



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



2,679
restaurant locations



\$7.8B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



Largest
private employer
in the state



Every dollar spent in DC
restaurants contributes
\$1.30
to the state economy



67,800
restaurant &
foodservice jobs



\$1.5B
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**

JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESTAURANTS



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EATING & DRINKING PLACES

	Establishments	Employees*
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)	2,679	54,600
TOTAL	2,679	54,600

*The District of Columbia's 54,600 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 67,800 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | RAMW.org

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