

Sizzlin' News

Summer Employment Forecast Underscores Restaurant Industry's Importance to U.S. Economy



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The National Restaurant Association projects that the nation's 925,000 restaurant-and-foodservice outlets will add 409,500 jobs during the 2006 summer season, a 4.5 percent increase over their March 2006 employment level. The restaurant industry is the largest private-sector employer with its 12.5 million employees.

"Restaurants are a vital part of the travel-and-tourism industry, and during the peak summer months, restaurants across the country ramp up their staffing levels to meet the increasing number of diners," said Steven C. Anderson, president and chief executive officer of the National Restaurant Association. "The \$511 billion restaurant industry is one of the leading job creators in the U.S., driving the nation's economy and providing rewarding career and employment opportunities to 12.5 million individuals."

The states projected to add the most eating-and-drinking place jobs during the 2006 summer season are New York (32,600), California (28,200), Illinois (23,400), Massachusetts (23,200) and New Jersey (19,400).

The states projected to register the largest proportional employment increase during the 2006 summer season are Maine (32.3 percent increase) and Alaska (25.4 percent increase).

National Restaurant Association projects industry will add nearly 410,000 jobs this summer

Due to the fact that their busiest seasons for travel and tourism are not in the summer months, two states are projected to register declines in eating and drinking place employment during the 2006 summer season: Florida (-8,900) and Arizona (-3,000).

The restaurant industry is the nation's second largest creator of seasonal jobs during the summer months — ranking only behind the construction industry. The construction industry

generally adds approximately 700,000 jobs during the summer season.

Summer employment is defined as the average number of eating-and-drinking place jobs in June, July and August.

Source: IFDA Daily Update



Calendar Of Events

To keep you aware of upcoming industry events, *Nation's Restaurant News* compiles a calendar of industry events. Take a look at some of the events we included in *Sizzlin' News* and make sure you attend the events best suited for your operation.

July 16-19, 2006

The School Nutrition Association will hold its 60th annual conference at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles. For more information, call 1.800. 877.8822 or visit online at www.schoolnutrition.org.

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The National Association of Catering Executives 48th annual educational conference will be held at Pointe South Mountain Resort in Phoenix. Sessions will cover the latest trends in catering for restaurants, casinos and off-premise venues in such areas as sales, design and healthy eating. For more information, call 1.410.290.5410 or visit online at www.nace.net.

July 29-August 1, 2006

The council of Hotel and Restaurant Trainers, or CHART, will host its 72nd semiannual Hospitality Training Conference at the Renaissance Las Vegas Hotel in Las Vegas. The event includes member sharing workshops, breakout sessions and the Commitment to People Awards Gala. For more information, call 1.312.405.2634 or visit online at www.chart.org.

August 5-7, 2006

The 53rd annual Louisiana Foodservice Expo, sponsored by the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama restaurant associations, will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. For more information, call 1.504.454.2277 or visit online at www.lra.org.

September 20-22, 2006

Research Chefs Association, or RCA, will hold a Culinology® 101 Workshop, "Food Safety, Packaging and Sensory Evaluation" at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ. For more information, call 1.404.252.3663 or visit online at www.culinology.org.

October 15-18, 2006

MUFSSO 2006, Nation's Restaurant News' 47th annual Multi-Unit Foodservice Operators Conference, featuring a cadre of speakers selected from the foodservice industry's leading professionals, will be held at the Hilton Anatole Hotel in Dallas. For additional information or to register, contact Coleen Harte at 1.212.756.5201 or visit online at www.mufso.com.



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