



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



TENNESSEE
RESTAURANT
INDUSTRY
IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE
IN TENNESSEE



14,390
restaurant locations



\$30.7B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



3rd
largest private
employer in the state



Every dollar spent in TN
restaurants contributes
\$1.79
to the state economy



349,300
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



\$1.5T
restaurant &
foodservice sales



9 in 10
restaurants are
small
businesses



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JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY
TENNESSEE RESTAURANTS

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. SENATORS	Establishments	Employees*
Marsha Blackburn (R)	14,390	283,300
Bill Hagerty (R)		

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES	Establishments	Employees*
1 Diana Harshbarger (R)	1,836	37,862
2 Tim Burchett (R)	1,532	33,810
3 Chuck Fleischmann (R)	1,549	30,635
4 Scott DesJarlais (R)	1,349	24,168
5 Andrew Ogles (R)	1,499	27,101
6 John W. Rose (R)	1,559	29,673
7 Matt Van Epps (R)	2,185	48,486
8 David Kustoff (R)	1,479	26,280
9 Steve Cohen (D)	1,401	25,284
TOTAL	14,390	283,300

*Tennessee's 283,300 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 349,300 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | TNHTA.org

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