

## STATE OF OPERATIONS

An estimated 10% of Saskatchewan's foodservice establishments have already permanently closed due to the impacts of COVID-19 and roughly half are still losing money.

Based on a survey conducted between Sept. 15 and Sept. 24:

- **The majority of Saskatchewan's restaurants are still not profitable:**  
48% said they are operating at a loss.  
28% said they are just breaking even.

## JOB LOSSES

- **Restaurants and other foodservice businesses are the third-largest source of private sector jobs in Saskatchewan.** Collectively, the industry typically employs more than 39,000 people. At least this was the case before COVID-19 resulted in as much as 25,000 foodservice workers losing their jobs or having their hours cut down to zero by April.
- While foodservice employment in Saskatchewan increased by more than 5,000 jobs between May and August, **the province's restaurant sector remains at least 12,000 jobs short of where it was in February 2020.**

## SALES LOSSES

- Due to the impacts of COVID-19, total foodservice sales in Canada will not grow to a record \$97 billion in 2020 or pass the \$100-billion mark in 2021 as previously forecasted.
- In the worst-case scenario, Canada's total foodservice sales could drop by nearly half in 2020, representing \$44.8 billion in lost sales compared to 2019, and as much as **\$1.2 billion in lost sales for Saskatchewan's restaurant industry alone.**