

# SOUTH CAROLINA

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

Restaurants are a driving force in South Carolina's economy. The foodservice industry creates thousands of jobs, supports career growth, and plays a vital role in every community across the state.

# 10,705

2022 EATING AND DRINKING PLACE  
LOCATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

# \$15.0 Billion

2022 ESTIMATED EATING AND DRINKING  
PLACE SALES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

# 257,800

RESTAURANT AND FOODSERVICE JOBS IN SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN **2022** = **12%** OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE

BY 2030, THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY  
**6.2% = 16,000** ADDITIONAL JOBS, FOR  
A TOTAL OF **273,800**

A thriving restaurant industry benefits the entire South Carolina economy.

- EVERY ADDITIONAL DOLLAR SPENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA'S RESTAURANTS CONTRIBUTES **\$2.02** TO THE STATE ECONOMY.
- EVERY ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION SPENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA'S RESTAURANTS GENERATES **19.5** JOBS IN THE STATE ECONOMY.



# SOUTH CAROLINA'S RESTAURANTS

JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY

## U.S. Senators

### EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:

Establishments  
in the state

Employees  
in the state\*

Lindsey Graham (R)

Tim Scott (R)

10,705

206,900

## U.S. Representatives

### EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:

Establishments  
in the state

Employees  
in the state\*

1 Nancy Mace (R)

1,479

31,505

2 Joe Wilson (R)

1,312

27,282

3 Jeff Duncan (R)

1,155

19,757

4 William R. Timmons IV (R)

1,692

31,847

5 Ralph Norman (R)

1,166

20,988

6 James E. Clyburn (D)

1,891

35,631

7 Russell Fry (R)

2,009

39,891

## TOTAL

10,705

206,900

\*South Carolina's 206,900 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 257,800 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.

**Note:** Establishment and employment figures represent 2022:Q3 data. Sales figures represent total revenues at all eating and drinking place establishments.



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

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