

# #AmericaWorksHere

*From Cashier to Co-Owner*



“My parents taught me, ‘You will truly cherish and appreciate only what you earn, not what is given to you without merit’, a lesson in the value of hard work and personal responsibility that has rung true in the restaurant industry.”

## Kathy Diaz

Co-Owner, Monroe’s Restaurants

*First Industry Job: Cashier*



New Mexico

### NEW MEXICO'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

#### 90,300 New Mexicans

In 2016, restaurant and foodservice jobs account for 90,300 jobs in New Mexico—12% of employment in the state.



**1 in 3** Americans begin their working careers in the restaurant industry



**1 in 2** adults have worked in the restaurant industry