

## Hospitality and Tourism Cluster



*Hospitality and tourism encompasses the management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel related services.*

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# Cooks in Restaurants

*There are all kinds of chefs. Cuisine, sous (assistant) and pastry chefs take care of the cooking, and they are supervised by executive chefs.*

If you are interested in a fast-paced career serving many customers and following multiple recipes, a career as a **cook in a restaurant** may be for you.

**Cooks in restaurants create meals for numerous clientele in a fast-paced public establishment.**

### **Are You Ready To...?**

- Hustle to fill orders
- Cater to fussy customers
- Work long hours in a hot kitchen
- Follow directions from an executive chef
- Prepare, season and cook dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables or desserts
- Order supplies, keep records and accounts, price items on menu or plan menus

### **It Helps To Be...**

Passionate about food and full of energy: the hours are long and the demands are high. A keen sense of taste and smell will help, too.

### **A Day In The Life...**

- Bake bread, rolls or other baked goods
- Carve meat or bone fish or fowl
- Consult with managerial or supervisory personnel
- Cook in quantity
- Cook meals
- Follow recipes

### **Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area**

**Median Hourly Wage: \$11.99**

*That comes out to more than  
\$24,933 a year.*

**In 2016, we had  
7,686 Cooks.  
By 2026, we'll need 10,074.**

*Could you be one of the 2,388?*

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Most employers will accept applicants with **less than a high school education**.



## Top 5 Industries for Cooks in Restaurants

1. Full-Service Restaurants
2. Limited-Service Eating Places
3. Traveler Accommodation
4. Other Amusement and Recreation Industries
5. Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)

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## Related Degrees

- Culinary Arts
- Food Science
- Foods, Nutrition and Wellness Studies
- Hospitality Administration and Management
- Nutrition Sciences
- Restaurant and Culinary Management

## Related Industry Certifications

- Certified Chef de Cuisine
- Certified Correctional Food Systems Manager
- Certified Correctional Foodservice Professional
- Certified Executive Chef
- Certified Executive Pastry Chef

## Related Careers

- Agricultural and Food Scientists
- Dietetic Technicians
- Dietitians and Nutritionists
- Food Service Managers
- Health Educators
- Lodging Managers
- Meeting and Convention Planners

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