Nova Scotia’s Restaurant Industry

We are part of every community: There are 2,300 restaurants, bars and caterers in Nova Scotia.

- $2 Billion in annual sales generated by the restaurant industry
- 4.6% of Nova Scotia’s GDP
- $277 Million contributed by restaurateurs to charities in 2011
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- 1.5 Million visits to restaurants every day in Atlantic Canada* (NS, NB, PEI, NL)
- 1 in 5 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are employed in the restaurant industry
- 7,500 indirect jobs in related industries
- $710 Million in food and beverage products purchased every year
- 22% Canadians whose first job was in the restaurant business – highest of any industry

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