

# Consumer Spending Highlights – Restaurant Spending

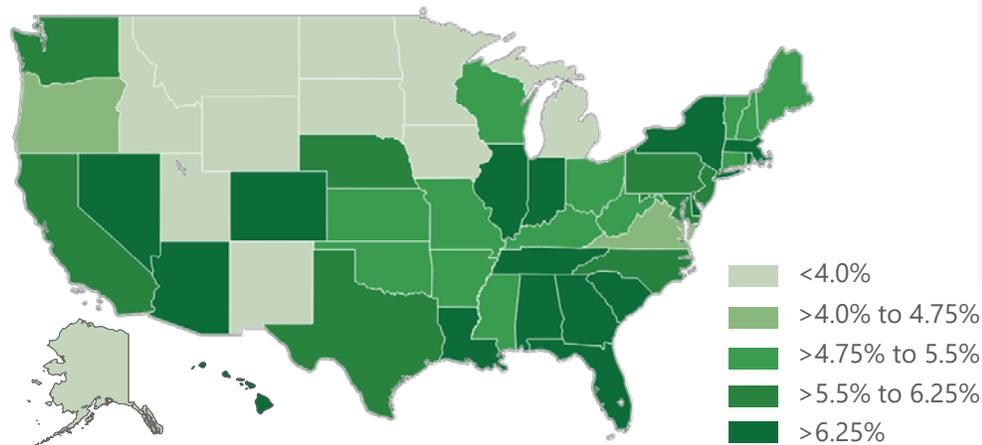
July 2017



## Restaurant spend growth is strong nationwide

Restaurant spend has grown 5.4 percent YoY over the first half of 2017, with the month of June showing exceptional growth of 6.1 percent unadjusted YoY. States with the highest growth include Hawaii (9.9 percent), Nevada (9.6 percent), and Arizona (9.3 percent). Examining the states with the highest share of the consumer food budget (grocery and restaurants combined) going toward restaurant spending, seven out of ten states also surpass the national average. With employment growing steadily (1.6 percent last quarter, YoY), this is not surprising. Wage growth—and subsequent consumer spending—tend to accompany employment growth.

June 2017 unadjusted restaurant sales on all forms of payment  
(year-over-year growth by state)



### Key Points:

**Nationwide restaurant spend showed strong growth in June**

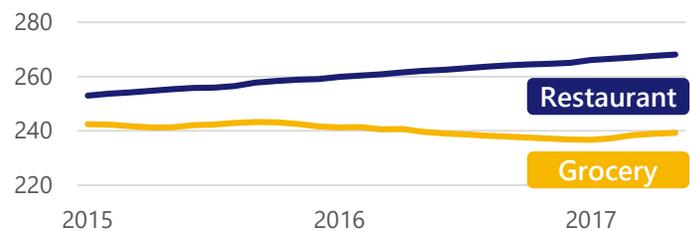
**Urban consumers are dining out more frequently than the average consumer**

**Rising employment, job wages, and restaurant food price inflation contribute to growing restaurant spend**

## Price inflation contributes to growing restaurant spend

Rising employment rates and wages contribute to consumers' ability to dine out frequently. However, frequency alone does not account for increased restaurant nominal spending. Restaurant food price inflation has steadily increased; by contrast, grocery food price inflation—though having increased over the course of 2017—is more volatile, and still falls short of restaurant food price inflation.

Price inflation by food type  
(NSA, 1982-84 = 100)

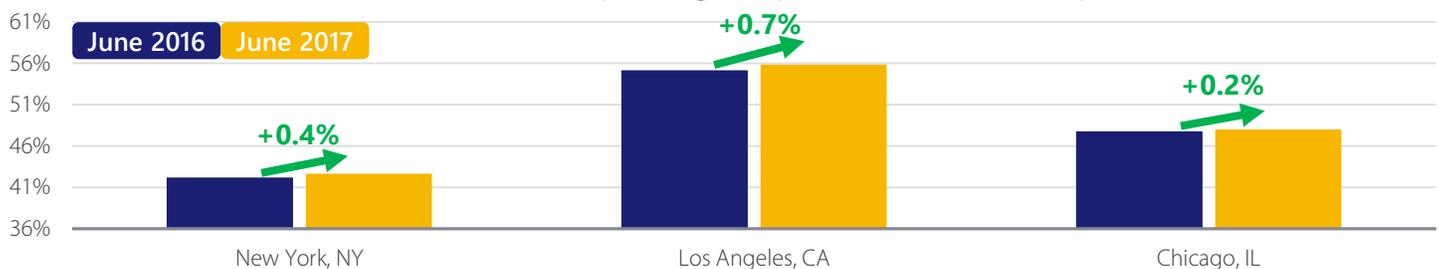


Sources: Haver, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Urban restaurant spend grows at the cost of grocery store spend

Of consumers who are making fewer trips to the grocery store, 19 percent reported that the reason for this was they were dining out more often. By contrast, 28 percent of urban consumers who are visiting grocery stores less frequently are dining out more. In just one year, the largest metropolitan areas (by population) saw an increase in share of restaurant spend.

Percent of restaurant spending compared to overall food spend



Source: Visa Retail Spending Monitor (Visa Retail Spending Monitor reports spending on all forms of payment); Visa Business and Economic Insights; Prosper Consumer Survey (April 2017)

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