

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

OF THE RESTAURANT & FOODSERVICE INDUSTRY



SUMMER 2025 In 2025, Arkansas's eating and drinking places are projected to contribute **\$11.81B** in direct economic output to the state's economy, support **123,483 jobs**, and deliver **\$3.25B** in total labor income, including wages, salaries, and proprietors' income, and benefits.

These contributions spur additional spending in the U.S. economy. When including indirect and induced impacts from employees, suppliers, and others in the surrounding area, the industry's total economic impact rises to \$19.36B in output, supporting 158,412 jobs, and \$5.37B in total labor income.

The industry will also be a major source of public revenue. Direct contributions will total **\$1.74B in taxes** to all levels of government, including \$81.8M in county taxes, \$711.62M in state taxes and \$784.23M in federal taxes. With induced and indirect effects included, total contributions will reach **\$2.69B in taxes**, with \$114.71M in county taxes, \$1.03B in state taxes and \$1.32B in federal taxes.

ARKANSAS - ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

BY TYPE OF EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
FULL SERVICE	Direct	\$3.94B	43,272	\$1.18B	\$589.00M
RESTAURANTS	Total	\$6.49B	56,151	\$1.94B	\$910.94M
LIMITED-SERVICE	Direct	\$6.31B	59,336	\$1.42B	\$898.22M
RESTAURANTS	Total	\$10.48B	80,449	\$2.60B	\$1.41B
ALL OTHER Eating and Drinking places	Direct Total	\$1.55B \$2.61B	20,875 26,737	\$639.85M \$981.02M	\$251.51M \$388.39M

Source: National Restaurant Association calculations using 2023 IMPLAN data





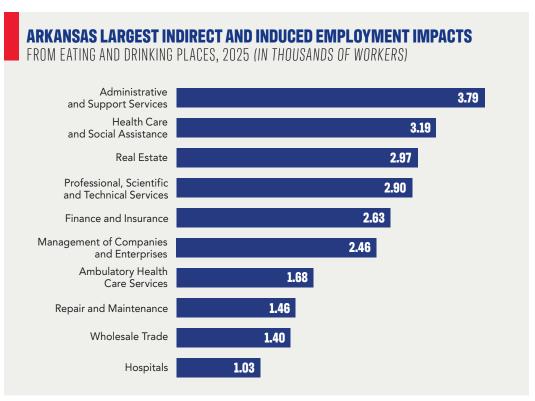
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ARKANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
AR-01	Direct	\$2.34B	24,651	\$617.25M	\$347.27M
	Total	\$3.10B	28,470	\$794.96M	\$448.48M
AR-02	Direct	\$3.45B	35,743	\$951.98M	\$491.04M
	Total	\$5.17B	44,033	\$1.45B	\$693.71M
AR-03	Direct	\$3.70B	38,394	\$1.08B	\$510.75M
	Total	\$5.95B	48,428	\$1.77B	\$765.92M
AR-04	Direct	\$2.32B	24,695	\$597.90M	\$336.73M
	Total	\$3.03B	28,042	\$765.51M	\$426.41M

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ARKANSAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

MSAs		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
FAYETTEVILLE- SPRINGDALE- ROGERS	Direct Total	\$2.82B \$4.57B	29,164 36,913	\$841.38M \$1.39B	\$387.38M \$579.50M
FORT SMITH	Direct	\$910.62M	9,534	\$244.68M	\$131.33M
	Total	\$1.43B	11,988	\$386.73M	\$196.66M
HOT SPRINGS	Direct	\$582.12M	6,097	\$162.64M	\$88.27M
	Total	\$875.82M	7,704	\$236.72M	\$125.49M
JONESBORO	Direct	\$644.95M	6,664	\$187.07M	\$94.51M
	Total	\$948.82M	8,241	\$269.07M	\$133.42M
LITTLE ROCK- NORTH LITTLE ROCK-CONWAY	Direct Total	\$3.34B \$5.53B	34,359 44,942	\$931.08M \$1.57B	\$480.01M \$739.71M
MEMPHIS,	Direct	\$6.10B	58,966	\$1.80B	\$884.54M
TN-MS-AR	Total	\$10.42B	78,907	\$3.16B	\$1.39B
TEXARKANA,	Direct	\$651.91M	7,035	\$170.22M	\$83.20M
TX-AR	Total	\$933.43M	8,472	\$241.89M	\$117.91M

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For an overview of the modeling of the Economic Contributions of the Restaurant and Foodservice Industry fact sheets and official definitions for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) go to restaurant.org/statestatistics.