



NATIONAL
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION



SOUTH CAROLINA
RESTAURANT
INDUSTRY
IMPACT

INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE IN
SOUTH CAROLINA



11,726
restaurant locations



\$22.6B
restaurant &
foodservice sales



2nd
largest private
employer in the state



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



266,500
restaurant &
foodservice jobs



\$4.1B
total taxes paid
by restaurants
in the state

WE ARE RESTAURANTS
IN AMERICA



2nd largest
private sector
employer



Nation's **most**
diverse
industry



\$1.5T
restaurant &
foodservice sales



9 in 10
restaurants are
small
businesses

Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau; 2025 data



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JOBS & ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY
SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. SENATORS

Establishments

Employees*

Lindsey Graham (R)

11,726

218,700

Tim Scott (R)

EATING & DRINKING PLACES

U.S. REPRESENTATIVES

Establishments

Employees*

1 Nancy Mace (R)

1,693

33,717

2 Joe Wilson (R)

1,412

27,287

3 Sheri Biggs (R)

1,269

20,817

4 William R. Timmons IV (R)

1,875

33,878

5 Ralph Norman (R)

1,258

22,450

6 James E. Clyburn (D)

2,051

38,680

7 Russell Fry (R)

2,168

41,872

TOTAL

11,726

218,700

*South Carolina's 218,700 eating and drinking place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 266,500 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



For more information: Restaurant.org | SCRLA.org

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