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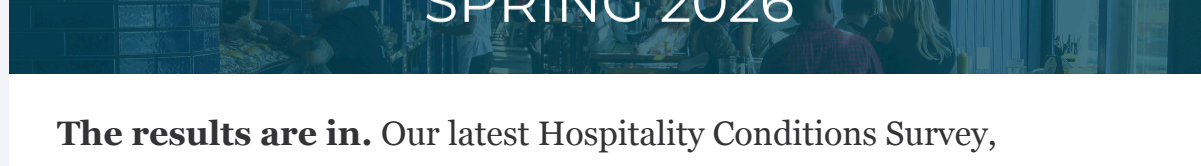
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In today's June 8, 2026 Update:

- **Spring 2026 Hospitality Conditions Survey:** [Key Takeaways Now Available](#)
- **Tuesday - USI Insurance Webinar:** [Managing Employee Leaves](#)
- **Hospitality Unplugged - June 25:** [Join Whitebox Marketing in Saint Cloud](#)
- **Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament - September 14:** [Join Hospitality Leaders at Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake](#)
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HOSPITALITY CONDITIONS SURVEY SPRING 2026

The results are in. Our latest Hospitality Conditions Survey, conducted with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, showcased the **severe economic headwinds** squeezing Minnesota operators.

Key takeaways:

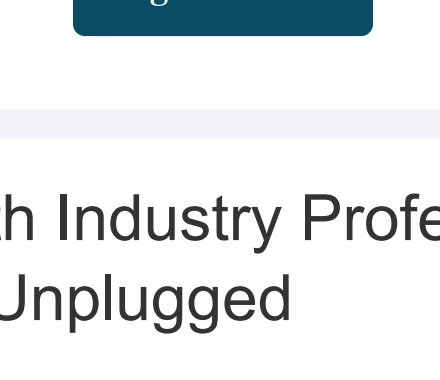
- **Consumer pullback:** A majority of hospitality businesses reported year-over-year declines in customer traffic, revenue, and profits.
- **Severe margin squeeze:** Wholesale costs are heavily outpacing retail price adjustments. While nearly 90% of operators faced wholesale hikes of 3% or greater—and 42.20% endured surges between 5% and 9.9%—only 6.36% could carry out a matching retail increase of 10% or more.
- **Tariff pressures:** A near two-thirds majority (63.31%) reported that tariff policies had a negative impact on their business over the last six months.

Why it matters: This data provides critical evidence for our ongoing legislative advocacy as we educate lawmakers on the compounding costs our industry being forced to absorb.

- **Yes, and:** We're asking members to complete [this short Advocacy Data Survey](#). We want to know who **your** legislator is for your home and your business location – this helps us to be more strategic in our grass roots advocacy efforts this summer and leading into the next legislative session.

[Access the Key Takeaways](#)

June 9 - USI Webinar on Managing Employee Leave Mandates - A Practical Discussion



June USI Employer Solution Webinar: [Managing Employee Leaves - Legal and Practical Considerations](#)

- **Why it matters:** Every employer, regardless of size, industry, or profit/nonprofit status, has one thing in common, which is that at some point, every single one of their employees will be absent from work. Join this practical conversation to discover the best way to navigate and survive leaves.

[Register Here!](#)

Network with Industry Professionals at Hospitality Unplugged



Calling all hospitality operators: Join Hospitality Minnesota and Whitebox Marketing [June 25 from 4 - 6 PM in Saint Cloud](#) for a relaxed and engaging networking event designed to bring together professionals from across the hospitality industry with the resources that help their businesses thrive.

- **What to expect:** This casual gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and discover valuable partners who understand the challenges and opportunities within hospitality.

[Register Here!](#)

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



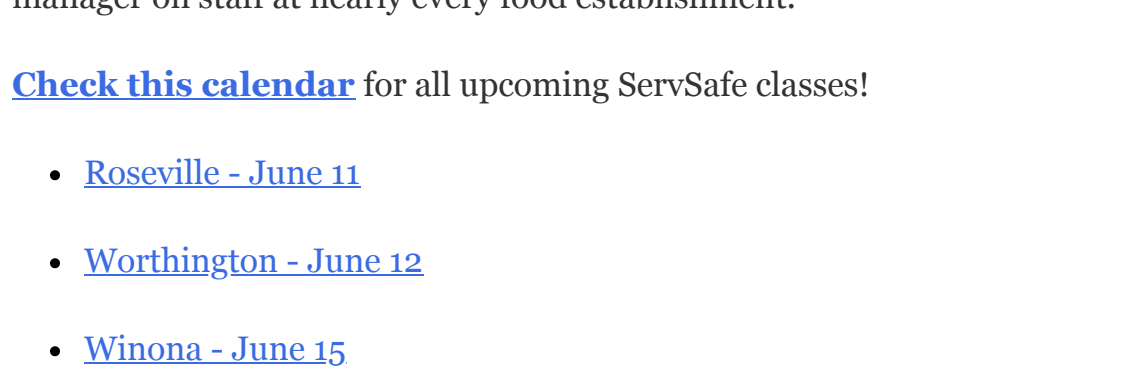
Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on September 14 at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **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 early—spots fill quickly. Consider sponsoring a hole, beverage cart, or a Bloody Mary bar to showcase your company and engage with members of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality industry.

[Register Today!](#)

2026 Hospitality Conference Registration Coming Soon

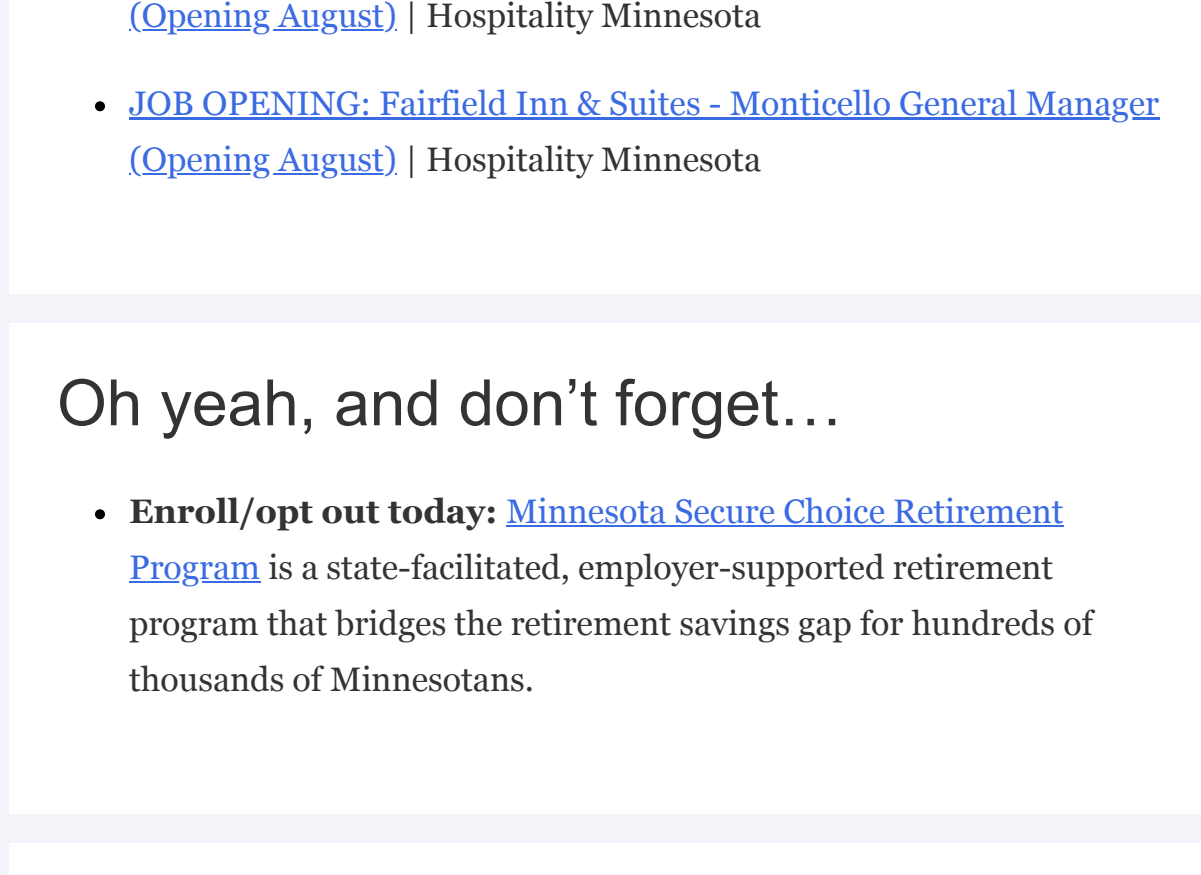


Mark your calendars! The [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) is coming to the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown September 27-29, and you and your team cannot afford to miss this professional development opportunity.

- **The bottom line:** Registration will be opening up soon. Our team is hard at work to provide innovation across hospitality marketing, leadership, and more. Learn more about this year's conference [here](#).

[Learn More!](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You



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!

- [Roseville - June 11](#)
- [Worthington - June 12](#)
- [Winona - June 15](#)
- [Bloomington - June 16](#)
- [Minneapolis - June 19](#)
- [Mankato - June 22](#)
- [Woodbury - June 23](#)
- [St. Cloud - June 25](#)

[Find A Class Near You!](#)

In the News

- [Tropico Colombian restaurant moves to bigger space in Mpls.](#) | Star Tribune
- [Two downtown Rochester restaurants announce closure amid rising costs](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Chipotle eyeing second Duluth location](#) | Duluth News Tribune
- [Minneapolis restaurant named one of the 50 best in North America](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Study: Operation Metro Surge cost Minnesota an estimated 4,600 hospitality jobs in 3 months](#) | Minnesota Reformer
- [JOB OPENING: Fairfield Inn & Suites - Monticello Director of Sales \(Opening August\)](#) | Hospitality Minnesota
- [JOB OPENING: Fairfield Inn & Suites - Monticello General Manager \(Opening August\)](#) | Hospitality Minnesota

Oh yeah, and don't forget...

- **Enroll/opt out today:** [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

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