

# #RestaurantsWork



“I’ve been an active member of the restaurant community for over 35 years. I began as a server in high school and have worked my way up to managing and now owning my own restaurants.”

**Karen Kristopeit-Parker**  
Owner, The Fresh Fish Company



Denver, CO

## COLORADO'S RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AT A GLANCE:

**264,200 Coloradans** In 2015, restaurants account for 264,200 jobs in the Colorado — 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

