



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



SOUTH CAROLINA
RESTAURANT
INDUSTRY
IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE IN
SOUTH CAROLINA



11,256
restaurant locations



\$22.7B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



Largest
private employer
in the state



Every dollar spent in SC
restaurants contributes
\$1.67
to the state economy



268,600
restaurant &
foodservice jobs



\$3.5B
total taxes paid
by restaurants
in the state

WE ARE RESTAURANTS
IN AMERICA



2nd largest
private sector
employer



Nation's **most**
diverse
industry



\$1.4T
restaurant &
foodservice sales



9 in 10
restaurants are
small
businesses



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JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY
SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. SENATORS

Establishments

Employees*

Lindsey Graham (R)
Tim Scott (R)

11,256

223,800

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

Establishments

Employees*

1	Nancy Mace (R)	1,611	34,697
2	Joe Wilson (R)	1,346	27,196
3	Sheri Biggs (R)	1,226	20,696
4	William R. Timmons IV (R)	1,797	34,230
5	Ralph Norman (R)	1,204	22,758
6	James E. Clyburn (D)	1,965	40,756
7	Russell Fry (R)	2,107	43,466

TOTAL

11,256

223,800

*South Carolina's 223,800 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 268,600 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | SCRLA.org

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau; 2024 data