



Washington wages: Restaurants and other eating places in Washington state

Industry and area

Restaurants and other eating places employed over 185,643 workers* in Washington State as of June 2014. Restaurants and other eating places include full-services restaurants, limited-services restaurants (quick service), cafeterias, grill buffets, buffets, and snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars.

Below is hourly wage information, including tips, for specific occupations in restaurants and other eating places for Washington State. The table below shows average hourly wages and wage ranges as of June 2014. Not available or "N/A" is used when the sample size is inadequate to protect respondent confidentiality or ensure data reliability. Similar information is available for other areas of the state, as employment and wages vary by location.

Hourly wages for restaurants and other eating places in the Washington state

	Hourly wages (includes tips)	
	Average	Wage range**
Cooking and preparation (back of the house)		
Chefs and head cooks	\$21.39	\$17.27 to \$24.65
Cooks, restaurant	\$12.34	\$10.39 to \$13.94
Dishwashers	\$10.34	\$9.37 to \$11.01
Food preparation workers	\$10.80	\$9.40 to \$11.52
Customer services		
Bartenders	\$14.10	\$9.47 to \$17.06
Dining room and cafeteria attendants and bartender helpers	\$11.15	\$9.32 to \$11.44
Hosts and hostesses	\$11.18	\$9.40 to \$11.66
Quick service-related occupations		
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	\$10.25	\$9.34 to \$10.60
Cooks, fast food	\$10.29	9.33 to \$10.86
Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concession, and coffee shop	\$10.59	\$9.32 to \$11.12
Management		
First-line supervisors of food preparation and serving workers	\$15.54	\$11.40 to \$18.59
Food service managers	\$23.50	\$18.92 to \$27.04
Management occupations	\$27.89	\$19.50 to \$30.29
Business support		
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	\$11.55	\$9.75 to \$12.57

* Employment number is lower than actual due to non-releasable data.

**Wages are based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment Statistics data for June 2014. Wage range represents the twenty-fifth and seventy-fifth percentile for wages reported for each occupation.