



Louisiana's restaurants not expected to serve jobs this summer

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If there's any doubt whether summer is the slow season for the New Orleans area's tourism industry, the National Restaurant Association's summer employment forecast clears some things up.

Louisiana is only expected to see a 0.2 percent increase in restaurant jobs this year, the third lowest rate tied with Hawaii. Only Arizona and Florida are forecast to see less growth, with both states actually shedding jobs at 3.3 percent and 3.1 percent, respectively.

Maine, meanwhile, is expected to see the largest jump of 31.1 percent, adding 11,800 positions.

The association predicts Louisiana will add just 300 jobs from March's total of 145,400.

Nationwide, eating and drinking establishments are expected to see a 4.6 percent increase of 425,000 positions from 9.32 million in March.

The restaurant industry is usually the nation's second-largest creator of summer jobs behind the construction industry. Eating and drinking places added 401,600 jobs during the 2010 summer season, 391,300 jobs in 2009 and 352,900 jobs during in 2008.

The National Restaurant Association defines summer employment as the average number of eating and drinking place jobs in June, July and August. The number of summer jobs is the difference between the projected total 2011 summer employment and the March employment level. Generally, the U.S. restaurant industry begins to ramp up its summer seasonal hiring in April, and it peaks in June, July and August.

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