Key Findings from the District’s Food Economy Study

The District of Columbia’s food economy is a significant driver of economic growth and employment in the city and region. From 2001 to 2016, employment in the District’s food economy grew by 72%, compared to 21% in all sectors in the city.

These key findings are from the District’s Food Economy Study. The full report and analysis will be available at dcfoodpolicy.org in Summer 2019.

**Economic Impact**

$5.47B

The District’s food economy produced $5.47 billion in economic impact in 2016

**Employment**

8.0%

Percentage of the District employment directly employed in the food economy in 2016

**Tax Revenue**

$579.3M

Tax revenue generated by the food economy in 2016

- **93%** Full Service Restaurants
- **33%** Grocery Stores
- **-23%** Food Manufacturing
- **-14%** Food Wholesale

141 Jobs

Beverage Manufacturing (a 2820% increase)

71,300

Workers directly employed in the food economy in 2016

All food and beverage sectors, except for food wholesale, are projected to grow until 2026.