-based metrics is recognized as stock-based compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the applicable vesting period (e.g., one, three or five years). For performance-based RSUs without market-based metrics, stock-based compensation expense recognition is recognized based on the estimated number of awards that is expected to vest, which is reassessed each reporting period based on management's current estimate of achievement of the applicable performance goals. Forfeitures are estimated based on historical experience and adjusted for future expectations.

The Plan permits our Board of Directors to set the vesting terms and exercise period for awards at their discretion; however, the grant of awards with no minimum vesting period or a vesting period less than one year may not exceed 5% of the total number of shares authorized under the Plan. Stock options and service-based RSUs cliff vest at one year or ratably over three years for non-GSSOP participants, and either cliff vest at five years or cliff vest at 33% on the third anniversary and 67% on the fifth anniversary for GSSOP participants. Performance-based RSUs cliff vest on the third anniversary of the grant date in an amount from 0% to 150% of the grant quantity, depending on the level of performance target achievement.

The following table presents the stock-based compensation recognized within our consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Labor and benefits	$ 524	$ 625	$ 1,701	$ 1,890
General and administrative	1,720	1,608	5,617	4,200
Capitalized (1)	(16)	63	258	232
Total stock-based compensation	$ 2,228	$ 2,296	$ 7,576	$ 6,322

(1)Capitalized stock-based compensation relates to our restaurant development personnel and is included in "Property and equipment, net" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Stock Options

The fair value of each stock option was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Volatility	46.5%	56.6%
Risk-free interest rate	4.2%	4.2%
Expected life (years)	5	5
Expected dividend yield	—%	—%
Fair value of options granted	$ 25.04	$ 19.78

Under the Plan and prior stock-based compensation plans, under which options are currently outstanding, the exercise price of a stock option is required to equal or exceed the fair value of our common stock at market close on the option grant date or the last trading day prior to the date of grant when grants take place on a day when the market is closed. The following table presents stock option activity:

	Options Outstanding		Options Exercisable	
	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 30, 2025	717	$ 39.39	538	$ 40.64
Granted	35	54.56		
Exercised	(319)	40.26		
Forfeited	(32)	42.36		
Outstanding at September 29, 2026	401	$ 39.86	281	$ 39.50

As of September 29, 2026, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested stock options was approximately $1.6 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining recognition period of 2.0 years.

Restricted Stock Units

Service-Based Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents service-based restricted stock unit activity:

	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Outstanding at December 30, 2025	705	$ 32.62
Granted	194	47.96
Released	(124)	37.97
Forfeited	(76)	34.84
Outstanding at September 29, 2026	699	$ 35.65

As of September 29, 2026, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested service-based RSUs was approximately $11.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining recognition period of 2.7 years.

Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units

The following table presents performance-based restricted stock unit activity:

	Shares (in thousands)	Weighted Average Fair Value
Outstanding at December 30, 2025	118	$ 36.63
Granted	100	51.99
Released	(14)	34.28
Forfeited	(29)	43.10
Outstanding at September 29, 2026	175	$ 44.88

The fair value of performance-based RSUs, which include a market-based metric, was estimated on the grant date using the Monte Carlo simulation model with the following assumptions:

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Volatility	42.6%	48.0%
Risk-free interest rate	3.6%	4.2%
Expected life (years)	3	3
Expected dividend yield	—%	—%
Fair value of market-based awards granted	$ 51.99	$ 37.98

As of September 29, 2026, the total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested performance-based RSUs was approximately $3.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average remaining recognition period of 2.0 years.

8. INCOME TAXES

We calculate our interim income tax provision in accordance with ASC Topic 270, "Interim Reporting" and ASC Topic 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes." The Company calculates its provision for income taxes at the end of each interim reporting period by computing an estimated annual effective tax rate adjusted for tax items that are discrete to each period. In addition, the effect of changes in enacted tax laws, rates or tax status is recognized in the interim period in which the change occurs. The computation of the annual estimated effective tax rate at each interim period requires certain significant estimates and judgment including the expected operating income for the year, permanent and temporary differences because of differences between amounts measured and recognized in accordance with tax laws and financial accounting standards, and the likelihood of recovering deferred tax assets generated in the current fiscal year. The accounting estimates used to compute income tax expense may change as new events occur, additional information is obtained or the tax environment changes.

Our effective income tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 was a benefit rate of 1.1% compared to an expense rate of 0.5% for the comparable thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2025. The effective tax rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025 differed from the statutory tax rate primarily as a result of significant Federal Insurance Contributions Act ("FICA") tax tip credits.

As of September 29, 2026, we had unrecognized tax benefits of approximately $0.9 million, which, if reversed, would impact our effective tax rate.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is the following (in thousands):

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Beginning gross unrecognized tax benefits	$ 794	$ 874
Decrease for tax positions taken in prior years	—	(46)
Increases for tax positions taken in the current year	66	66
Ending gross unrecognized tax benefits	$ 860	$ 894

Our uncertain tax positions are related to tax years that remain subject to examination by tax agencies. As of September 29, 2026, the earliest tax year still subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service is 2022. The earliest year still subject to examination by a significant state or local taxing authority is 2021.

9. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are subject to lawsuits, administrative proceedings and demands that arise in the ordinary course of our business and which typically involve claims from guests, team members and others related to operational, employment, real estate and intellectual property issues common to the foodservice industry. A number of these claims may exist at any given time. We are self-insured for a portion of our general liability, team member workers' compensation and employment practice liability insurance requirements. We maintain coverage with a third-party insurer to limit our total exposure. We believe that most of our claims will be covered by our insurance, subject to coverage limits and the portion of such claims that are self-insured; however, punitive damages awards are not covered by our insurance. To date, we have not been ordered to pay punitive damages with respect to any claims, but there can be no assurance that punitive damages will not be awarded with respect to any future claims. We could be affected by adverse publicity resulting from allegations in lawsuits, claims and proceedings, regardless of whether these allegations are valid or whether we are ultimately determined to be liable. We currently believe that the final disposition of these types of lawsuits, proceedings and claims

will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or liquidity. It is possible, however, that our future results of operations for a particular quarter or fiscal year could be impacted by changes in circumstances relating to lawsuits, proceedings or claims.

10. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Warrant

On August 3, 2026, BJ's Act III, LLC sold, to a third party, their warrant for 876,949 shares of common stock, with an exercise price of $26.94. The holder of the warrant subsequently exercised the warrant, on a cashless (net share settlement) basis. We issued 539,275 net shares upon exercise and received no cash proceeds.

Stock Repurchases

During the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, we repurchased and retired approximately 0.2 million shares of our common stock at an average price of $37.44 per share for approximately $8.7 million, which is recorded as a reduction in common stock, with any excess charged to retained earnings. As of September 29, 2026, we had $84.5 million available under our authorized $675 million share repurchase program. Repurchases may be made at any time.

Cash Dividends

We currently do not pay any cash dividends. Any payment of quarterly cash dividends will be subject to our Board of Directors determining that the payment of dividends is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Pursuant to the terms of a Cooperation Agreement, dated December 30, 2024 and amended on November 14, 2025, with Act III Holdings, LLC (with its affiliates, "Act III") (the "Act III Cooperation Agreement"), Act III is subject to customary standstill restrictions and will vote all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by them in accordance with the Board's recommendations (unless, with respect to proposals other than Board elections, ISS or Glass Lewis recommends a different vote). A more detailed description of the Act III Cooperation Agreement is contained in our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 2, 2025 and November 17, 2025.

12. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We currently operate in one operating segment: full-service company-owned restaurants and in one geographic area: the United States of America. We do not have intra-entity sales or transfers. Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Our Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") is our Chief Executive Officer and President, and he assesses performance and decides how to allocate resources based on income from operations, which is also reported on our Consolidated Statements of Income. Additionally, the measure of segment assets is reported on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as total assets. Our CODM does not review segment assets and expenses at a level different than what is reported on our consolidated financial statements.

Reported segment revenue and expenses are presented below (in thousands):

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025	September 29, 2026	September 30, 2025
Revenues	$ 358,625	$ 330,157	$ 1,105,631	$ 1,043,727
Less:				
Cost of sales	90,733	84,904	279,747	262,527
Labor and benefits	129,815	122,343	394,026	377,369
Occupancy and operating	85,207	81,589	254,980	244,800
Other segment items (1)	26,562	23,007	77,736	67,540
Depreciation and amortization	21,089	19,311	64,857	56,324
Income (loss) from operations	5,219	(997)	34,285	35,167
Reconciliation to net income:				
Interest expense, net	(358)	(1,183)	(2,256)	(3,685)
Other (expense) income, net	(192)	1,181	750	4,881
Income tax benefit (expense)	648	1,464	354	(198)
Net income	$ 5,317	$ 465	$ 33,133	$ 36,165

(1) Other segment items consist of amounts related to general and administrative expenses, restaurant opening expenses, and loss on disposal of and impairment of assets, net.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 6, 2026, we completed the sale of a parcel of land, adjacent to one of our restaurants, for approximately $2.6 million. The land had a carrying value of approximately $0.7 million as of September 29, 2026. The Company expects to recognize a gain of approximately $1.9 million, net of selling costs, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2026.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING DISCLOSURE

Certain information included in this Form 10-Q and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in our press releases, in other written communications, and in oral statements made by or with the approval of one of our authorized officers may contain "forward-looking" statements about our current and expected performance trends, growth plans, business goals and other matters. Words or phrases such as "believe," "plan," "will likely result," "expect," "intend," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimate," "project," "may," "could," "would," "should," and similar expressions are intended to identify "forward-looking" statements. These statements, and any other statements that are not historical facts, are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as codified in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time. The cautionary statements made in this Form 10-Q should be read as being applicable to all related "forward-looking" statements wherever they appear in this Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements are based on information available to us as of the date any such statements are made, and we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the risk factors described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2025, as updated from time to time in our subsequent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including Part II, Item 1A of this report, and in other reports filed with the SEC.

GENERAL

BJ's Restaurants is a leading full-service restaurant brand differentiated by a high-quality, varied menu with compelling value, a dining experience that offers our customers (referred to as "guests") best-in-class service, hospitality and enjoyment, in a high-energy, welcoming and approachable atmosphere. BJ's is a national restaurant chain that, as of September 29, 2026, owns and operates 219 restaurants located in 31 states.

The first BJ's restaurant opened in 1978 in Orange County, California, and was a small sit-down pizzeria that featured Chicago style deep-dish pizza with a unique California twist. In 1996, we introduced our proprietary craft beers and expanded the BJ's concept to a full-service, high-energy restaurant when we opened our first large format restaurant with an on-site brewing operation in Brea, California. Today our restaurants feature a broad menu with approximately 90 menu items designed to offer something for everyone including: slow roasted entrees and wings, EnLIGHTened Entrees® such as our Cherry Chipotle Glazed Salmon, our original signature deep-dish pizza, and the world-famous Pizookie® dessert. We also offer our award-winning BJ's craft beers, which are produced at four in-house brewing facilities, two standalone brewpubs and by independent third-party brewers using our proprietary recipes, alongside a full bar featuring innovative cocktails.

Our revenues are comprised of food and beverage sales from our restaurants, including takeout, delivery and catering sales. Revenues from restaurant sales are recognized when payment is tendered. Amounts paid with a credit card are recorded in accounts and other receivables until payment is collected from the credit card processor. We sell gift cards which do not have an expiration date, and we do not deduct non-usage fees from outstanding gift card balances. Gift card sales are recorded as a liability and recognized as revenues upon redemption in our restaurants. Based on historical redemption rates, a portion of our gift card sales are not expected to be redeemed and will be recognized as gift card "breakage." Estimated gift card breakage is recorded as revenue and recognized in proportion to our historical redemption pattern, unless there is a legal obligation to remit the unredeemed gift cards to government authorities.

Our guest loyalty program enables participants to earn points for qualifying purchases that can be redeemed for food and beverages in the future. We allocate the transaction price between the goods delivered and the future goods that will be delivered, on a relative standalone selling price basis, and defer the revenues allocated to the points, less expected expirations, until such points are redeemed.

All of our restaurants are Company-owned. In calculating comparable restaurant sales, we include restaurants open for at least 18 months as of the beginning of the period presented. Guest traffic for our restaurants is estimated based on the number of guest checks.

Cost of sales is comprised of food and beverage costs, including the cost to produce and distribute our proprietary craft beer, soda and ciders. The components of cost of sales are variable and typically fluctuate directly with sales volumes but also may be impacted by changes in commodity prices, a shift in sales mix to items with different cost structures, or changes in level of promotional activities.

Labor and benefit costs include direct hourly and management wages, bonuses, payroll taxes, fringe benefits and stock-based compensation, and workers' compensation expense that are directly related to restaurant level team members.

Occupancy and operating expenses include restaurant supplies, credit card fees, general liability and property insurance, third-party delivery company commissions, marketing costs, fixed rent, percentage rent, common area maintenance charges, utilities, real estate taxes, repairs and maintenance and other related restaurant costs.

General and administrative expenses include costs for our corporate administrative functions that support existing operations and provide infrastructure to facilitate our future growth. Components of this category include corporate management, field supervision and corporate hourly staff salaries and related team member benefits (including stock-based compensation expense and cash-based incentive compensation), travel and relocation costs, information systems, the cost to recruit and train new restaurant management team members, corporate rent, certain brand marketing-related expenses and legal and consulting fees.

Depreciation and amortization are composed primarily of depreciation of capital expenditures for restaurant and brewing equipment and leasehold improvements.

Restaurant opening expenses, which are expensed as incurred, consist of the costs of hiring and training the initial hourly work force for each new restaurant, travel, the cost of food and supplies used in training, grand opening promotional costs, the cost of the initial stock of operating supplies and other direct costs related to the opening of a restaurant, including rent expense during the in-restaurant training period.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, our unaudited Consolidated Statements of Income expressed as percentages of total revenues. The results of operations for the thirteen and thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026 and September 30, 2025, are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. Percentages below may not reconcile due to rounding.

	For the Thirteen Weeks Ended		For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	**September 30, 2025**	**September 29, 2026**	**September 30, 2025**
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Restaurant operating costs (excluding depreciation and amortization):				
Cost of sales	25.3	25.7	25.3	25.2
Labor and benefits	36.2	37.1	35.6	36.2
Occupancy and operating	23.8	24.7	23.1	23.5
General and administrative	6.6	6.8	6.5	6.3
Depreciation and amortization	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.4
Restaurant opening	-	-	-	0.1
Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.1
Total costs and expenses	98.5	100.3	96.9	96.6
Income (loss) from operations	1.5	(0.3)	3.1	3.4
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.2)	(0.4)
Other (expense) income, net	(0.1)	0.4	0.1	0.5
Total other (expense) income	(0.2)	-	(0.1)	0.1
Income (loss) before income taxes	1.3	(0.3)	3.0	3.5
Income tax (benefit) expense	(0.2)	(0.4)	-	-
Net income	1.5%	0.1%	3.0%	3.5%

Thirteen and Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended September 29, 2026 Compared to Thirteen and Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended September 30, 2025

Revenues. Total revenues increased by $28.5 million, or 8.6%, to $358.6 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $330.2 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. The change in revenues primarily consisted of an increase of 8.1%, or $26.7 million, related to sales from restaurants in our comparable restaurant sales base, and increases in non-comparable restaurant sales of $1.7 million. The increase in comparable restaurant sales was due to an increase in guest traffic of approximately 8.3%, offset by a decrease in average check of approximately 0.2%, resulting from changes in product mix, partially offset by menu price increases.

Total revenues increased by $61.9 million, or 5.9%, to $1.1 billion during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $1.0 billion during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. The change in revenues primarily consisted of an increase of 5.6%, or

$58.1 million, related to sales from restaurants in our comparable restaurant sales base, and $3.7 million related to non-comparable restaurant sales. The increase in comparable restaurant sales was due to an increase in guest traffic of approximately 6.3%, offset by a decrease in average check of approximately 0.7%, resulting from changes in product mix, partially offset by menu price increases.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales increased by $5.8 million, or 6.9%, to $90.7 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $84.9 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, cost of sales decreased to 25.3% for the current thirteen-week period from 25.7% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily led by a 0.8% reduction due to menu price increases and a 0.1% reduction resulting from our menu renovation work, partially offset by a 0.5% increase due to inflation in our commodity basket.

Cost of sales increased by $17.2 million, or 6.6%, to $279.7 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $262.5 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, cost of sales increased to 25.3% for the current thirty-nine-week period from 25.2% for the prior year comparable period. This increase as a percentage of revenues was primarily due to a 0.7% increase from inflation in our commodity basket, coupled with a 0.3% change in mix, partially offset by a 0.8% reduction from menu price increases, and a 0.1% decrease due to operational efficiencies and benefits from our menu renovation work.

Labor and Benefits. Labor and benefit costs increased by $7.5 million, or 6.1%, to $129.8 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $122.3 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, labor and benefits decreased to 36.2% for the current thirteen-week period from 37.1% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was led by a 1.7% reduction from leveraging our fixed costs over a higher revenue base, partially offset by a 0.6% increase due to wage inflation, a 0.1% increase in workers' compensation expense, and a 0.1% increase in incentive compensation resulting from improved financial performance.

Labor and benefit costs increased by $16.7 million, or 4.4%, to $394.0 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $377.4 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, labor and benefits decreased to 35.6% for the current thirty-nine-week period from 36.2% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was led by a 1.3% reduction from leveraging our fixed costs over a higher revenue base, partially offset by a 0.6% increase due to wage inflation and a 0.1% increase in workers' compensation expense.

Occupancy and Operating. Occupancy and Operating expenses increased by $3.6 million, or 4.4%, to $85.2 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $81.6 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, occupancy and operating decreased to 23.8% for the current thirteen-week period from 24.7% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily due to a 1.0% reduction resulting from our ability to leverage our fixed costs over a higher revenue base, partially offset by a 0.1% increase in marketing.

Occupancy and Operating expenses increased by $10.2 million, or 4.2%, to $255.0 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $244.8 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, occupancy and operating decreased to 23.1% for the current thirty-nine-week period from 23.5% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily due to a 0.7% reduction resulting from our ability to leverage our fixed costs over a higher revenue base, partially offset by a 0.2% increase due to utilities inflation and a 0.1% increase related to general liability insurance costs.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses increased by $1.2 million, or 5.6%, to $23.7 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $22.4 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. The increase was primarily driven by a $2.3 million increase in incentive compensation expense, reflecting an additional $1.7 million accrual due to a higher estimated level of financial performance and incentive compensation achievement for fiscal 2026, compared with a $0.6 million reduction in the estimated accrual in 2025. These costs were offset by a decrease of $1.2 million related to our non-cash deferred compensation liability. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses decreased to 6.6% for the current thirteen-week period from 6.8% for the prior year comparable period. This decrease was primarily due to leveraging the total expenses over a higher revenue base.

General and administrative expenses increased by $6.0 million, or 9.2%, to $72.0 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, from $65.9 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. This increase was primarily due to $1.5 million of legal and leadership transition expenses, $1.4 million related to stock-based compensation led by forfeitures in fiscal 2025 that reduced the expense, $1.3 million in incentive compensation due to increased financial performance, and $1.7 million in technology resource costs as we focus on laying the foundation for our technology infrastructures. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses increased to 6.5% for the current thirty-nine-week period from 6.3% for the prior year comparable period. This increase was primarily due to the increase in the aforementioned expenses.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased by $1.8 million, or 9.2%, to $21.1 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $19.3 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization increased to 5.9% for the current thirteen-week period from 5.8% for the prior

year comparable period. This increase is primarily due to increased capital expenditures related to our restaurant maintenance and remodel programs.

Depreciation and amortization increased by $8.5 million, or 15.1%, to $64.9 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $56.3 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. As a percentage of revenues, depreciation and amortization increased to 5.9% for the current thirty-nine-week period from 5.4% for the prior year comparable period. This increase is primarily due to increased capital expenditures related to our restaurant maintenance and remodel programs, in addition to a $2.7 million catch-up adjustment recorded in the first quarter of 2026.

Restaurant Opening. Restaurant opening expenses increased by $0.1 million to $0.1 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to zero during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025.

Restaurant opening expenses decreased by $0.4 million to $0.2 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $0.7 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025.

For both periods, the change in restaurant openings was primarily due to the timing of openings.

Loss on Disposal and Impairment of Assets, Net. Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net, was $2.8 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $0.6 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025. These costs primarily related to the impairment and reduction in the carrying value of long-lived assets, including right of use assets, coupled with the disposals of assets in conjunction with initiatives to keep our restaurants up-to-date and costs incurred for previously closed locations.

Loss on disposal and impairment of assets, net, was $5.5 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $0.9 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025. These costs primarily related to the impairment and reduction in the carrying value of long-lived assets, including right of use assets, coupled with the disposals of assets in conjunction with initiatives to keep our restaurants up-to-date and costs incurred for previously closed locations.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, was $0.4 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $1.2 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025.

Interest expense, net, was $2.3 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $3.7 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025.

For both periods, the decrease in interest expense, net, was primarily due to a lower outstanding debt balance.

Other (Expense) Income, Net. Other expense, net, was $0.2 million during the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to other income, net, of $1.2 million during the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025.

Other income, net, was $0.8 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, compared to $4.9 million during the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025.

For both periods, the decrease in other income, net, was primarily due to a payroll tax credit in the prior year, coupled with decreases in the cash surrender value of certain life insurance policies related to our deferred compensation program.

Income Tax (Benefit) Expense. Our effective income tax benefit rate for the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, was 13.9% compared to 146.5% for the comparable thirteen-week period of 2025.

Our effective income tax benefit rate for the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, was 1.1% compared to an effective income tax expense rate of 0.5% for the comparable thirty-nine-week period of 2025.

For both periods, the effective tax rate was different than the statutory rate primarily due to FICA tax tip credits.

LIQUIDITY AND MATERIAL CASH REQUIREMENTS

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, a summary of our key liquidity measurements (dollars in thousands):

	September 29, 2026	December 30, 2025
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 12,936	$ 23,781
Net working capital	$ (148,454)	$ (112,850)
Current ratio	0.3:1.0	0.4:1.0

Our capital requirements are driven by our fundamental financial objective to drive shareholder return through a balanced approach of new restaurant expansion plans, enhancements and initiatives focused on existing restaurants and return of capital to our shareholders through our share repurchase program.

Based on current operations, we believe that our current cash and cash equivalents, coupled with cash generated from operations and availability under our credit agreement will be adequate to meet our capital expenditure and working capital needs for at least the next twelve months. Our future operating performance will be subject to future economic conditions and to financial, business and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Similar to many restaurant chains, we typically utilize operating lease arrangements (principally ground leases) for our restaurant locations. We believe our operating lease arrangements provide appropriate leverage for our capital structure in a financially efficient manner. However, we are not limited to the use of lease arrangements as our only method of opening new restaurants and from time to time have purchased the underlying land for new restaurants. We typically lease our restaurant locations for periods of 10 to 20 years under operating lease arrangements. Our rent structures vary from lease to lease but generally provide for the payment of both minimum and contingent (percentage) rent based on sales, as well as other expenses related to the leases (for example, our pro-rata share of common area maintenance, property tax and insurance expenses). Many of our lease arrangements include the opportunity to secure tenant improvement allowances to partially offset the cost of developing and opening the related restaurants. Generally, landlords recover the cost of such allowances from increased minimum rents. There can be no assurance that such allowances will be available to us on each project. From time to time, we may also decide to purchase the underlying land for a new restaurant if that is the only way to secure a highly desirable site. Currently, we own the underlying land for our Texas brewpub locations. We also own parcels of land adjacent to two of our restaurants, one of which was sold in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2026. See Note 13 of Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for additional details. It is not our current strategy to own a large number of land parcels that underlie our restaurants. Therefore, in many cases we have subsequently entered into sale-leaseback arrangements for land parcels that we previously purchased. We disburse cash for certain site-related work, buildings, leasehold improvements, furnishings, fixtures and equipment to build our leased and owned premises. We own substantially all of the equipment, furniture and trade fixtures in our restaurants and currently plan to do so in the future.

CASH FLOWS

The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, our cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities (in thousands):

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	**September 30, 2025**
Net cash provided by operating activities	$ 115,782	$ 91,960
Net cash used in investing activities	(60,878)	(58,474)
Net cash used in financing activities	(65,749)	(34,151)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	$ (10,845)	$ (665)

Operating Cash Flows

Net cash provided by operating activities was $115.8 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, representing a $23.8 million increase from the $92.0 million provided during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2025. The increase versus prior year is primarily due to increased profitability after non-cash items and favorable working capital fluctuations led by the timing of accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Investing Cash Flows

Net cash used in investing activities was $60.9 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, representing a $2.4 million increase from the $58.5 million used during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2025. The increase versus prior year is primarily due to investments in internally developed software.

The following table provides, for the periods indicated, the components of purchases of property and equipment (in thousands):

	For the Thirty-Nine Weeks Ended	
	September 29, 2026	**September 30, 2025**
New restaurants	$ 6,015	$ 7,872
Restaurant maintenance and remodels	51,147	49,517
Restaurant and corporate systems	1,525	1,124
Total purchases of property and equipment	$ 58,687	$ 58,513

We expect to fund our net capital expenditures with our current cash balance on hand, cash flows from operations and our line of credit. Our future cash requirements will depend on many factors, including the pace of our expansion, conditions in the retail property development market, construction costs, the nature of the specific sites selected for new restaurants, and the nature of the specific leases and associated tenant improvement allowances available, if any, as negotiated with landlords.

Financing Cash Flows

Net cash used in financing activities was $65.7 million during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, representing a $31.6 million increase from the $34.2 million used in financing activities during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 30, 2025. The increase in net cash used is primarily due to repayment of debt in 2026 versus net borrowing in 2025, offset by lower share repurchases.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We do not participate in transactions that generate relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow limited purposes. As of September 29, 2026, we are not involved in any off-balance sheet arrangements.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of net revenues and expenses in the reporting period. We base our estimates and assumptions on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the accrual of costs and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. We continually review the estimates and underlying assumptions to ensure they are appropriate for the circumstances. Accounting assumptions and estimates are inherently uncertain and actual results may differ materially from our estimates.

A summary of our other critical accounting policies is included in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2025. During the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, there were no significant changes in our critical accounting policies.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The following discussion of market risks contains "forward-looking" statements. Actual results may differ materially from the following discussion based on general conditions in the financial and commodity markets.

Interest Rate Risk

We have a $215 million Credit Facility, of which $16.0 million is outstanding as of September 29, 2026, and carries interest at a floating rate. We utilize the Credit Facility principally for letters of credit that are required to support our self-insurance programs, to fund a portion of our announced share repurchase program, and for working capital and construction requirements, as needed. We are exposed to interest rate risk through fluctuations in interest rates on our obligations under the Credit Facility. Based on our current outstanding balance, a hypothetical 1% change in the interest rates under our Credit Facility would have an approximate $0.1 million annual impact on our net income.

Food, Supplies and Commodity Price Risks

We purchase food, supplies and other commodities for use in our operations based upon market prices established with our suppliers. Our business is dependent on frequent and consistent deliveries of these items. We may experience shortages, delays or interruptions due to inclement weather, natural disasters, labor issues or other operational disruptions or other conditions beyond our control such as cyber breaches or ransomware attacks at our suppliers, distributors or transportation providers. Additionally, many of the commodities purchased by us can be subject to volatility due to market supply and demand factors outside of our control, whether contracted for or not. Costs can also fluctuate due to government regulation, including the imposition of tariffs. To manage this risk in part, we attempt to enter into fixed-price purchase commitments, with terms typically up to one year, for some of our commodity requirements. However, it may not be possible for us to enter into fixed-price contracts for certain commodities or we may choose not to enter into fixed-price contracts for certain commodities. We believe that substantially all of our food and supplies are available from several sources, which helps to diversify our overall commodity cost risk. We also believe that we have some flexibility and ability to increase certain menu prices, or vary certain menu items offered or promoted, in response to food commodity price increases. Some of our commodity purchase arrangements may contain contractual features that limit the price paid by establishing certain price floors or caps. We do not use financial instruments to hedge commodity prices, since our purchase arrangements with suppliers, to the extent that we can enter into such arrangements, help control the ultimate cost that we pay.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 29, 2026, our disclosure controls and procedures are designed and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has not been any significant change in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during our third fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 9 of Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a summary of legal proceedings.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2025.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

As of September 29, 2026, we have cumulatively repurchased shares valued at approximately $590.5 million in accordance with our approved share repurchase plan since its inception in 2014. During the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026, we repurchased and retired approximately 0.2 million shares of our common stock at an average price of $37.44 per share for approximately $8.7 million, which is recorded as a reduction in common stock, with any excess charged to retained earnings. At September 29, 2026, we have $84.5 million available under our authorized $675 million share repurchase program. Repurchases may be made at any time.

The following table sets forth information with respect to the repurchase of common shares during the thirty-nine weeks ended September 29, 2026:

Period (1)	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of the Publicly Announced Plans	Increase in Dollars for Share Repurchase Authorization	Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
12/31/25 - 01/27/26	—	$ —	—	$ —	$ 93,156,007
01/28/26 - 02/24/26	—	$ —	—	$ —	$ 93,156,007
02/25/26 - 03/31/26	151,446	$ 35.01	151,446	$ —	$ 87,853,717
04/01/26 - 04/28/26	53,024	$ 36.83	53,024	$ —	$ 85,900,755
04/29/26 - 05/26/26	11,003	$ 38.10	11,003	$ —	$ 85,481,575
05/27/26 - 06/30/26	—	$ —	—	$ —	$ 85,481,575
07/01/26 - 07/28/26	—	$ —	—	$ —	$ 85,481,575
07/29/26 - 08/25/26	697	$ 64.12	697	$ —	$ 85,436,886
08/26/26 - 09/29/26	16,169	$ 60.57	16,169	$ —	$ 84,457,532
Total	232,339		232,339		

(1)Period information is presented in accordance with our fiscal months during fiscal 2026.

(1)Our share repurchase program was publicly announced and has been increased from time to time, with an aggregate of $675 million authorized by our Board of Directors as of September 29, 2026. The original program was authorized as of June 2014 for $100 million and subsequently increased by $50 million in August 2014, $50 million in June 2015, $50 million in December 2015, $100 million in August 2016, $50 million in March 2017, $100 million in March 2019, $50 million in February 2024, $50 million in February 2025 and by $75 million in October 2025. The program has no expiration date and was not terminated during the period covered by this report. All shares reflected in the table were purchased under the publicly announced program.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

During the thirteen weeks ended September 29, 2026, Christopher P. Pinsak, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, adopted a trading plan intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" as defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K). The trading plan, adopted on August 20, 2026, provides for the sale of up to 17,036 shares of the Company's common stock during its term, which commences on November 19, 2026, and terminates on the earlier of December 31, 2027, or the date all shares authorized under the plan are sold.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2017.
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Form 8-K filed on August 14, 2020.
3.3	Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2004.
3.4	Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2010.
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate of the Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 1996 (File No. 3335182-LA).
31	Section 302 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer.
32	Section 906 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer.
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BJ'S RESTAURANTS, INC.
(Registrant)

November 5, 2026

By: /s/ LYLE D. TICK
Lyle D. Tick
Chief Executive Officer, President and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ J. TODD WILSON
J. Todd Wilson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

By: /s/ ASHLEY A. VAN
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