



NATIONAL  
RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION



SOUTH CAROLINA

# RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT

## INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA



Every dollar spent in SC  
restaurants contributes  
**\$2.02**  
to the state economy



**11,170**  
restaurant locations



**260,400**  
restaurant &  
foodservice jobs



**\$16.5B**  
in sales



**12%**  
of total jobs in the state



**2nd**  
largest private  
employer in  
the state



**93%**  
of restaurants have  
fewer than 50 employees

## WE ARE RESTAURANTS IN AMERICA



**2nd largest**  
private sector  
**employer**



**\$1T+**  
in sales



Nation's **most  
diverse  
industry**



**9 in 10**  
restaurants are  
**small  
businesses**

JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY  
**SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS**



SOUTH CAROLINA

RESTAURANT  
INDUSTRY  
**IMPACT**

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. SENATORS**

Establishments

Employees\*

Lindsey Graham (R)

**11,170**

**214,600**

Tim Scott (R)

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVES**

Establishments

Employees\*

**1** Nancy Mace (R)

1,543

32,678

**2** Joe Wilson (R)

1,370

28,297

**3** Jeff Duncan (R)

1,205

20,492

**4** William R. Timmons IV (R)

1,765

33,032

**5** Ralph Norman (R)

1,217

21,769

**6** James E. Clyburn (D)

1,973

36,957

**7** Russell Fry (R)

2,096

41,375

**TOTAL**

**11,170**

**214,600**

\*South Carolina's 214,600 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 260,400 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: [Restaurant.org](https://Restaurant.org) | [SCRLA.org](https://SCRLA.org)