

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.



9,669

Eating and drinking place locations in South Carolina in 2018



234,200

Restaurant and foodservice jobs in South Carolina in 2019 = 11% of employment in the state

AND BY 2029, THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY 13.4%

= 31,300 additional jobs, for a total of 265,500



\$10.7 billion

Estimated sales in South Carolina's restaurants in 2018

HOW DOES THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ECONOMY?

Every dollar spent in the tableservice segment contributes \$1.73 to the state economy.

Every dollar spent in the limited-service segment contributes \$1.54 to the state economy.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Restaurant.org • 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)	9,669	198,000
Tim Scott (R)		

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
	Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
1 Joe Cunningham (D)	1,804	36,949
2 Joe Wilson (R)	1,210	24,784
3 Jeff Duncan (R)	1,055	21,599
4 William R. Timmons IV (R)	1,572	32,195
5 Ralph Norman (R)	992	20,322
6 James E. Clyburn (D)	1,243	25,459
7 Tom Rice (R)	1,792	36,693
TOTAL	9,669	198,000

*South Carolina's 198,000 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 234,200 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: [Restaurant.org](https://www.restaurant.org) • [SCHospitality.org](https://www.schospitality.org)

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics & U.S. Census Bureau, 2018