



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



ARKANSAS
RESTAURANT
INDUSTRY
IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE
IN ARKANSAS



5,962
restaurant locations



\$10.5B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



4rd
largest private
employer in the state



Every dollar spent in AR
restaurants contributes
\$1.71
to the state economy



129,900
restaurant &
foodservice jobs



\$1.8B
total taxes paid
by restaurants
in the state

WE ARE RESTAURANTS
IN AMERICA



2nd largest
private sector
employer



Nation's **most**
diverse
industry



\$1.5T
restaurant &
foodservice sales



9 in 10
restaurants are
small
businesses

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau; 2025 data



ARKANSAS RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT

JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY **ARKANSAS RESTAURANTS**

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. SENATORS

John Boozman (R)
Tom Cotton (R)

Establishments

5,962

Employees*

107,200

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

- 1 Eric A. "Rick" Crawford (R)
- 2 J. French Hill (R)
- 3 Steve Womack (R)
- 4 Bruce Westerman (R)

Establishments

1,312
1,647
1,713
1,289

Employees*

20,759
32,410
33,555
20,476

TOTAL

5,962

107,200

*The 107,200 eating and drinking place jobs in Arkansas represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 129,900 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | ARHospitality.org