Food-Away-From-Home Sales at a Glance, 1988-98

Fast Food Sales Continue To Outpace Sales at Restaurants and Lunchrooms

Industry segment	Sales 1988	Sales 1997	Sales 1998	Change, 1988-98
	Million dollars			Percent
Commercial foodservice	155,702	244,732	256,488	65
Fast food outlets	65,749	100,851	102,387	56
Restaurants and lunchrooms	61,888	94,332	100,792	63
Cafeterias	3,473	3,619	3,771	9
Caterers	1,214	1,480	1,975	63
Lodging places	9,968	14,068	14,417	45
Retail hosts	7,120	17,481	18,819	164
Recreation and entertainment	4,754	11,190	12,455	162
Separate drinking places	1,536	1,711	1,872	22
Noncommercial foodservice	44,231	61,730	63,631	44
Education	14,105	23,166	24,167	71
Elementary and secondary schools	7,074	11,318	11,717	66
Colleges and universities	7,061	11,848	12,450	76
Military services	1,792	1,928	1,930	8
Troop feeding	1,032	1,070	1,054	2
Clubs and exchanges	760	858	876	15
Plants and office buildings	4,670	6,991	7,335	57
Hospitals	3,590	3,534	3,424	-5
Extended care facilities	5,392	6,302	6,740	25
Vending	5,471	5,436	5,000	-9
Transportation	3,994	4,640	4,852	21
Associations	1,030	1,758	1,905	85
Correctional facilities	1,678	3,276	3,470	107
Child daycare centers	807	1,937	2,076	157
Elderly feeding programs	142	174	173	22
Other noncommercial[1]	1,560	2,588	2,559	64
Total foodservice sales	199,933	306,462	320,119	60

Note: Foodservice sales exclude sales taxes and tips.
[1]Includes more categories in 1997-98 than in 1988.
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