

Restaurants are still feeling an **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Restaurant Industry Impact Survey • September 2021

To assess the impact of the pandemic the National Restaurant Association Research Group conducted a survey of 4,000 restaurant operators nationwide Sept. 7-15, 2021.



Delta variant dampened indoor dining at **86%** of restaurants in the State



71%

of local restaurants are **understaffed**



66%

of local restaurants' Aug. 2021 sales were **weaker than Aug. 2019**



41% of local operators think it will be **12+ months** until business normalizes
-→ **20%** think it never will

Profitability is down



82%

have **smaller margins**



Costs are up

83% paying more for food
77% paying higher occupancy costs
90% have higher labor costs