Delaware's restaurant industry is the largest small business employer in the state... but big business in terms of economic impact both in the local economy and in our communities! With over 1,900 locations and over 49,000 employees, we are a diverse workforce that is growing - with an estimated 4,600 jobs being added in the next 10 years. We're also the largest component of Delaware's tourism industry with over $3.8 billion in annual sales.

Delaware
RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

Restaurants are a driving force in Delaware's economy. They provide jobs and build careers for thousands of people, and play a vital role in local communities throughout the state.

1,889
Eating and drinking place locations in Delaware in 2015

49,200
Restaurant and foodservice jobs in Delaware in 2017 = 11% of employment in the state

$3.8 billion
Projected sales in Delaware's restaurants in 2017

And by 2027, that number is projected to grow by 9.3% = 4,600 additional jobs, for a total of 53,800

HOW BIG IS AMERICA'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY?

LOCATIONS
1 MILLION+ serving millions every day

SALES
$799 BILLION = 4% of the U.S. GDP

EMPLOYMENT
14.7 MILLION PEOPLE = 10% of the nation's workforce

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