

**OHIO'S**

# RESTAURANT & HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY IMPACT

**IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

Ohio's Restaurant and Hospitality Industry:

- Is the third largest private sector employer in the state.
- Employs 564,100 Ohioans.
- Provides opportunities for all, and great careers for many.



**A MAJOR DRIVER IN OHIO'S ECONOMY**

- Contributes \$33.1 billion in direct sales to the economy.
- Beyond what you see in restaurants, our industry has a vast supporting network of suppliers and many others who also add significantly to Ohio's economy and workforce.
- Every dollar spent in restaurants contributes \$2.15 to the state economy.



**SMALL BUSINESSES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

- 9 in 10 are small businesses, 94% have fewer than 50 employees.
- Often locally owned, including franchises of major national brands.



**OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPWARD MOBILITY**

- A great starting point for emerging workers, with low barriers to entry.
- Two highlights are our HOPES Program and Ohio ProStart.
- HOPES helps those leaving incarceration learn skills and line up jobs post release.
- Ohio ProStart gives students direct job training in hospitality management and culinary, helping them quickly become chefs, managers and even owners.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN AT ALL LEVELS**

- Entry level employees learn valuable skills while earning good hourly wages.
- Opportunities to advance are limited only by interest and motivation
- Tipped workers earn a good income with significant flexibility while providing great value to customers.
- In fact, Ohio servers and bartenders earn an average of \$27 an hour and 93% highly value Ohio's current tipped wage system.

**THRIVING HOSPITALITY EQUALS VIBRANT COMMUNITIES**

- Ohioans love their local restaurants, celebrate their special moments there, and share life with family, friends and colleagues.
- Restaurants are critical to local neighborhoods and communities – a big part of making our state a great place to live, work and raise a family. We can attract that next major employer to our community with thriving hospitality contributing to vibrant communities.