Ontario’s Restaurant Industry

We are part of every community: There are more than 37,700 restaurants, bars and caterers in Ontario.

- **$33 Billion** in annual sales generated by the restaurant industry
- **$277 Million** contributed by restaurateurs to charities in 2011
- **4%** of Ontario’s GDP
- **$12 Billion** in food and beverage products purchased every year
- **9.1 Million** visits to restaurants every day in Ontario
- **1 in 5** 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
- **466,200** people directly employed in the restaurant industry
- **107,200** indirect jobs in related industries
- **6.5%** of Ontario’s workforce

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