

## Food & Catering

**Prospects for the food and catering sector are looking up again after a challenging few years for the industry.**

Failte Ireland predicted continued tourism growth throughout 2015 and figures for the period January – August 2015 confirm this trend with an increase of 12% in visitor numbers on the same period in 2014.

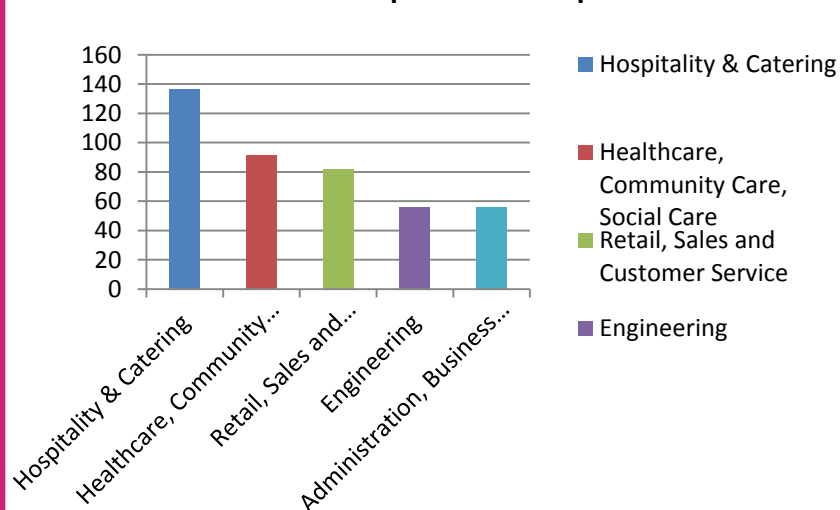
Failte Ireland has calculated that the average visitor to Ireland spends just over 30% of their budget on food and drink.



### Who will employ me?

The food and accommodation sector is the fifth largest employment sector in Ireland in terms of numbers employed.

**Vacancies in Clare Champion 2014 - Top 5 Sectors**



This sector is also an important one in Co. Clare. An analysis of local job vacancies available at [www.clareguidance.ie/resources](http://www.clareguidance.ie/resources) shows that around a fifth of all jobs advertised in the Clare Champion during 2014 were in Food, Catering and Accommodation sector, more than any other sector.

Available jobs include Chefs, Bar Staff, Waiting Staff and Catering Assistants among others. Vacancies are available all year round though at their highest during seasonal periods. For a list of local employers who have advertised vacancies in this sector see the database at <http://www.clareguidance.ie/jobs/index.php>

### Types of Jobs Available

- Restaurant and bar staff
- Catering Assistants
- Restaurant Manager
- Chef
  - Aide
  - Commis
  - Chef de Partie
  - Sous Chef
  - Chef de Cuisine

### Useful Skills/ Qualities

- Customer Focused
- Good People Skills
- Knowledge of Food Safety/ Hygiene e.g. HACCP
- Able to work well under pressure
- Cash handling/ reconciliation
- Previous Work Experience in a Kitchen/ Deli/ Bar

### Useful Websites

[www.picktourism.ie](http://www.picktourism.ie)  
[www.rai.ie](http://www.rai.ie)  
[www.failteireland.ie](http://www.failteireland.ie)  
[www.fsai.ie](http://www.fsai.ie)  
[www.ihf.ie](http://www.ihf.ie)  
[www.ehoa.ie](http://www.ehoa.ie)  
[www.hospitalityireland.com](http://www.hospitalityireland.com)  
[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)

## Further Education Routes - Up to QQI Level 5 in Clare/ Limerick

Institute	Course	QQI Level	Duration
LCETB – BTEI Countywide (065 6897640)	• Food and Catering	Level 3 Minor	Varies -Contact BTEI Office
	• Deli Chef	Level 4 Minor	
Clare Local Development Company (065 6866800)	• Catering, Tourism and Customer Service (Kilrush)	Level 4 Major	35 weeks
	• Hospitality Operations (Scariff)	Level 5 Major	38 weeks
Hospitality , Education and Training Centre, Roxboro, Limerick (061-400660)	• Culinary Skills	Level 4 Minor	8 weeks
	• Bar Skills	Level 4 Minor	8 weeks
	• Hospitality Skills	Level 4 Minor	8 weeks
	• Hospitality Career Traineeship	City and Guilds	11-12 months
	• Professional Cookery	Level 5 Major	12 months

## Higher Education Routes - QQI Level 6 +

Institute	Course	QQI Level	Duration
Institutes of Technology (Athlone, Cork, Dublin, Dundalk, Galway, Limerick, Letterkenny, Tallaght, Tralee, Waterford)	• Advanced Certificate in Professional Cookery (Immersion)	Level 6	9 months
	• National Traineeship in Professional Cookery	Level 6	2 years
	• Culinary Arts	Level 6/7/8	2/3/4 years
Institutes of Technology (Athlone, Cork, Letterkenny)	• Bar Supervision/ Management	Level 6/7	2/3 years
Institutes of Technology (Athlone, Letterkenny, Waterford)	• Restaurant Supervision/ Management	Level 6/7	2/ 3 years



### Clare Adult Education Guidance and Information Service,

Further Education and Training Centre, Clonroad Campus,

Clonroad Business Park, Ennis, Co. Clare

**Tel No.** 065 6897617 / 6824819 **Web:** [www.clareguidance.ie](http://www.clareguidance.ie)

**Compiled December 2015:** *Although every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in this document is correct, Limerick and Clare ETB accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of this information or any actions arising from its use. Clare Adult Guidance and Information Service advise all individuals embarking on any course to contact the relevant organisation directly to confirm all information.*