

# Is Being a Restaurant Server a “Good” Job?

The topic of restaurant wages has received considerable attention as part of the broader public discussion about access to economic opportunity. While some critics have claimed that restaurant workers are unfairly or poorly paid, at Darden, we think the opposite is true.

Our hourly team members earn, on average, nearly \$15.00 per hour – and since our brands have some of the highest volumes in the industry, our tipped team members have the ability to earn significantly more than that.

In short, we are proud of the fact that working in a Darden restaurant enables tens of thousands of our hourly team members to earn well above the minimum wage — regardless of their backgrounds. And, with half of our restaurant managers being promoted from our hourly ranks, it also provides a tangible pathway to a stable income for many.

