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ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RESTAURANT & FOODSERVICE INDUSTRY



KENTUCKY

SUMMER
2025

In 2025, Kentucky's eating and drinking places are projected to contribute **\$19.34B in direct economic output** to the Commonwealth's economy, support **191,764 jobs**, and deliver **\$6.03B in total labor income**, including wages, salaries, and proprietors' income, and benefits.

These contributions spur additional spending in the U.S. economy. When including indirect and induced impacts from employees, suppliers, and others in the surrounding area, the industry's total economic impact rises to **\$31.1B in output**, supporting **247,188 jobs**, and **\$9.65B in total labor income**.

The industry will also be a major source of public revenue. Direct contributions will total **\$2.65B in taxes** to all levels of government, including \$49.73M in county taxes, \$945.28M in state taxes and \$1.26B in federal taxes. With induced and indirect effects included, total contributions will reach **\$4.08B in taxes**, with \$71.78M in county taxes, \$1.38B in state taxes and \$2.05B in federal taxes.

KENTUCKY - ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS

BY TYPE OF EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
FULL SERVICE RESTAURANTS	Direct	\$6.80B	70,382	\$2.29B	\$954.11M
	Total	\$11.04B	91,881	\$3.64B	\$1.47B
LIMITED-SERVICE RESTAURANTS	Direct	\$10.05B	90,743	\$2.61B	\$1.13B
	Total	\$16.51B	123,492	\$4.61B	\$2.05B
ALL OTHER EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	Direct	\$2.49B	30,639	\$1.14B	\$394.28M
	Total	\$4.14B	39,760	\$1.71B	\$597.12M

Source: National Restaurant Association calculations using 2023 IMPLAN data



For more information: Restaurant.org | KYRA.org

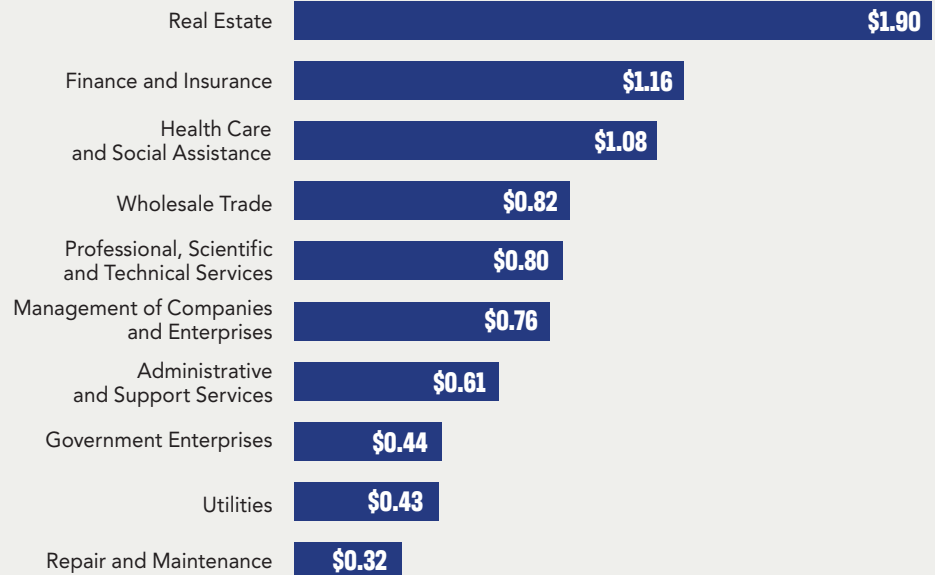
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KENTUCKY LARGEST INDIRECT AND INDUCED OUTPUT IMPACTS

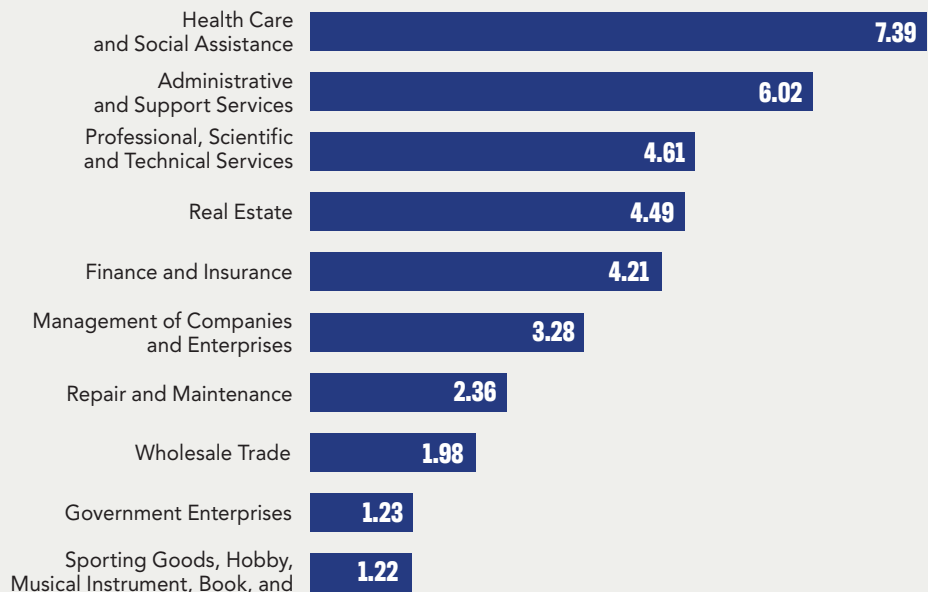
FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025 (IN BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



Source: National Restaurant Association calculations using 2023 IMPLAN data

KENTUCKY LARGEST INDIRECT AND INDUCED EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS

FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025 (IN THOUSANDS OF WORKERS)



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KENTUCKY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
KY-01	Direct	\$2.81B	29,443	\$793.38M	\$361.28M
	Total	\$3.61B	33,302	\$1.00B	\$452.09M
KY-02	Direct	\$2.76B	28,200	\$790.32M	\$354.17M
	Total	\$3.54B	31,913	\$1.01B	\$442.37M
KY-03	Direct	\$4.14B	39,434	\$1.41B	\$524.20M
	Total	\$6.26B	48,829	\$2.16B	\$748.29M
KY-04	Direct	\$3.75B	34,829	\$1.32B	\$490.01M
	Total	\$5.19B	41,482	\$1.78B	\$658.61M
KY-05	Direct	\$2.15B	22,282	\$571.70M	\$311.52M
	Total	\$2.84B	25,847	\$747.76M	\$408.49M
KY-06	Direct	\$3.72B	37,575	\$1.15B	\$492.82M
	Total	\$5.69B	47,217	\$1.78B	\$715.87M

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KENTUCKY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EATING AND DRINKING PLACES, 2025

MSAs		OUTPUT	EMPLOYMENT	LABOR INCOME	TAXES
BOWLING GREEN	Direct	\$836.89M	8,697	\$242.86M	\$112.18M
	Total	\$1.28	11,029	\$372.71M	\$162.67M
CINCINNATI, OH-KY	Direct	\$11.38B	113,901	\$3.69B	\$1.53B
	Total	\$20.16B	152,610	\$6.64B	\$2.60B
CLARKSVILLE, TN-KY	Direct	\$1.33B	13,485	\$368.52M	\$189.56M
	Total	\$1.82B	15,823	\$497.21M	\$248.32M
ELIZABETHTOWN	Direct	\$539.49M	5,545	\$148.08M	\$68.54M
	Total	\$754.77M	6,637	\$208.18M	\$90.14M
EVANSVILLE, IN	Direct	\$1.23B	13,321	\$341.82M	\$175.08M
	Total	\$1.91B	16,649	\$562.64M	\$258.57M
HUNTINGTON- ASHLAND, WV-KY-OH	Direct	\$1.39B	14,526	\$378.09M	\$193.52M
	Total	\$2.04B	17,752	\$567.28M	\$278.99M
LEXINGTON- FAYETTE	Direct	\$2.88B	28,855	\$911.42M	\$378.23M
	Total	\$4.62B	37,295	\$1.48B	\$571.59M
LOUISVILLE/ JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY-IN	Direct	\$6.52B	63,369	\$2.10B	\$898.64M
	Total	\$11.17B	84,903	\$3.65B	\$1.46B
OWENSBORO	Direct	\$482.02M	5,165	\$131.98M	\$63.86M
	Total	\$686.82M	6,193	\$186.90M	\$88.27M
PADUCAH, IL-KY	Direct	\$579.82M	6,133	\$162.69M	\$77.65M
	Total	\$809.15M	7,256	\$233.24M	\$107.73M

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For an overview of the modeling of the Economic Contributions of the Restaurant and Foodservice Industry fact sheets and official definitions for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) go to restaurant.org/statistics.