



NATIONAL  
RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION



TENNESSEE  
RESTAURANT  
INDUSTRY  
**IMPACT**

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE  
**IN TENNESSEE**



**14,455**  
restaurant locations



**\$29.2B**  
restaurant &  
foodservice sales



**4th**  
largest private  
employer in the state



Every dollar spent in TN  
restaurants contributes  
**\$1.78**  
to the state economy



**344,500**  
restaurant &  
foodservice jobs



**\$5.5B**  
total taxes paid  
by restaurants  
in the state

WE ARE RESTAURANTS  
**IN AMERICA**



**2nd largest**  
private sector  
**employer**



Nation's **most**  
**diverse**  
**industry**



**\$1.4T**  
restaurant &  
foodservice sales



**9 in 10**  
restaurants are  
**small**  
**businesses**

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



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**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. SENATORS**

Establishments

Employees\*

Marsha Blackburn (R)

**14,455**

**281,500**

Bill Hagerty (R)

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVES**

Establishments

Employees\*

**1** Diana Harshbarger (R)

1,865

38,372

**2** Tim Burchett (R)

1,556

33,233

**3** Chuck Fleischmann (R)

1,576

30,629

**4** Scott DesJarlais (R)

1,311

23,990

**5** Andrew Ogles (R)

1,493

26,914

**6** John W. Rose (R)

1,531

28,004

**7** Mark E. Green (R)

2,196

48,483

**8** David Kustoff (R)

1,486

26,513

**9** Steve Cohen (D)

1,440

25,362

**TOTAL**

**14,455**

**281,500**

\*Tennessee's 281,500 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 344,500 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: [Restaurant.org](https://Restaurant.org) | [TNHTA.org](https://TNHTA.org)

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau; 2024 data