



## Restaurant Impact Survey - January Master - Legislative Issues

Results Compiled from Colorado Restaurant Association Survey Conducted January 15-30

### **CURRENT INDUSTRY OVERVIEW**

Colorado restaurants collectively lost more than \$3 Billion in 2020 (*this information compiled from State sales tax receipts*)

- The average loss for those who are down is about 40%, and 7% of restaurants say their losses are greater than 80%.

**Staffing is down 40% compared with this time last year - that's 10% more job losses than before Level Red restrictions**

- 73% of restaurants report further layoffs after Level Red and Level Orange restrictions.
  - These restaurants laid off an average of 43% of their existing staff.
- 82% of restaurants say their staffing is down compared with this time last year.
  - 31% report their staff is more than 50% smaller
- Based on staffing levels, we estimate the industry has shed about 94,000 jobs.

**76% of restaurants qualified for a second PPP loan.**

- Of those who qualified, 88% took a second loan.

### **When Restaurants Say They Will Consider Closing Based on Current Restrictions**

	Less than 6 months	Less than 3 months	Less than 1 month
Percentage of Restaurants	49%	27%	3%

### **ALCOHOL TO-GO HAS BEEN A CRITICAL LIFELINE FOR RESTAURANTS**

**93% of restaurants report they are making some money from selling alcohol beverages to-go.**

- 24% of restaurants are making more than 20% of their revenue from selling alcohol beverages to-go.

**62% of restaurants say extending alcohol to-go legislation is important to helping them survive.**

- 23% of restaurants say it is very important.

### **THE TIP CREDIT**

**68% of all restaurants take the tip credit.**

- 75% of independent restaurants take the tip credit



**Both Front of House and Back of House workers are making well above minimum wage - but there is significant disparity between the two.**

- Front-of-house workers earn, on average, \$27 per hour
- Back-of-house workers earn, on average, \$17 per hour

**Because of the way the tip credit works, restaurants say a local government raising minimum wage to \$15/hour will cost them significantly**

**What restaurants say raising the minimum wage to \$15 will cost them annually**

	<b>More than \$100,000</b>	<b>More than \$50,000</b>	<b>More than \$10,000</b>
Percentage of Restaurants	21%	56%	94%

### **PLASTICS**

**80% of all restaurants use single-use utensils or bags.**

- 55% of restaurants say a ban on single-use utensils or bags would have a significant adverse effect.
- 22% say it would make no difference.
- 24% say they would support a ban.

**70% of all restaurants use plastic straws.**

- 38% of restaurants say a ban on plastic straws would have a significant adverse effect.
- 32% say it would make no difference.
- 31% would support a ban.

**32% of restaurants use polystyrene products.**

- 28% of restaurants say a polystyrene ban would have a significant adverse effect.
- 40% say it would make no difference.
- 32% would support a ban.

### **THIRD PARTY DELIVERY FEE CAPS**

**In municipalities where the local government implemented a delivery fee cap:**

- 35% of restaurants say their delivery revenue has gone up.
- 54% of restaurants say delivery revenue has remained about the same.
- 24% of restaurants say their delivery volume has gone up.
- 63% of restaurants say their delivery volume has remained about the same.



### **PAID SICK LEAVE**

- 70% of restaurants say the recently enacted Healthy Families and Workplace Act will cost them more than \$10,000 annually.
- 25% say it will cost them more than \$25,000 annually.

### **PATIOS**

**68% of restaurants say expanded patios allowed them to add some capacity this year.**

- 9% say it added more than 50% capacity.
- 67% of restaurants say they earned more than 10% of their revenue from patio seating over the summer.
- 35% of restaurants say they earned more than 50% of their revenue from patio seating over the summer.
- 43% of restaurants winterized their patios.

Source: Colorado Restaurant Association survey of 279 operators conducted January 15-30.