



NATIONAL  
RESTAURANT  
ASSOCIATION



DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA

# RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IMPACT

## INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Every dollar spent in DC  
restaurants contributes  
**\$1.31**  
to the district economy



**2,624**  
restaurant locations



**64,800**  
restaurant &  
foodservice jobs



**\$6.6B**  
in sales



**9%**  
of total jobs in the district



**Largest**  
private employer  
in the district



**96%**  
of restaurants have  
fewer than 50 employees

## WE ARE RESTAURANTS IN AMERICA



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



**\$1T+**  
in sales



Nation's **most  
diverse  
industry**



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

JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY  
**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESTAURANTS**



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RESTAURANT  
INDUSTRY  
**IMPACT**

**EATING & DRINKING PLACES**

	<b>Establishments</b>	<b>Employees*</b>
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)	2,624	53,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>53,400</b>

\*The District of Columbia's 53,400 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 64,800 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



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

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis and U.S. Census Bureau; 2023 data