

# North Carolina

## RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE


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



**17,766**  
Eating and drinking place  
locations in North Carolina in 2014



**\$18.1 billion**  
Projected sales in North Carolina's  
restaurants in 2016



**458,500**  
Restaurant and foodservice jobs  
in North Carolina in 2016 = 12% of  
employment in the state

**AND BY 2026, THAT  
NUMBER IS PROJECTED  
TO GROW BY 14.8%**

= 67,900 additional jobs,  
for a total of 526,400

<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) • [NCRLA.org](http://NCRLA.org)

# North Carolina'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>
Richard Burr (R)		<b>17,766</b>	<b>341,900</b>
Thom Tillis (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	G. K. Butterfield (D)	1,165	22,425
2	Renee Ellmers (R)	1,150	22,128
3	Walter B. Jones (R)	1,617	31,123
4	David Price (D)	1,522	29,289
5	Virginia Foxx (R)	1,431	27,548
6	Mark Walker (R)	1,337	25,739
7	David Rouzer (R)	1,285	24,727
8	Richard Hudson (R)	1,033	19,873
9	Robert Pittenger (R)	1,548	29,782
10	Patrick T. McHenry (R)	1,352	26,011
11	Mark Meadows (R)	1,277	24,574
12	Alma S. Adams (D)	1,748	33,643
13	George Holding (R)	1,301	25,038
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,766</b>	<b>341,900</b>

\*North Carolina's 341,900 eating-and-drinking-place jobs represent the majority of the state's total restaurant and foodservice workforce of 458,500 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