

COVID-19 UPDATE

Restaurants hurting from OMICRON IMPACT

Restaurant Industry Impact Survey January 2022

To assess the ongoing economic impact of the pandemic, the National Restaurant Association Research Group conducted a survey of 4,200 restaurant operators Jan. 6-18, 2022.



88% of restaurants experienced a decline in customer demand for indoor on-premises dining in because of the omicron variant.

Because of omicron:



74%

say their restaurant is less profitable now than it was before the pandemic.



reduced hours of operation

THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND SAVED MANY BUSINESSES AND JOBS

85% of RRF recipients retained or hired back employees

RRF grants SAVED 900,000+ jobs



closed additional days



reduced seating capacity



pivoted to off-premises only

REPLENISHING RRF NOW WOULD SAVE BUSINESSES AND JOBS

Of operators that applied and didn't get funding:



46% unlikely that they will be able to stay in business beyond the pandemic

94% could retain or hire back employees

The National Restaurant Association estimates that a full replenishment of the RRF will potentially save more than restaurant jobs currently at risk.

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