



NATIONAL  
RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION



COLORADO  
RESTAURANT  
INDUSTRY  
**IMPACT**

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE  
**IN COLORADO**



**12,909**  
restaurant locations



**\$29.0B**  
restaurant & food-  
service sales



**Largest**  
private employer  
in the state



Every dollar spent in CO  
restaurants contributes  
**\$1.91**  
to the state economy



**311,200**  
restaurant &  
foodservice jobs



**\$5.9B**  
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**



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

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. SENATORS**

Michael F. Bennet (D)  
John Hickenlooper (D)

**Establishments**

**12,909**

**Employees\***

**246,000**

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVES**

- 1 Diana DeGette (D)
- 2 Joe Neguse (D)
- 3 Jeff Hurd (R)
- 4 Lauren Boebert (R)
- 5 Jeff Crank (R)
- 6 Jason Crow (D)
- 7 Brittany Pettersen (D)
- 8 Gabe Evans (R)

**Establishments**

2,123  
2,218  
2,017  
1,147  
1,367  
1,425  
1,559  
1,053

**Employees\***

44,782  
48,025  
32,109  
20,698  
27,606  
27,397  
26,087  
19,297

**TOTAL**

**12,909**

**246,000**

\*Colorado's 246,000 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 311,200 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: [Restaurant.org](http://Restaurant.org) | [CORestaurant.org](http://CORestaurant.org)

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