Sonoma County Restaurant Week



SoCo RW²⁰

2025 Economic Impact Report

HIGHLIGHTS



Total economic output generated by patrons who dined at restaurants *specifically for Restaurant Week*, which ran from Feb 24 - Mar 2. This value includes direct, indirect, and induced impacts.

Geographic Makeup of Diners

Restaurant Week, 2025

Sonoma County Diners 89.3%

Out of County Diners 10.7% \$485K

51.8K

Revenue generated from menus specifically designed for Restaurant Week.

Estimated number of diners that said Restaurant Week influenced their decision to dine at the restaurant, **accounting for 77% of <u>all</u> diners.**

Employment Gains

Resulting from Restaurant Week, 2025

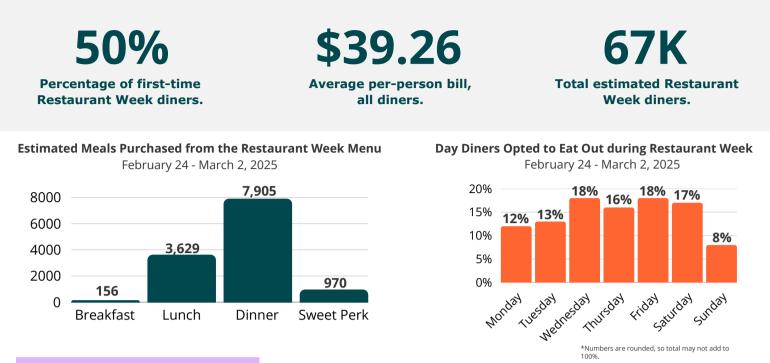


The estimated number of jobs created by the event to either directly support Restaurant Week or created indirectly due to increased economic activity generated by Restaurant Week.

Breaking Down Total Economic Impact: Top 5 Sectors by Output

from Restaurant Week, 2025

Industry	Total Ouput
Full-Service Restaurants	\$712,389
Commercial Real Estate	\$38,730
Owner Occupied Housing	\$29,245
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$28,133
Wholesale of Food & Beverages	\$14,306



NEW METHODOLOGY & SOURCES

Each year, the Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) conducts an analysis of the local economic impact of Sonoma County Restaurant Week, which took place February 24 - March 2 2025. This year, the EDC is pleased to present an enhanced version of this report, offering a more specific set of metrics designed to help restaurants, local government, and residents better understand the event's economic contributions to Sonoma County.

For the first time, this year's analysis utilizes REMI PI+ (Policy Insight Plus) and IMPLAN, two of the most trusted economic modeling tools, to measure total economic output and job creation. These software are widely used by government agencies and research institutions to evaluate how changes in spending, employment, and policy affect local economies.

- **<u>REMI PI+</u>** was used to estimate the total economic output and job impacts. REMI's dynamic software combines input-output analysis, computable general equilibrium modeling, econometric forecasting, and spatial economics to simulate how economic changes in one sector influence others over time. To learn more about REMI's PI+ model, visit https://www.remi.com/model/pi/.
- **IMPLAN**, which offers a more static but detailed snapshot of economic impact, was used to provide a sector-bysector breakdown of total output and to estimate the tax revenues generated by the event. For more information, visit IMPLAN's knowledge base: https://support.implan.com/hc/en-us.

To produce reliable inputs for these models, the EDC built, distributed, and analyzed comprehensive surveys for customers and participating restaurants. These surveys gathered data on total revenue, number of diners, and the share of patrons from within and outside Sonoma County. The findings are based on a statistically significant sample, achieving a 95% confidence level when compared to the total number of participating establishments and event patrons.

For more information about the methodology or data used in this report, please contact the EDC at edc@sonomacounty.org or (707) 565-7170.



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