

# Portrait of an Illinois Restaurant Owner



Hello, my name is **Carlyn Berghoff**

- Owns and Operates Berghoff Catering & Restaurant Group in CHICAGO, Ill.
- Carlyn Has Worked in the Restaurant Industry for 8 Years
- Opened Her 1<sup>st</sup> Restaurant in 2007
- Employs 508 People

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*"We all have to begin somewhere and education and experience is the key to growth... I would always choose to promote from within first."*

## Illinois Restaurant Industry At A Glance

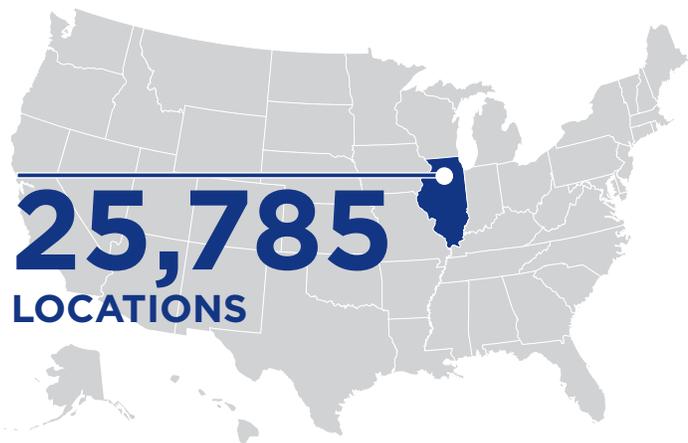
**515,600** Illinoisans

In 2014, restaurants account for **515,600 jobs in Illinois** — 9% of employment in the state.

Every **\$1 Million Spent**

in Illinois' restaurants generates an additional **24.8 jobs in the state.**

In 2012, there were **25,785 eating and drinking places** in Illinois.



## Industry Facts



**AVERAGE PROFIT MARGIN ON \$6 MEAL**



90% of Restaurants are Independent or Franchises



**1 in 3** Americans Begin Their Working Careers in the Restaurant Industry



**1 in 2** Adults Have Worked in the Restaurant Industry