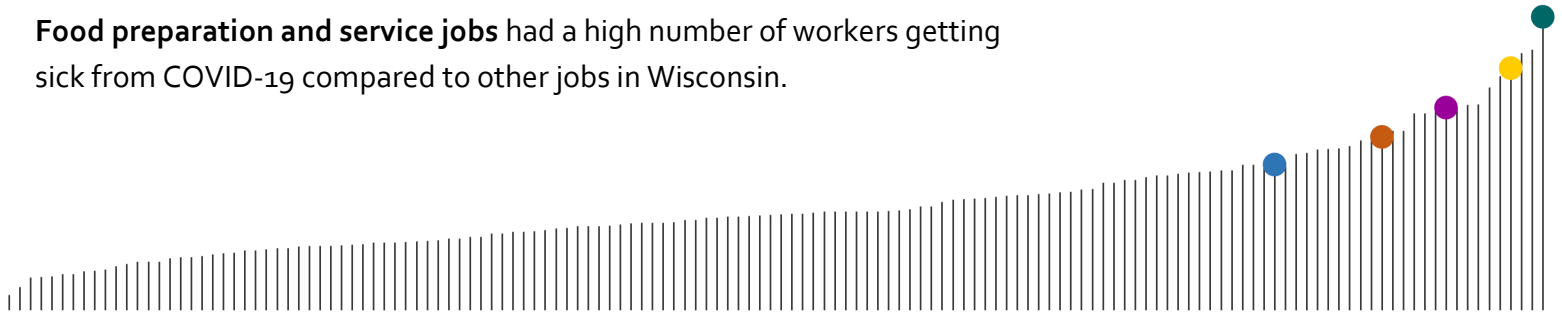


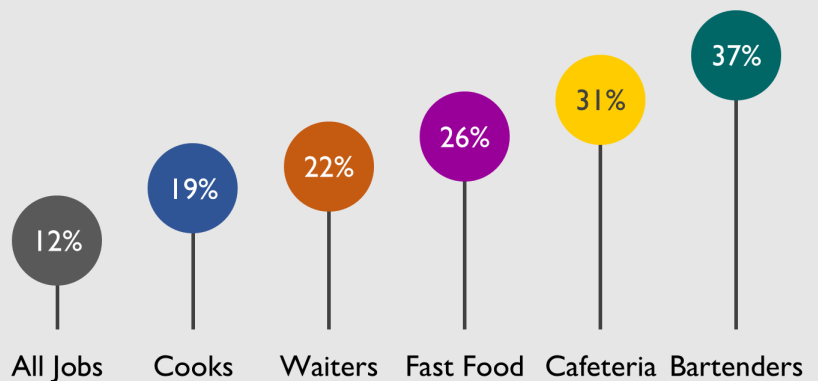
Work-Related Incidence for COVID-19: Food Preparation and Service Workers

A study by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services found that among 144 jobs, **food preparation and service workers** had some of the highest rates of COVID-19. Among all the jobs in the study, **bartenders** had the highest rate, **cafeteria workers** had the fourth highest, **fast food workers** had the 10th highest, **waiters** had the 16th highest, and **cooks** had the 25th highest rate of COVID-19.

Food preparation and service jobs had a high number of workers getting sick from COVID-19 compared to other jobs in Wisconsin.



Across all jobs in Wisconsin, an average of **12%** of adult workers had COVID-19 during September 2020–May 2021. Some food and beverage preparation jobs had more workers getting infected with COVID-19 than the average for all jobs in the Wisconsin study during this period.



Stay healthy in the workplace!

- ◆ Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.
- ◆ Wear a mask if you choose and respect the choice of others who wear one.
- ◆ Ask your employer about ways to increase air flow and ventilation in your workplace.
- ◆ Get the COVID-19 vaccine and stay up to date on your boosters.
- ◆ Get tested immediately if you feel COVID-19 symptoms.
- ◆ Let your close contacts know and follow the most recent CDC COVID-19 isolation guidelines if you test positive for COVID-19.

For more workplace safety resources visit:

[Wisconsin Department of Health Occupational Health webpage](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Workplaces & Businesses webpage](#)



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