

Arkansas

RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

Restaurants are a driving force in Arkansas's economy. They provide jobs and build careers for thousands of people, and play a vital role in local communities throughout the state.



5,288
Eating and drinking place
locations in Arkansas in 2018



\$4.9 billion
Estimated sales in Arkansas's
restaurants in 2018



121,100
Restaurant and foodservice jobs
in Arkansas in 2019 = 10% of
employment in the state

**AND BY 2029, THAT
NUMBER IS PROJECTED
TO GROW BY 9.1%**

= 11,000 additional jobs,
for a total of 132,100

**HOW DOES THE
RESTAURANT INDUSTRY
IMPACT THE
ARKANSAS ECONOMY?**

Every dollar spent in the tableservice segment
contributes \$1.72 to the state economy.

Every dollar spent in the limited-service segment
contributes \$1.55 to the state economy.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Restaurant.org • ARHospitality.org

Arkansas's Restaurants

JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

U.S. SENATORS		EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
		Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
John Boozman (R)		5,288	94,700
Tom Cotton (R)			
U.S. REPRESENTATIVES		EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:	
		Establishments in the state	Employees in the state*
1	Eric A. "Rick" Crawford (R)	1,107	19,816
2	J. French Hill (R)	1,538	27,543
3	Steve Womack (R)	1,591	28,494
4	Bruce Westerman (R)	1,052	18,846
TOTAL		5,288	94,700

*Arkansas's 94,700 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 121,100 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



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Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics & U.S. Census Bureau, 2018