

# South Carolina

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE


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



**8,977**  
Eating and drinking place  
locations in South Carolina in 2016



**\$9.4 billion**  
Estimated sales in South Carolina's  
restaurants in 2017



**224,700**  
Restaurant and foodservice jobs  
in South Carolina in 2018 = 11% of  
employment in the state

**AND BY 2028, THAT  
NUMBER IS PROJECTED  
TO GROW BY 14.8%**

= 33,200 additional jobs,  
for a total of 257,900

<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



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [Restaurant.org](http://Restaurant.org) • [SCRLA.org](http://SCRLA.org)

# South Carolina's Restaurants

JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

## U.S. SENATORS

	EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
	Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
Lindsey Graham (R)	<b>8,977</b>	<b>187,500</b>
Tim Scott (R)		

## U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
	Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
1 Mark Sanford (R)	1,410	29,459
2 Joe Wilson (R)	1,023	21,364
3 Jeff Duncan (R)	1,075	22,456
4 Trey Gowdy (R)	1,297	27,092
5 Ralph Norman (R)	983	20,524
6 James E. Clyburn (D)	1,546	32,290
7 Tom Rice (R)	1,643	34,316
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,977</b>	<b>187,500</b>

\*South Carolina's 187,500 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 224,700 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