

# Colorado

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE

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



**10,959**  
Eating and drinking place  
locations in Colorado in 2014



**\$11.6 billion**  
Projected sales in Colorado's  
restaurants in 2016



**268,400**  
Restaurant and foodservice jobs  
in Colorado in 2016 = 12% of  
employment in the state

**AND BY 2026, THAT  
NUMBER IS PROJECTED  
TO GROW BY 13.3%**

= 35,800 additional jobs,  
for a total of 304,200

<b>HOW BIG IS AMERICA'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY?</b>	LOCATIONS	<b>1 MILLION+</b> serving millions every day
	SALES	<b>\$783 BILLION</b> = 4% of the U.S. GDP
	EMPLOYMENT	<b>14.4 MILLION PEOPLE</b> = 10% of the nation's workforce



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [Restaurant.org](http://Restaurant.org) • [CORestaurant.org](http://CORestaurant.org)

# Colorado's Restaurants

**JOBS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EVERY COMMUNITY**

<b>EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:</b>		
<b>U.S. SENATORS</b>	<b>Establishments in the state</b>	<b>Employees in the state*</b>
Michael Bennet (D)	<b>10,959</b>	<b>207,800</b>
Cory Gardner (R)		
<b>EATING AND DRINKING PLACES:</b>		
<b>U.S. REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<b>Establishments in the state</b>	<b>Employees in the state*</b>
1 Diana DeGette (D)	2,075	39,349
2 Jared Polis (D)	1,972	37,394
3 Scott Tipton (R)	1,808	34,291
4 Ken Buck (R)	1,460	27,693
5 Doug Lamborn (R)	1,407	26,678
6 Mike Coffman (R)	999	18,940
7 Ed Perlmutter (D)	1,237	23,456
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>207,800</b>

\*Colorado's 207,8100 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 268,400 jobs, with the remainder being non-restaurant foodservice positions.



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Source: National Restaurant Association, based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics & U.S. Census Bureau, 2014