

Tennessee

RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

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



11,693

Eating and drinking place locations in Tennessee in 2018



330,000

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

AND BY 2029, THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY 10.9%

= 36,000 additional jobs, for a total of 366,000



\$14.2 billion

Estimated sales in Tennessee's restaurants in 2018

HOW DOES THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT THE TENNESSEE ECONOMY?

Every dollar spent in the tableservice segment contributes \$1.82 to the state economy.

Every dollar spent in the limited-service segment contributes \$1.62 to the state economy.



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Tennessee's Restaurants

JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

		EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
U.S. SENATORS		Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
Lamar Alexander (R)		11,693	268,500
Marsha Blackburn (R)			
		EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
U.S. REPRESENTATIVES		Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
1	David P. Roe (R)	1,370	31,463
2	Tim Burchett (R)	1,291	29,645
3	Chuck Fleischmann (R)	1,250	28,711
4	Scott DesJarlais (R)	1,168	26,831
5	Jim Cooper (D)	1,939	44,524
6	John W. Rose (R)	1,115	25,595
7	Mark E. Green (R)	1,245	28,591
8	David Kustoff (R)	1,114	25,576
9	Steve Cohen (D)	1,200	27,563
TOTAL		11,693	268,500

*Tennessee's 268,500 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 330,000 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, 2018