British Columbia’s Restaurant Industry

We are part of every community: There are 14,400 restaurants, bars and caterers in British Columbia.

- $14 Billion in annual sales generated by the restaurant industry
- 5% of British Columbia’s GDP
- $277 Million contributed by restaurateurs to charities in 2011
- 180,100 people directly employed in the restaurant industry
- 7.3% of British Columbia’s workforce
- 41,400 indirect jobs in related industries
- $5 Billion in food and beverage products purchased every year
- 1 in 4 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are employed in the restaurant industry
- 22% Canadians whose first job was in the restaurant business – highest of any industry

3.4 Million visits to restaurants every day in British Columbia

Source: Restaurants Canada; Statistics Canada; and Ipsos Foodservice Monitor (Updated June 19, 2018)