

# 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  
**81%** of restaurants in the State



**90%**

of local restaurants are **understaffed**



**57%**

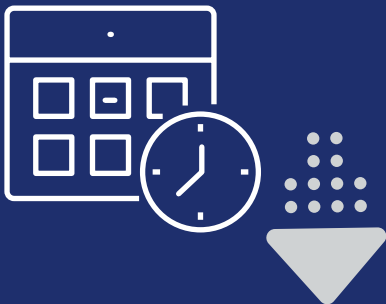
of local restaurants' Aug. 2021 sales were **weaker than Aug. 2019**

**Profitability is down**



**83%**

have **smaller margins**



**38%** of local operators think it will be **12+ months** until business normalizes  
-→ **23%** think it never will



**Costs are up**

**95%** paying more for food  
**65%** paying higher occupancy costs  
**78%** have higher labor costs