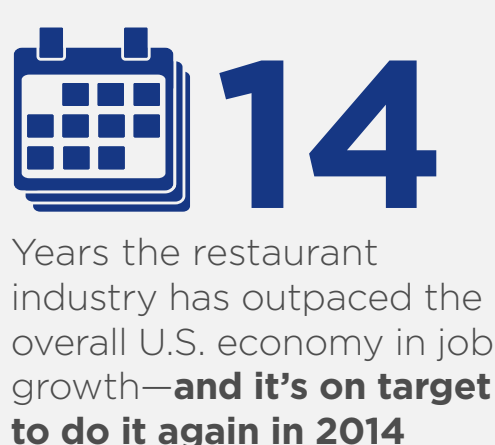


# Restaurants:

# An Industry of Opportunity

The U.S. labor market is getting stronger—with the restaurant industry leading the way, providing jobs, upward mobility and long-term job security

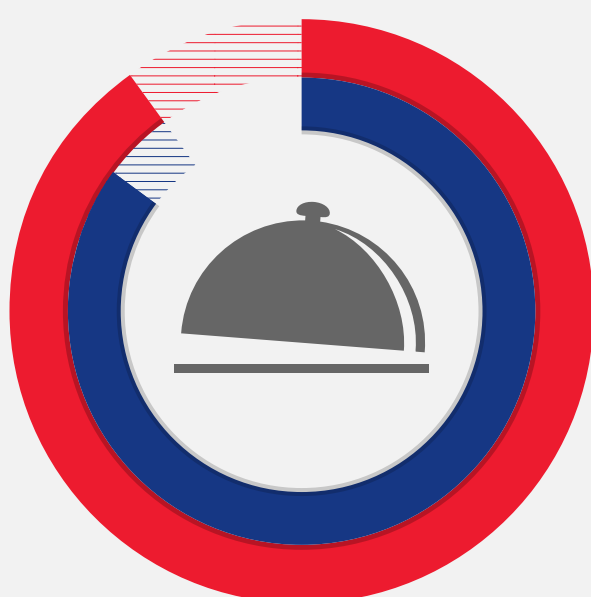


**13.5 million people** Projected size of the restaurant industry workforce—about one in 10 working Americans—in 2014

## Ready, Set, Achieve!

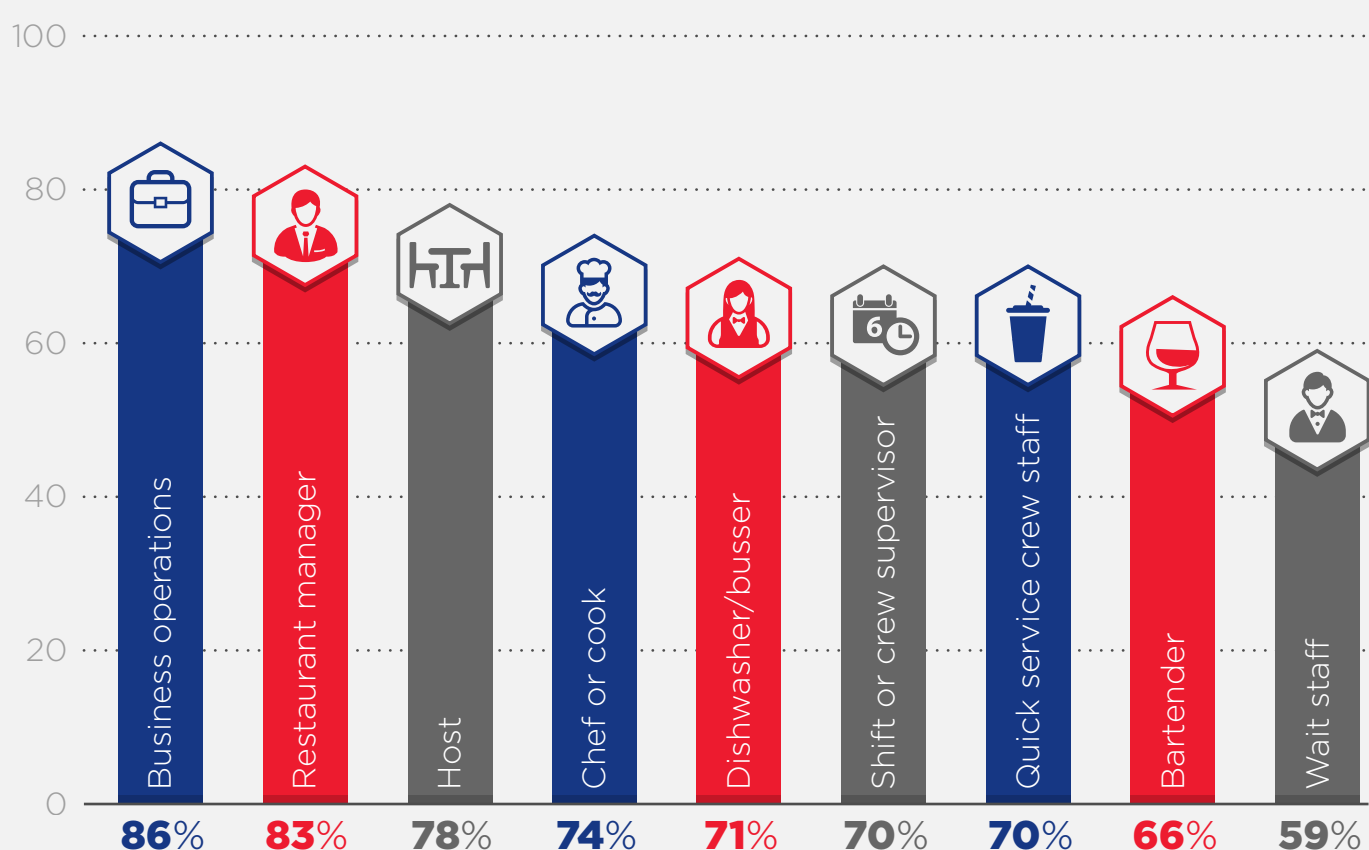
More than **9 out of 10** restaurant employees—from supervisors and chefs to servers and dishwashers—say the restaurant industry is a good place to get a first job

Nearly **9 out of 10** workers say restaurants provide an opportunity for people who want to succeed based on their own hard work



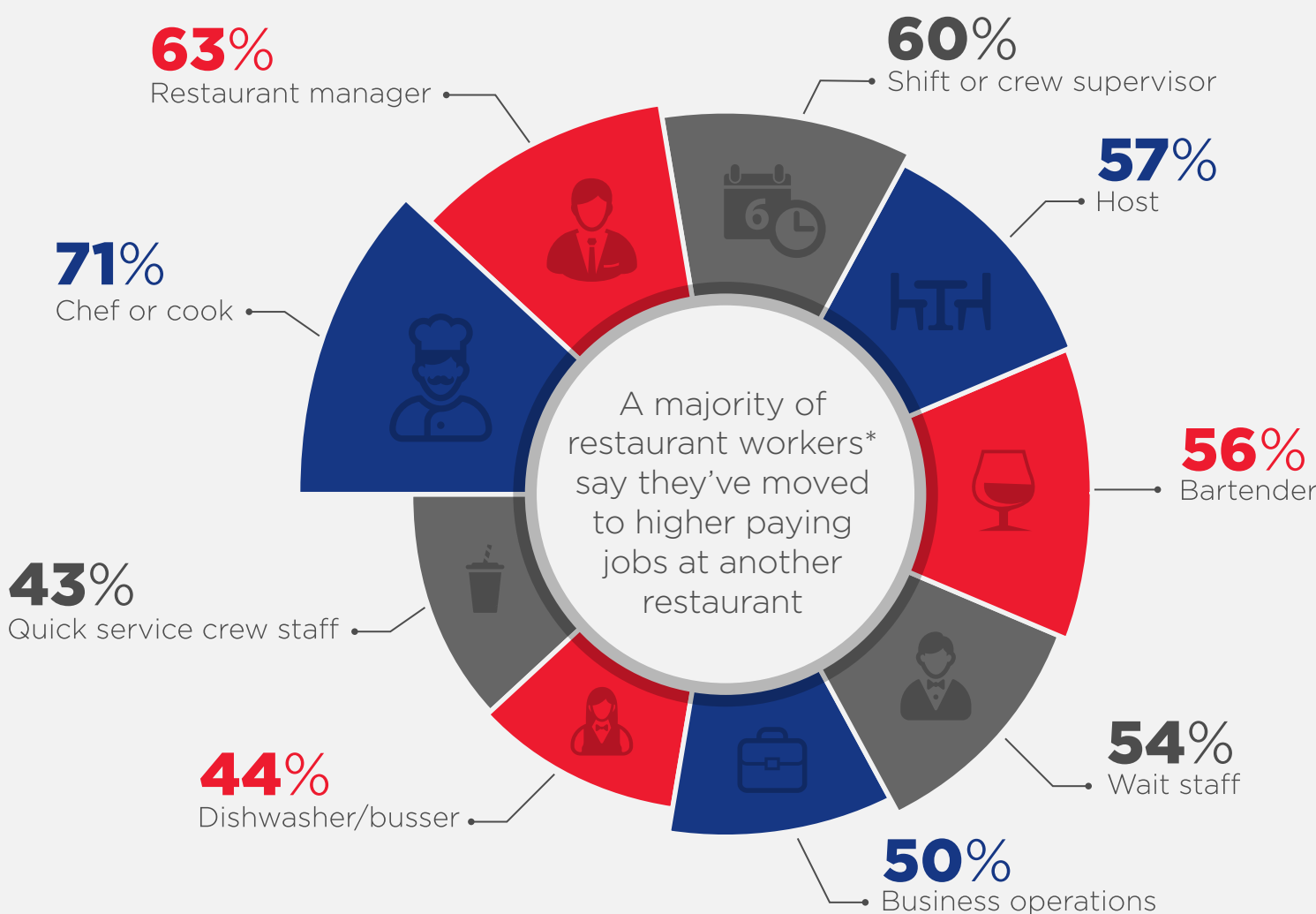
## Down the Road

A majority of employees across all positions say the restaurant business provides good long-term career opportunities:



## Moving Up...and Over

**77%** Operators who say their first job in the industry was in an entry-level position



**8 out of 10** restaurant employees say the industry is a place where people of all backgrounds can open their own business

## The Finish Line

**20 YEARS** Median tenure of employees in restaurant manager and business operation positions



Roughly **7 OUT OF 10** restaurant employees say they will likely continue working in the industry until they retire



For more info on restaurant careers, head to [ChooseRestaurants.org](http://ChooseRestaurants.org).

Sources: *Who Works in the U.S. Restaurant Industry? A Nationwide Survey of the Restaurant Workforce*, National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, 2014; *2014 Restaurant Industry Forecast*, National Restaurant Association, 2014

