

United States

Jobs

- Eighty-eight percent of operators say they have laid off or furloughed employees since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak in March. Fourteen percent of operators anticipate laying off or furloughing additional employees during the next 30 days.
 - Among restaurant operators that laid off or furloughed employees, the average reduction was 83 percent of the restaurant’s total staff.
 - Based on these results, the National Restaurant Association estimates that more than 8 million restaurant employees have been laid off or furloughed since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak in March. This represents more than two-thirds of the 12 million employees that were working at the nation’s eating and drinking places in February.

Sales

- Ninety-seven percent of restaurant operators say their total dollar sales volume during the period from April 1 to April 10 was lower it was during the same period in 2019.
 - On average, restaurant operators reported a 78 percent decline in sales during the period from April 1 to April 10.
 - Based on these results, the National Restaurant Association estimates that the restaurant and foodservice industry will lose more than \$50 billion in sales in April, if the trends continue through the end of the month.

Other Actions Taken or Anticipated

- Sixty percent of operators say they continued operating but for off-premises traffic only. Fifty-six percent of operators anticipate operating for off-premises traffic during the next 30 days.
- Forty-seven percent of operators say they temporarily closed their restaurant since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak in March. Forty-three percent of operators anticipate temporarily closing their restaurant during the next 30 days.
- Three percent of operators say they have permanently closed their restaurant since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak in March. Five percent of operators anticipate permanently closing their restaurant within the next 30 days.

Percent of U.S. restaurant operators who took or anticipate taking the following actions

Action	Took this action since start of coronavirus outbreak	Anticipate taking this action during the next 30 days
Lay off or furlough employees	88%	14%
Continue operating but for off-premises traffic only	60%	56%
Temporarily close the restaurant (with plans to reopen)	47%	43%
Permanently close the restaurant (with no plans to reopen)	3%	5%

Source: National Restaurant Association, national survey of more than 6,500 restaurant operators conducted April 10-16
 Note: With the exception of permanently closing the restaurant, the ‘taken’ and ‘anticipated’ actions are not mutually exclusive.