

Georgia COVID-19 Restaurant Impact Snapshot

Restaurant Industry THEN
(March 1, 2020)

18,933

Eating and drinking place
locations in Georgia in 2019

\$24.9 billion

Estimated sales in Georgia
restaurants in 2019

500,000

Restaurant and foodservice jobs
in Georgia in 2020 = 15% of
employment in the state

Restaurant Industry NOW
(April 16, 2020)

BETWEEN MARCH 1 - APRIL 16*

52%

of operators temporarily
closed their restaurant

91%

of operators who laid off or
furloughed employees

BETWEEN MARCH 1 - APRIL 16*

\$1,700 million

Restaurant sales lost in April
due to COVID-19 outbreak

297,000

restaurant employees laid
off or furloughed since
COVID-19 outbreak

Support the Industry that serves us all. We need Congress to provide
the industry with relief — now! Text **RECOVERY** to 52886



**Source: National Restaurant Association, national survey of more than 6,500 restaurant operators conducted April 10-16*

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“The pizzeria I work for is a family owned business that has had to cut hours for most employees. We have stopped all dine-in service effectively rendering us bartenders and servers **without income.**”

*Restaurant employee,
Lawrenceville*

“I work as a pastry chef for a restaurant I love. We operate as a family and have been severely impacted by this. We are hoping to find some relief because right now **putting food on the table is something we are uncertain of** how long we will be able to do. **Please help us.**”

*Restaurant employee,
Smyrna*

3,270+
messages sent to
Sens. Loeffler
and Perdue
to support
restaurants

“We are a small, family-owned coffee bar. We are still open for takeout, but we don’t know for how long. It is an **hour-by-hour situation.** Without significant assistance to meet fixed expenses, we will be out of business.”

*Restaurant operator,
Augusta*

“The restaurant industry is one of low margins, tight cash flow, and a workforce that depends on us for **their livelihood.** Without aggressive and immediate action from the federal government, many restaurants that are a staple of local communities will simply **never resume service.**”

*Restaurant employee,
Atlanta*

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