

# Nebraska COVID-19 Restaurant Impact Snapshot

Restaurant Industry THEN  
(March 1, 2020)

**4,163**

Eating and drinking place  
locations in Nebraska in 2019

**\$3.4 billion**

Estimated sales in Nebraska's  
restaurants in 2019

**94,900**

Restaurant and foodservice jobs  
in Nebraska in 2020 = 9% of  
employment in the state

Restaurant Industry NOW  
(April 16, 2020)

BETWEEN MARCH 1 - APRIL 16\*

**29%**

of operators temporarily  
closed their restaurant

**91%**

of operators who laid off or  
furloughed employees

BETWEEN MARCH 1 - APRIL 16\*

**\$200 million**

Restaurant sales lost in April  
due to COVID-19 outbreak

**45,000**

restaurant employees laid  
off or furloughed since  
COVID-19 outbreak

Support the Industry that serves us all. We need Congress to provide  
the industry with relief — now! Text RECOVERY to 52886



\*Source: National Restaurant Association, national survey of more than 6,500 restaurant operators conducted April 10-16

# NEBRASKA

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**“We just laid off 84% of our staff.**

Takeout and delivery is our only option, and we are a seafood house-not pizza! We are just trying to hang on.”

*Restaurant operator,  
Omaha*

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“My hours and associates hours have been cut in half. **I don’t know how I’m going to pay rent or car payments.**

I’ve never been this stressed and worried about my life.”

*Restaurant employee,  
Lincoln*

“This has caused me to close my dining rooms which resulted in a 40% reduction in sales. **This then caused me to cut my labor by 50%.**

I have not let anyone go but I am trying to share the available hours. I will not be able to sustain my operation if this continues.”

*Restaurant operator,  
Norfolk*

**410+**  
messages sent to  
Sens. Fischer  
and Sasse  
to support  
restaurants

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“Hours are being cut more and more. **I won’t have enough income to pay my bills or buy any groceries.** I am beyond stressed out.”

*Restaurant employee,  
Lincoln*

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