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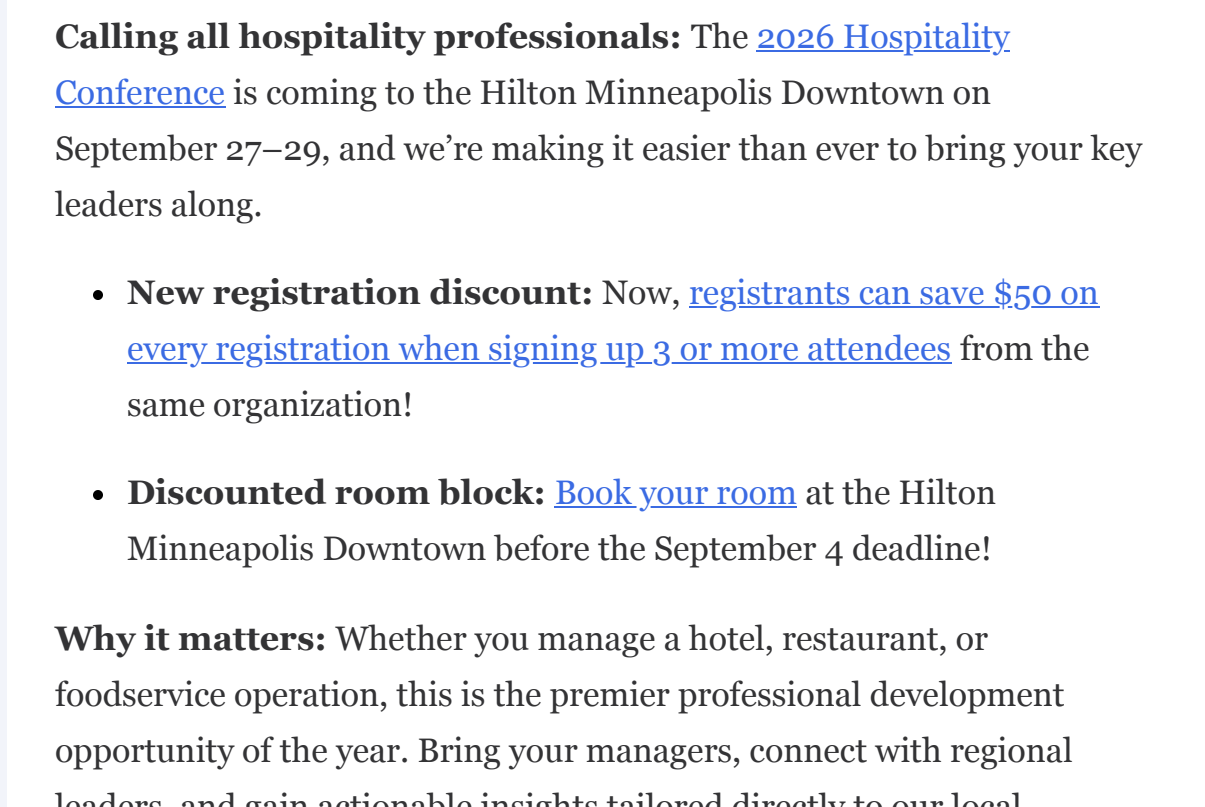
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In today's August 17, 2026 Update:

- **2026 Hospitality Conference:** [Multi-Attendee Discount Live](#)
- **Minnesota Consumer Polling Results Are In:** [Join Us Next Tuesday, August 25 for a Member Briefing/Data Deep Dive](#)
- **September 14 - Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
- **September USI Insurance Webinar:** [Complying with the FMLA](#)
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Is your organization interested in sponsorship? [Email us](#) to learn more.

New Group Discounts Available: Bring the Team to Next Month's Hospitality Conference



Calling all hospitality professionals: The [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) is coming to the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown on September 27–29, and we're making it easier than ever to bring your key leaders along.

- **New registration discount:** Now, [registrants can save \\$50 on every registration when signing up 3 or more attendees](#) from the same organization!
- **Discounted room block:** [Book your room](#) at the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown before the September 4 deadline!

Why it matters: Whether you manage a hotel, restaurant, or foodservice operation, this is the premier professional development opportunity of the year. Bring your managers, connect with regional leaders, and gain actionable insights tailored directly to our local industry.

- **Don't just take our word for it:** [Check out our working agenda](#) to see who you can expect to see at the conference!

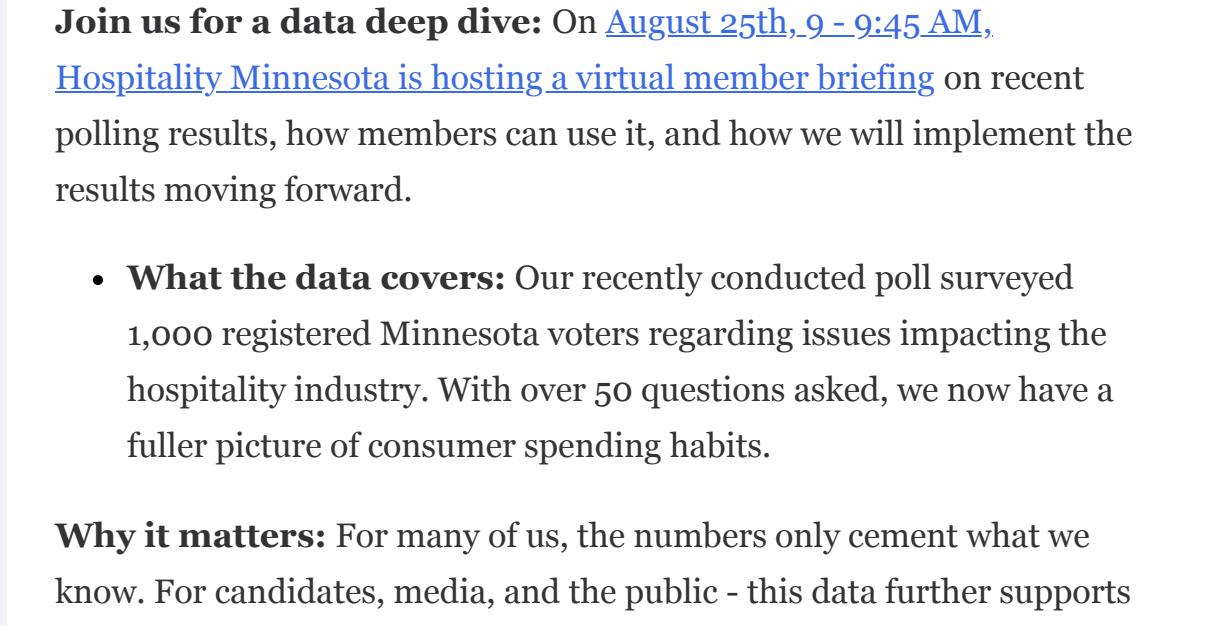
Why attend?

- **Targeted sessions:** Deep dives into the specific issues, trends, and opportunities impacting our state.
- **Unmatched networking:** Build meaningful connections across all hospitality segments.
- **Proven ROI:** Past attendees consistently highlight the immediate value brought back to their operations.

Ready to invest in your team's success? [Register now!](#)

Register Now!

New Polling: 85% of Minnesotans are cutting their spending.



Join us for a data deep dive: On [August 25th, 9 - 9:45 AM](#), [Hospitality Minnesota is hosting a virtual member briefing](#) on recent polling results, how members can use it, and how we will implement the results moving forward.

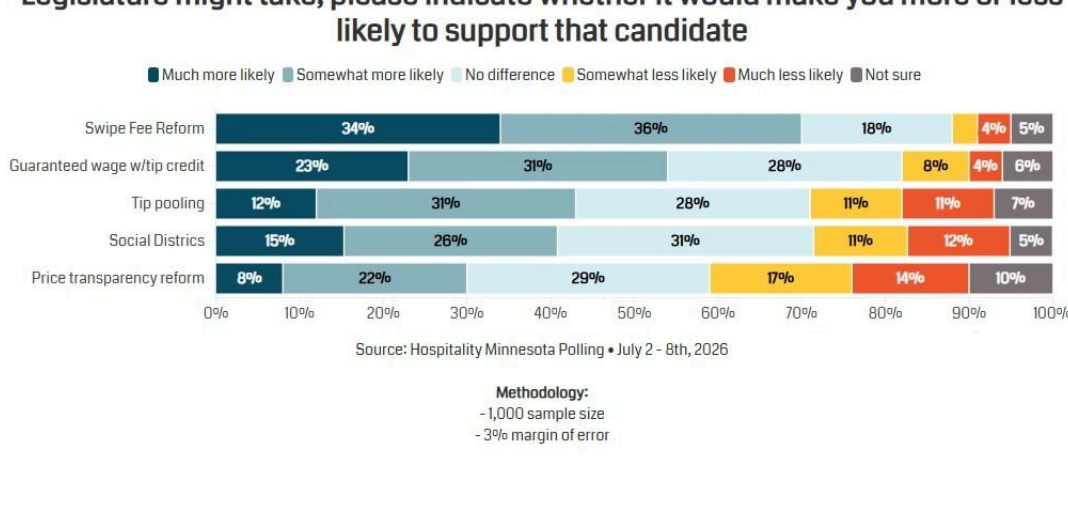
- **What the data covers:** Our recently conducted poll surveyed 1,000 registered Minnesota voters regarding issues impacting the hospitality industry. With over 50 questions asked, we now have a fuller picture of consumer spending habits.

Why it matters: For many of us, the numbers only cement what we know. For candidates, media, and the public - this data further supports our legislative strategy.

Key takeaways:

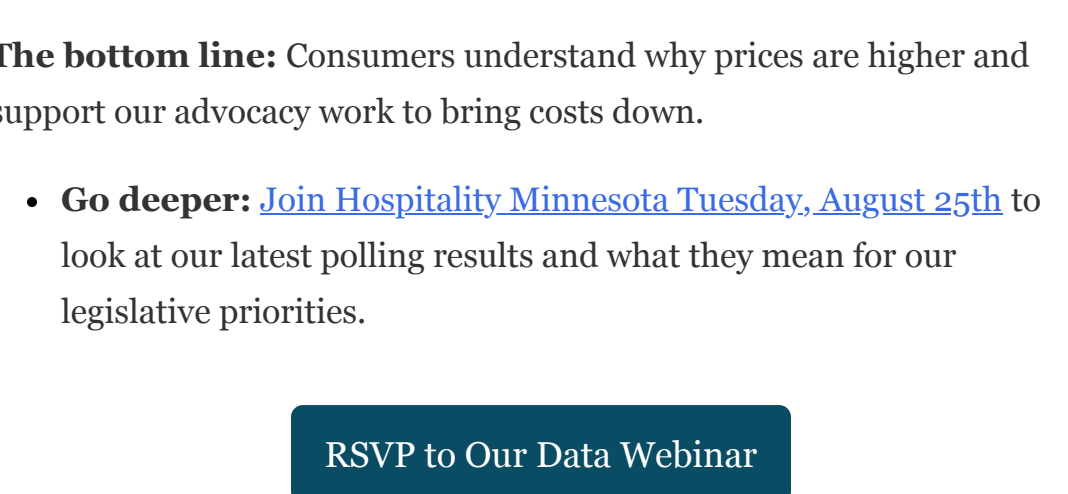
- **Trust in the hospitality industry is high.**

Thinking about the hospitality industry, how much do you trust the following?



- **Key hospitality legislative issues are popular.**

For each of the following positions a candidate for the Minnesota State Legislature might take, please indicate whether it would make you more or less likely to support that candidate



- **Consumers are pulling back on hospitality spending.**
 - 57% are dining out less.
 - 49% are traveling less.

The bottom line: Consumers understand why prices are higher and support our advocacy work to bring costs down.

- **Go deeper:** [Join Hospitality Minnesota Tuesday, August 25th](#) to look at our latest polling results and what they mean for our legislative priorities.

RSVP to Our Data Webinar

HM Golf Tournament Returns September 14, Now At Legends Golf Club



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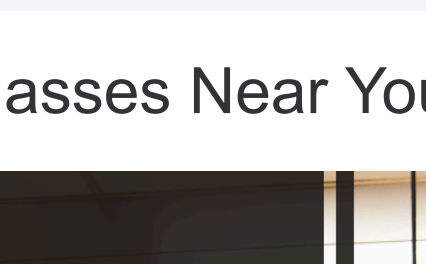
Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on September 14 at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **Why it matters:** The [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) is all about connection, collaboration, and community. It's a chance to strengthen relationships, meet new peers, and enjoy a day of relaxed networking with fellow hospitality professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting.

How to participate: [Register your foursome](#) or individual slot today—spots are almost gone!

Register Today!

Register Now for September's USI Webinar on FMLA Compliance

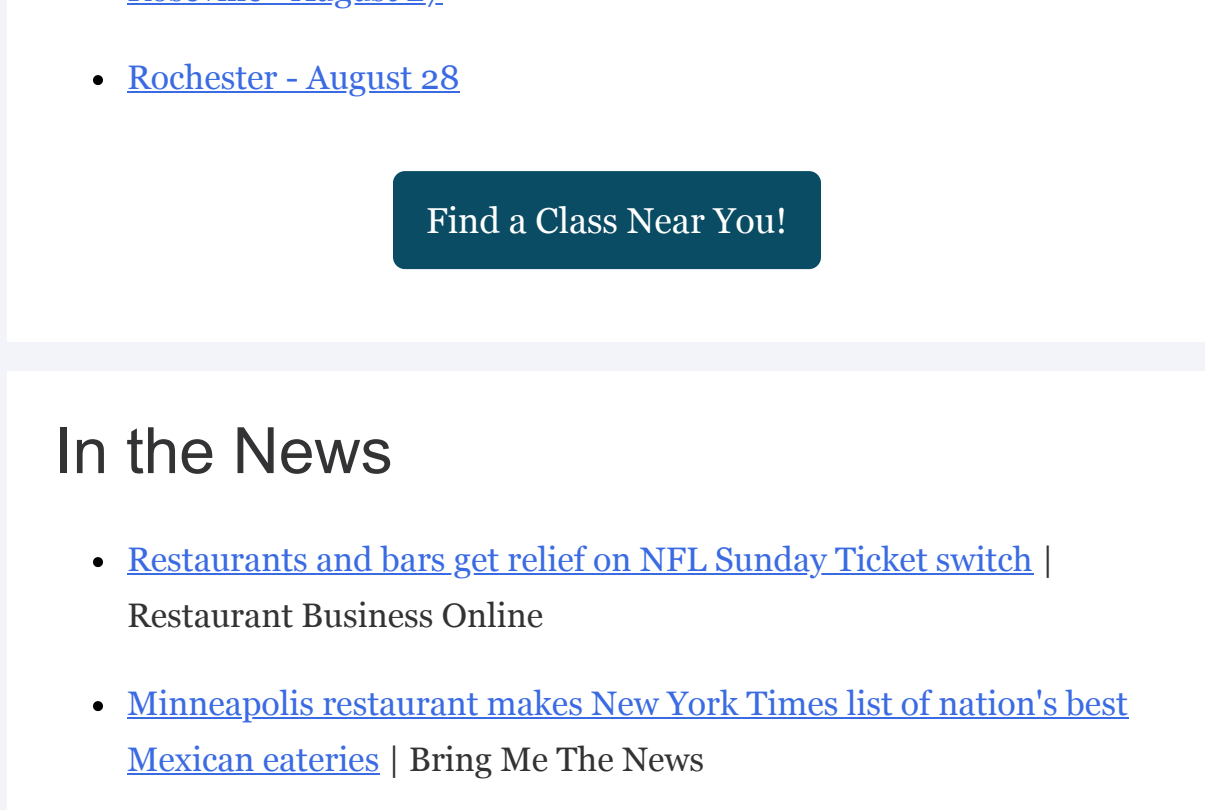


September USI Employer Solution Webinar: [Forgive my Last Absence - Complying with the FMLA](#)

- **Why it matters:** The FMLA provides covered employees with an absolute leave right that doesn't take into consideration employer hardship and the law requires that any time that qualifies be counted as FMLA. However, many employers don't properly count time as FMLA when they should, don't properly document leaves, and make mistakes when returning (or not returning) employees to work at the end of leaves.

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ServSafe Classes Near You



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MINNESOTA SERVSAFE CERTIFICATION CLASSES
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Hospitality Minnesota **ServSafe**

Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Fairmont - August 20](#)
- [Minneapolis - August 21](#)
- [Mankato - August 24](#)
- [Woodbury - August 25](#)
- [Roseville - August 27](#)
- [Rochester - August 28](#)

Find a Class Near You!

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- [Restaurants and bars get relief on NFL Sunday Ticket switch](#) | Restaurant Business Online
- [Minneapolis restaurant makes New York Times list of nation's best Mexican eateries](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Bewick Cafe to open in former Groundswell space in St. Paul](#) | Star Tribune
- [Problem property in Chaska set for new life as Nordic spa hotel](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Lower energy costs temper consumer inflation despite solid menu price growth](#) | National Restaurant Association

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