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From Server to Senior Managing Partner



“I love that the restaurant is always bustling and it keeps you on your toes and on the move – You can’t find that behind a desk!”

Kristin Shurr

Senior Managing Partner, Sweetwater Tavern
Merrifield with Great American Restaurants

First Industry Job: Server at Za Za Trattoria



Virginia

VIRGINIA'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

363,500 Virginians

In 2016, restaurant and foodservice jobs account for 363,500 jobs in Virginia—11% 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