

This section provides **Restaurant & Food Service Business links and resources** to assist your **startup or small business**. Additionally, you can receive **free professional business advice** and free or low-cost business training from your [local Small Business Development Center!](#)

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Food Service Industry Overview

The US industry includes about 620,000 establishments consisting of quick-service, full-service, mobile food service, and caterers. They combine for an annual revenue of about \$550 billion dollars. This industry data is from [First Research](#) which sells a full industry report.

Business Associations

[National Restaurant Association](#) - largest food service trade association representing over 500,000 businesses

[Council of State Restaurant Associations](#) - promoting the success of state associations

[National Food Truck Association](#) - resources for the food truck industry

[National Association for Catering and Events](#) - resource for catering and event professionals providing information on industry-leading education, tools and resources

[Green Restaurant Association](#) - nonprofit organization promoting environmentally sustainable practices in the areas of Energy, Water, Waste, Food, Chemicals, Disposables, & Building

Business Plans

[Restaurant, Cafe, and Bakery Sample Business Plans](#)

[Restaurant Business Plan Template](#)

[Food Truck Business Plan](#)

See also: [Business Plans](#)

Food Service Concepts

[Concept Trends](#) - top 10 concept trends for 2019

[Different Types of Concepts](#) - examples and definitions of different types of food service concepts

[Concept Selection](#) - elements & considerations for choosing the right concept for your business

[Location Selection](#) - in-depth look at selecting a proper location for your business

[Location Tips](#) - considerations for selecting a business location

[Restaurant Topic Center](#) - trends and research for the fast casual industry segment from Fast Casual

Restaurant Operations

[Applying for Liquor License](#) - how to apply for a liquor license

[Liquor License](#) - how to obtain a liquor license

[Alcohol Beverage Control Boards](#) - listing and links to Authorities in United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau of the U.S. Department of Treasury

[Restaurant Management](#) - tips and examples on how to manage a food service business

[OSHA Young Worker Safety](#) - common hazards and potential safety solutions for employers of young workers from OSHA

[Restaurant Equipment & Suppliers](#) - guide to equipment, products and suppliers for the quick-service and fast-casual segments

[Catering and Food Service Resource Guide](#) - catering and food service list of manufacturers and suppliers

[Industry Metrics](#) - how to calculate industry metrics

[Resources for Owner & Manager](#) - articles for managers to run a better business

[Business Operations](#) - articles on restaurant management

[Managing Online Reviews](#) - tips and best practices to manage reviews

[Managing Online Customer Reviews](#) - tips to get online customer reviews and manage feedback

Food Service Review Sites

[Yelp](#) - online reviews as well as reservation and waitlist management

[Open Table](#) - reservation system and reviews

[Zagat](#)

[Gayot](#)

[Trip Advisor](#)

[Zomato](#)

Food Trucks

[FoodTruckr](#) - resources and support for food truck owners

[Food Truck Empire](#) - resources and information for food truck entrepreneurs

[Food Truck Operator](#) - education, insight & resources for food truck owners

[Mobile-Cuisine](#) - resources & insight on food truck market research

[Mobile Food News](#) - news & information for the food truck industry

[Roaming Hunger](#) - national food truck directory and marketplace

Restaurant Technology

[POS Systems](#) - a look into top POS systems for food service businesses

[Mobile Apps](#) - apps to consider for different business operations

[Restaurant Technology](#) - importance of technology from consumer & owner perspectives

[Industry and Technology Influence](#) - examples and explanations on disruptive technologies that are impacting the industry

Business Publications

[Nation's Restaurant News](#)

[Restaurant Business](#)

[Restaurant Magazine](#)

[The Restaurant Report](#)

[Full Service Restaurant News](#)

[Restaurant Hospitality](#)

[QSR Magazine](#)

[Cater Source](#)

Statistics & Demographics

[Industry State Statistics](#) - Industry economic impact by state

[Customer Demographics](#) - customer demographics breakdown

[60+ Industry Statistics for Restaurant Owners](#) - general, economic, employee, management, consumer, technology, payment & food statistics.

[Restaurant of the Future](#) - analysis and insight on customer expectations from Deloitte

[Restaurant's State of the Industry](#) - comprehensive outlook and overview of the US industry from Food Business News (login required, registration is free)

More Online Resources

[Downloadable Resources](#) - ready-to-use forms, manuals, procedures and worksheet templates

[Checklists](#) - guides to help organize operations, procedures, practices & systems

[Forms and Checklists](#) - free forms, posters & quizzes covering topics such as: general business, tax, employment & food safety.

Additional Resources

Already in business or thinking about starting your own small business? Check out our various small business resources:

- View more industry-specific research here: [Market Research Links](#)
- View small business help topics here: [Small Business Information Center](#)
- View business reports here: [Small Business Snapshots](#)
- View business plans samples here: [Sample Business Plans](#)

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