



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



KENTUCKY
RESTAURANT
INDUSTRY
IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE
IN KENTUCKY



8,980
restaurant locations



\$17.4B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



4th
largest private
employer in the state



Every dollar spent in KY
restaurants contributes
\$1.66
to the state economy



203,500
restaurant &
foodservice jobs



\$2.9B
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

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



KENTUCKY RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT

JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY KENTUCKY RESTAURANTS

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. SENATORS

Mitch McConnell (R)
Rand Paul (R)

Establishments

8,980

Employees*

164,100

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

	U.S. REPRESENTATIVES	Establishments	Employees*
1	James Comer (R)	1,499	23,158
2	Brett Guthrie (R)	1,383	25,374
3	Morgan McGarvey (D)	1,891	37,153
4	Thomas Massie (R)	1,424	26,505
5	Harold Rogers (R)	1,146	19,897
6	Andy Barr (R)	1,637	32,014

TOTAL

8,980

164,100

*Kentucky's 164,100 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 203,500 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | KYRA.org