

# Florida

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

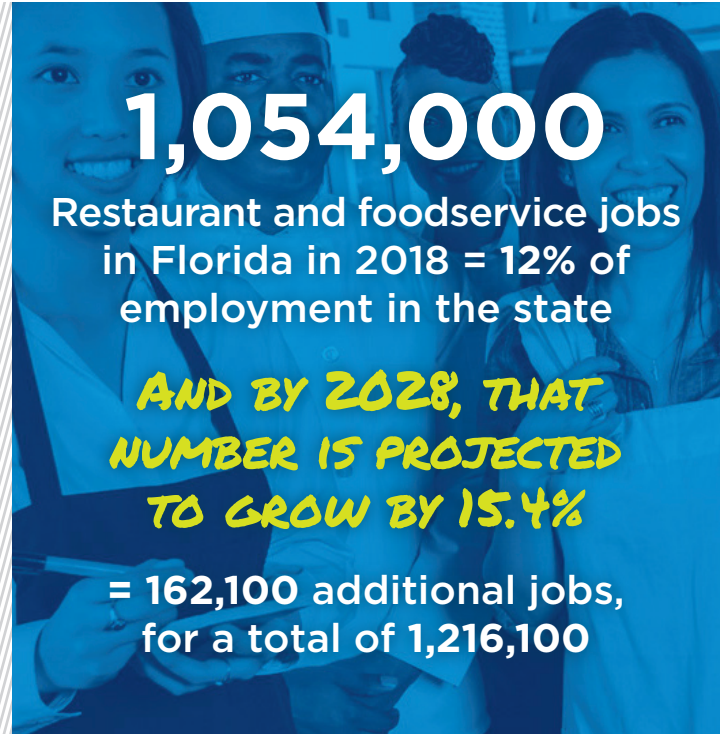
Restaurants are a driving force in Florida's economy. They provide jobs and build careers for thousands of people, and play a vital role in local communities throughout the state.



**40,001**  
Eating and drinking place  
locations in Florida in 2016



**\$41.7 billion**  
Estimated sales in Florida's  
restaurants in 2017



**1,054,000**  
Restaurant and foodservice jobs  
in Florida in 2018 = 12% of  
employment in the state

**AND BY 2028, THAT  
NUMBER IS PROJECTED  
TO GROW BY 15.4%**

= 162,100 additional jobs,  
for a total of 1,216,100

<b>HOW BIG IS AMERICA'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY?</b>	LOCATIONS	<b>1 MILLION+</b> serving millions every day
	SALES	<b>\$800 BILLION</b> = 4% of the U.S. GDP
	EMPLOYMENT	<b>15.1 MILLION PEOPLE</b> = 10% of the nation's workforce



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# Florida's Restaurants

JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

## EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:

### U.S. SENATORS

Bill Nelson (D)  
Marco Rubio (R)

Establishments  
in the state

Employees  
in the state\*

**40,001**      **770,100**

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1	Matt Gaetz (R)	1,539	29,629
2	Neal P. Dunn (R)	1,422	27,373
3	Ted Yoho (R)	1,064	20,483
4	John H. Rutherford (R)	1,670	32,147
5	Al Lawson, Jr. (D)	1,760	33,892
6	Ron DeSantis (R)	1,607	30,941
7	Stephanie N. Murphy (D)	1,343	25,865
8	Bill Posey (R)	1,536	29,564
9	Darren Soto (D)	1,204	23,187
10	Val Butler Demings (D)	1,796	34,582
11	Daniel Webster (R)	988	19,022
12	Gus M. Bilirakis (R)	1,222	23,521
13	Charlie Crist (D)	1,633	31,439
14	Kathy Castor (D)	1,717	33,060

15	Dennis Ross (R)	962	18,528
16	Vern Buchanan (R)	1,607	30,937
17	Tom Rooney (R)	956	18,408
18	Brian J. Mast (R)	1,461	28,129
19	Francis Rooney (R)	1,843	35,487
20	Alcee L. Hastings (D)	1,655	31,864
21	Lois Frankel (D)	1,142	21,977
22	Theodore E. Deutch (D)	2,175	41,879
23	Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)	1,810	34,840
24	Frederica Wilson (D)	1,671	32,177
25	Mario Diaz-Balart (R)	1,191	22,936
26	Carlos Curbelo (R)	1,224	23,557
27	Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)	1,801	34,677
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40,001</b>	<b>770,100</b>

\*Florida's 770,100 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 1,054,000 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



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Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics & U.S. Census Bureau, 2016