

Top 5 Industries in Accommodation & Food Services

2017 Averages

Establishments

Employment

Average Weekly Wage



NAICS Code 722511
Full-service Restaurants

6,469

146,526

\$375



NAICS Code 722513
Limited-service Restaurants

6,454

118,056

\$284



NAICS Code 721110
**Hotels and Motels,
except Casino Hotels**

1,522

44,947

\$512



NAICS Code 722310
Food Service Contractors

724

15,311

\$520



NAICS Code 722515
**Snack and Nonalcoholic
Beverage Bars**

1,022

12,731

\$314



Sample of Career Paths in Accommodations & Food

In the Accommodation & Food Service industry, jobs that require specific skills, like cooking or managing hotel staff, usually require certification or some higher education. Most jobs in this industry, however, only require on-the-job training.



Chefs and Head Cooks



Recommended

Most chefs and head cooks learn their skills through work experience. Others receive training at a community college, technical school, culinary arts school, or 4-year college. A small number learn through apprenticeship programs or in the Armed Forces.



Waiters and Waitresses



Recommended

Most waiters and waitresses and related workers learn their skills on the job. No formal education or previous work experience is required. Some establishments might require a high school diploma or GED.



Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners



Recommended

Most meeting, convention, and event planning positions require a bachelor's degree. Some hospitality industry experience related to event planning is considered valuable for many positions.



Concierges



Recommended

Most concierge positions require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics: *Occupational Outlook Handbook*

Sample of Occupational Projections in Accommodations & Food

The Restaurants and Other Eating Places sub-sector is responsible for more than 80 percent of the industry's employment. High demand for jobs in this industry continues to see overall wage and employment increases which suggests that Accommodation and Food Services is likely to continue to be one of the largest employing industries in Virginia.

The table below shows the long-term industry projections for Multiple Industries in Virginia for the 2016-2026 projection period.

Industry	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Percent Change 2016-2026
Chefs and Head Cooks	3,320	3,770	13.6%
Waiters and Waitresses	70,210	77,190	9.9%
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	4,320	5,050	16.9%
Concierges	1,910	2,280	19.6%

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, Industry and Occupational Projections

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