



ECONOMIC IMPACT

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**.

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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.

 <p>1,889 Eating and drinking place locations in Delaware in 2015</p>	 <p>49,200 Restaurant and foodservice jobs in Delaware in 2017 = 11% of employment in the state</p> <p>AND BY 2027, THAT NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY 9.3%</p> <p>= 4,600 additional jobs, for a total of 53,800</p>
 <p>\$3.8 billion Projected sales in Delaware's restaurants in 2017</p>	

 <p>HOW BIG IS AMERICA'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY?</p>	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