

WOMEN IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY OF OPPORTUNITY



70% of wait staff positions—which are among the highest-paying occupations in the restaurant industry—are held by women.



61% of adult women said they have worked in the restaurant industry at some point during their life.



37% of women said the first job they ever had was in a restaurant.

RESTAURANTS WORK FOR WOMEN

Most women in the restaurant industry value their jobs and the opportunities these positions afford them.

94% said restaurants provide jobs that are valuable to the economy.

92% of women who have worked in a restaurant said the restaurant industry is a good place to get a first job and learn basic working skills.

NO GLASS CEILING

The restaurant industry has **more women** in management and ownership positions than virtually any other industry.

45% of foodservice managers are women compared to 38% in other industries.

58% of foodservices supervisors are women while in retail, only 43% of supervisors are women.

Between 1997 and 2007, the number of **women-owned restaurants jumped 50%**. During the same 10-year period, the total number of restaurant businesses in the U.S. rose by 36 percent.

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Restaurant Association