



Q1 2024

Wage Report – Ohio Market

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Quarterly Market Overview: U.S. Wage Trends in Q1 2024 Reflect Economic Stabilization Amid Challenges

Wage Trends and Economic Stabilization in Q1

2024 In Q1 of 2024, wage trends across the U.S. showed slight increases, aligning with broader economic stabilization. This reflects a broader economic strategy to manage wage inflation amidst multiple economic headwinds.

Challenges in Key Sectors: Hospitality, Transportation, and Industrial

In the hospitality, transportation, and industrial sectors, wages have not seen significant growth. These segments are those most impacted by a decrease in consumer spending. These trends correlate with the tightening conditions that are driving up unemployment rates.

Navigating Economic Challenges: The Cost of High Employee Turnover

As businesses navigate these economic waters, they face the dilemma of balancing the rising costs associated with high employee turnover, which includes retraining, recruiting, and rehiring staff. With wage growth tapering off and job security becoming more uncertain in some sectors, companies must strategically manage these costs to maintain workforce stability and ensure operational efficiency in a challenging economic landscape.



- Matt Gorman,
Executive VP at Upshift



Ohio Market Overview

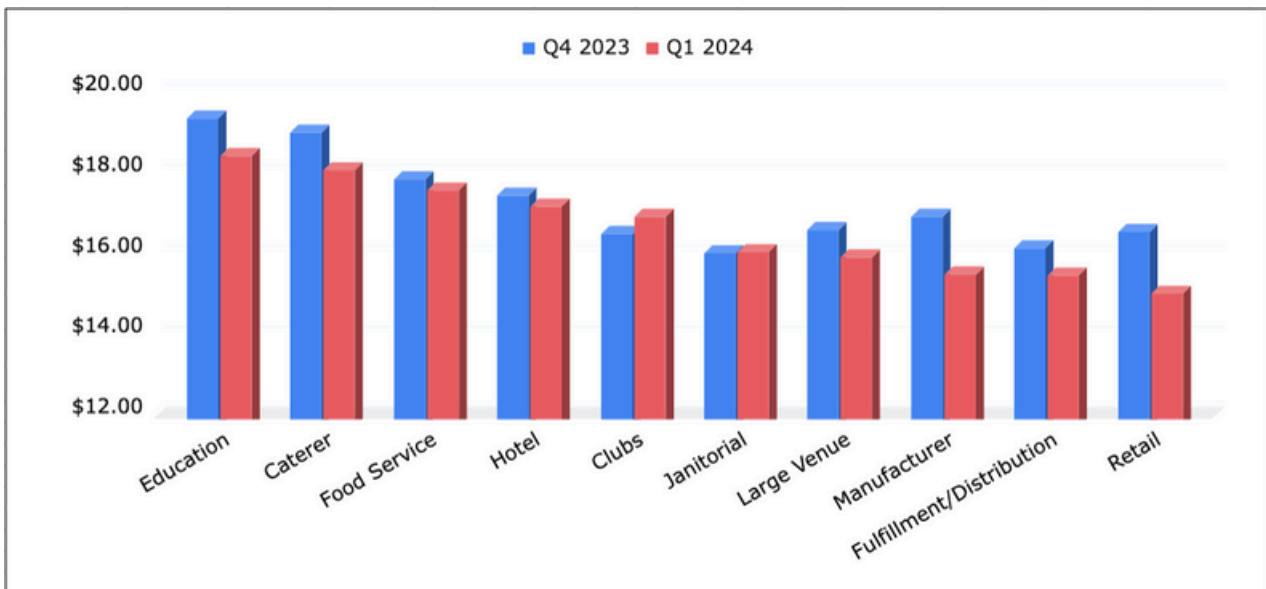
Overview of industries

Industry	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Education	\$19.35	\$18.42
Caterer	\$19.01	\$18.08
Food Service	\$17.84	\$17.57
Hotel	\$17.45	\$17.18
Clubs	\$16.50	\$16.91
Janitorial	\$16.02	\$16.04
Large Venue	\$16.58	\$15.91
Manufacturer	\$16.92	\$15.49
Fulfillment/Distribution	\$16.13	\$15.45
Retail	\$16.54	\$15.00

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Highest paid industries



Education
\$18.42/hr on average



Caterer
\$18.08/hr on average



Food Service
\$17.57/hr on average

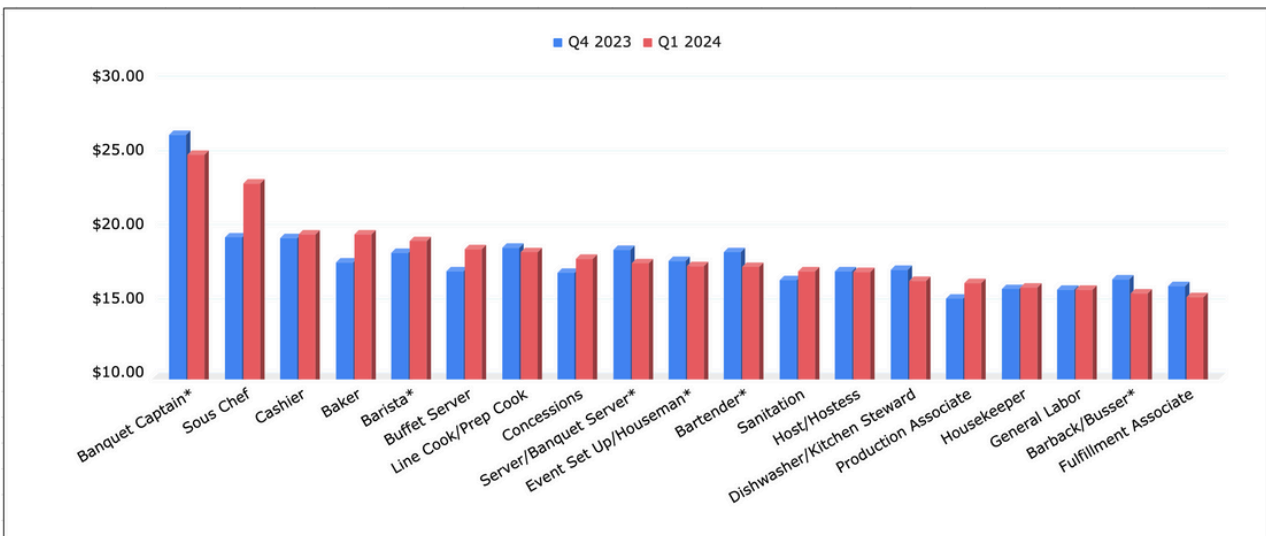
Overview of hourly wages per job type

Job Type	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Banquet Captain*	\$26.36	\$25.00
Sous Chef	\$19.44	\$23.07
Cashier	\$19.41	\$19.65
Baker	\$17.75	\$19.64
Barista*	\$18.41	\$19.20
Buffet Server	\$17.15	\$18.64
Line Cook/Prep Cook	\$18.72	\$18.43
Concessions	\$17.04	\$18.00
Server/Banquet Server*	\$18.61	\$17.71
Event Set Up/Houseman*	\$17.83	\$17.49
Bartender*	\$18.45	\$17.44
Sanitation	\$16.54	\$17.17
Host/Hostess	\$17.17	\$17.12
Dishwasher/Kitchen Steward	\$17.27	\$16.52
Production Associate	\$15.30	\$16.37
Housekeeper	\$15.97	\$16.07
General Labor	\$15.88	\$15.88
Barback/Busser*	\$16.62	\$15.64
Fulfillment Associate	\$16.13	\$15.41

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Highest paid jobs



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Sous Chef

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Cashier

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Individual cities -

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Cincinnati, OH

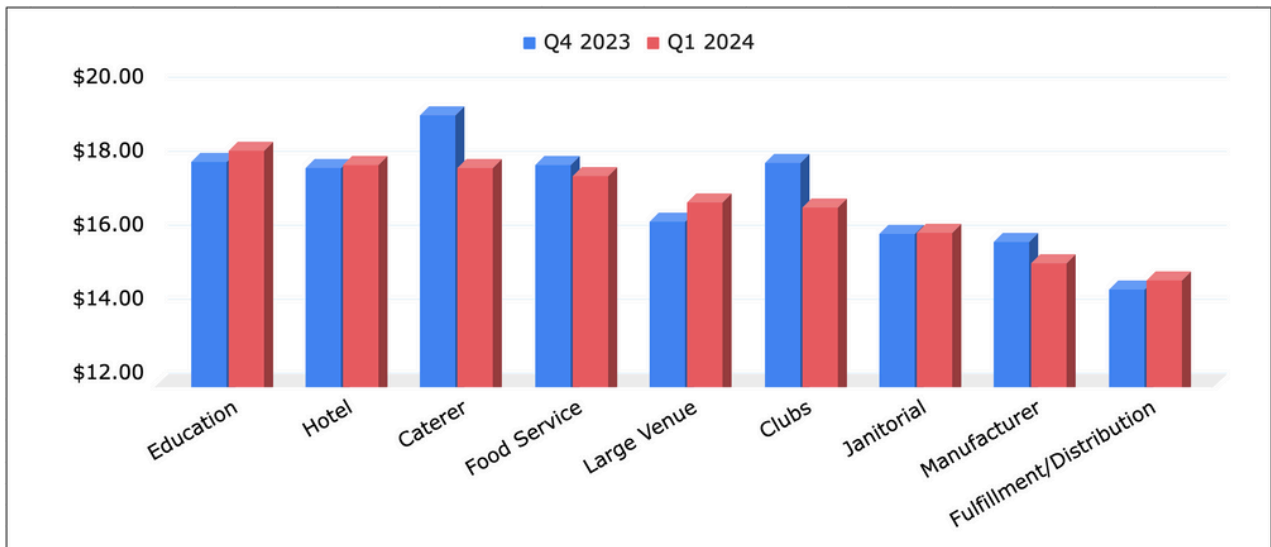
Overview of industries

Industry	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Education	\$17.97	\$18.27
Hotel	\$17.80	\$17.88
Caterer	\$19.21	\$17.80
Food Service	\$17.88	\$17.56
Large Venue	\$16.33	\$16.85
Clubs	\$17.92	\$16.72
Janitorial	\$16.02	\$16.05
Manufacturer	\$15.79	\$15.21
Fulfillment/Distribution	\$14.50	\$14.74

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Caterer
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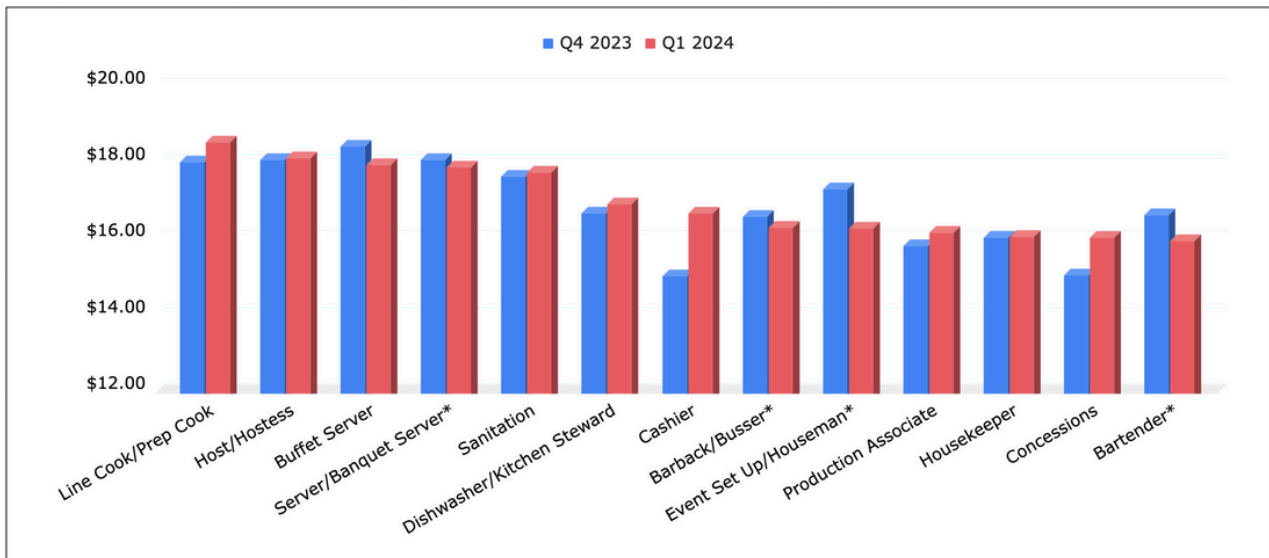
Overview of hourly wages per job type - Cincinnati, OH

Job Type	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Line Cook/Prep Cook	\$17.97	\$18.49
Host/Hostess	\$18.03	\$18.07
Buffet Server	\$18.39	\$17.91
Server/Banquet Server*	\$18.04	\$17.85
Sanitation	\$17.60	\$17.71
Dishwasher/Kitchen Steward	\$16.64	\$16.87
Cashier	\$15.00	\$16.64
Barback/Busser*	\$16.55	\$16.27
Event Set Up/Houseman*	\$17.28	\$16.24
Production Associate	\$15.79	\$16.14
Housekeeper	\$15.99	\$16.03
Concessions	\$15.02	\$16.00
Bartender*	\$16.58	\$15.91

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Highest paid jobs



**Line Cook/
Prep Cook**

\$18.49/hr on average



**Host/
Hostess**

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**Buffet
Server**

\$17.91/hr on average

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Cleveland, OH

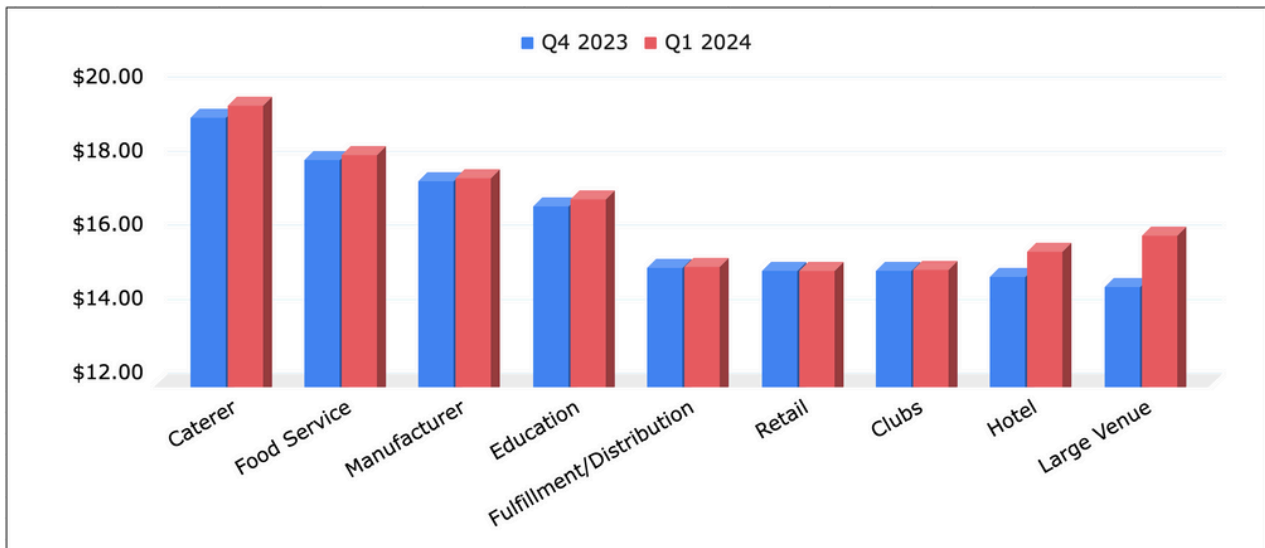
Overview of industries

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Caterer	\$19.14	\$19.48
Food Service	\$18.02	\$18.15
Manufacturer	\$17.43	\$17.52
Education	\$16.75	\$16.94
Fulfillment/Distribution	\$15.10	\$15.11
Retail	\$15.00	\$15.00
Clubs	\$15.00	\$15.03
Hotel	\$14.84	\$15.53
Large Venue	\$14.58	\$15.95

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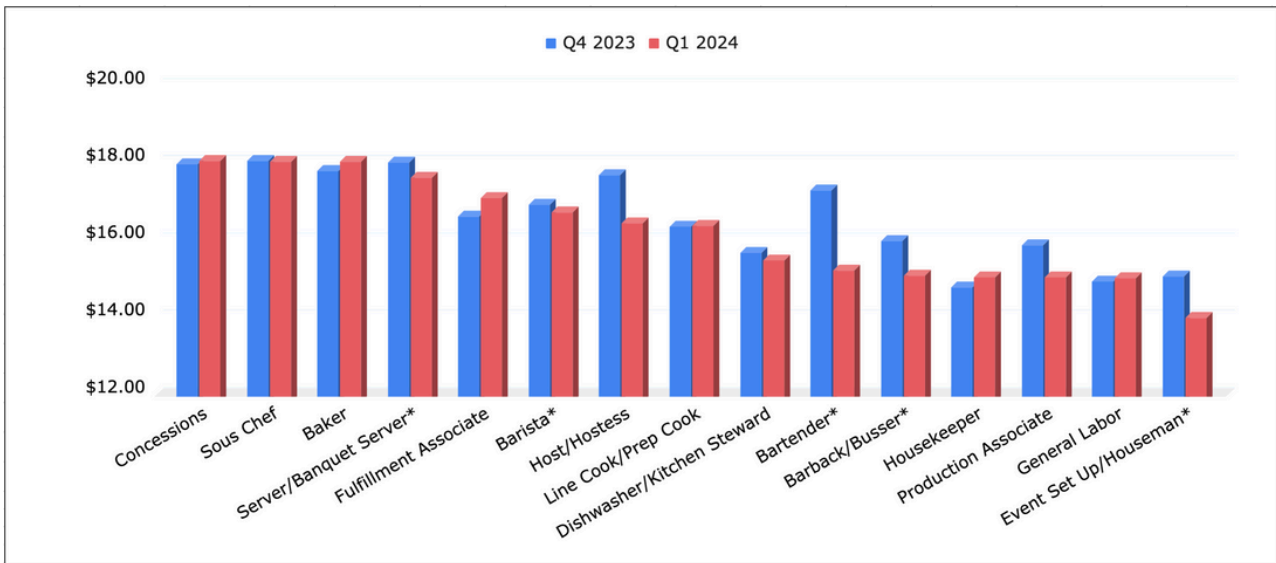
Overview of hourly wages per job type - Cleveland, OH

Job Type	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Concessions	\$17.94	\$18.01
Sous Chef	\$18.02	\$18.00
Baker	\$17.75	\$18.00
Server/Banquet Server*	\$17.98	\$17.59
Fulfillment Associate	\$16.58	\$17.05
Barista*	\$16.88	\$16.69
Host/Hostess	\$17.64	\$16.40
Line Cook/Prep Cook	\$16.32	\$16.34
Dishwasher/Kitchen Steward	\$15.63	\$15.44
Bartender*	\$17.26	\$15.18
Barback/Busser*	\$15.94	\$15.04
Housekeeper	\$14.75	\$15.00
Production Associate	\$15.83	\$15.00
General Labor	\$14.89	\$14.98
Event Set Up/Houseman*	\$15.03	\$13.95

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Highest paid jobs



Concessions

\$18.01/hr on average



Sous Chef

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Baker

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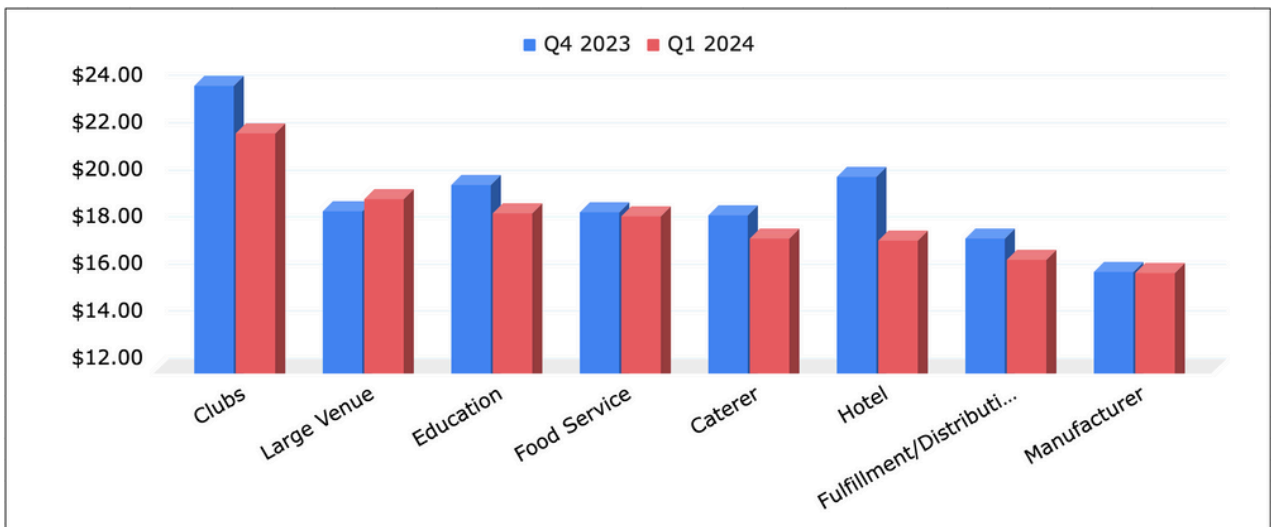
Overview of industries

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Clubs	\$24.00	\$22.00
Large Venue	\$18.67	\$19.19
Education	\$19.78	\$18.57
Food Service	\$18.63	\$18.47
Caterer	\$18.50	\$17.50
Hotel	\$20.13	\$17.42
Fulfillment/Distribution	\$17.53	\$16.61
Manufacturer	\$16.08	\$16.06

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Highest paid industries



Clubs
\$22/hr on average



Large Venue
\$19.19/hr on average



Education
\$18.57/hr on average

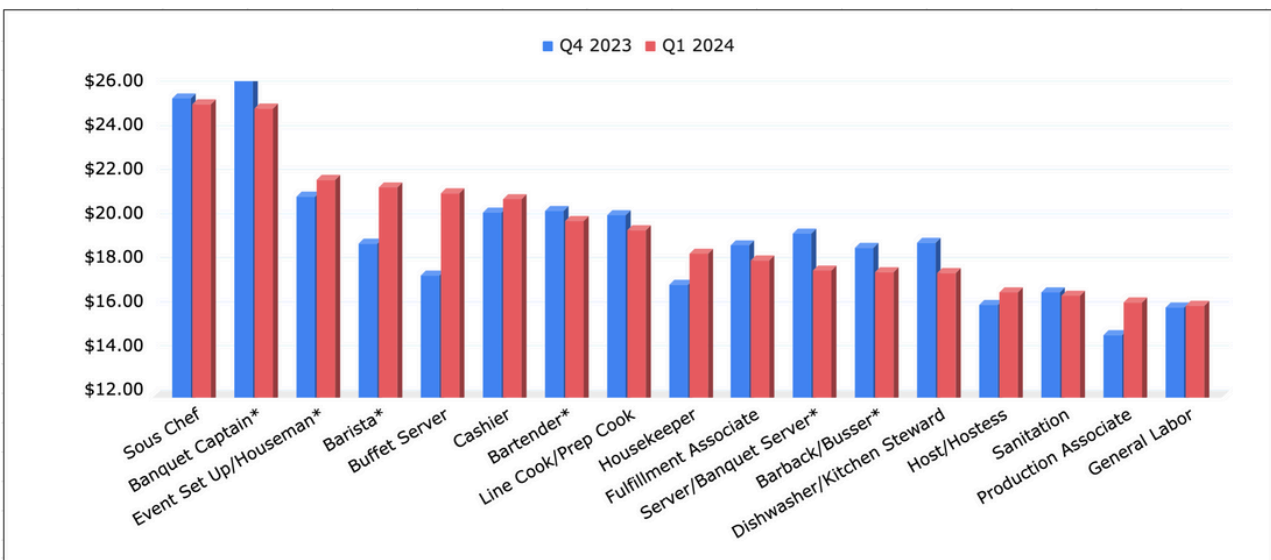
Overview of hourly wages per job type – Columbus, OH

Job Type	Q4 2023	Q1 2024
Sous Chef	\$25.46	\$25.19
Banquet Captain*	\$26.36	\$25.00
Event Set Up/Houseman*	\$21.00	\$21.77
Barista*	\$18.88	\$21.43
Buffet Server	\$17.40	\$21.14
Cashier	\$20.29	\$20.87
Bartender*	\$20.35	\$19.89
Line Cook/Prep Cook	\$20.17	\$19.46
Housekeeper	\$17.00	\$18.40
Fulfillment Associate	\$18.80	\$18.10
Server/Banquet Server*	\$19.33	\$17.63
Barback/Busser*	\$18.69	\$17.57
Dishwasher/Kitchen Steward	\$18.91	\$17.55
Host/Hostess	\$16.08	\$16.67
Sanitation	\$16.66	\$16.49
Production Associate	\$14.70	\$16.20
General Labor	\$15.99	\$16.04

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Highest paid jobs



Sous Chef

\$25.19/hr on average



Banquet Captain

\$25/hr on average*



Event Set Up/Houseman

\$21.77/hr on average*

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How have we collected this data?

Thanks to **our partnership with Upshift**, a leading labor marketplace, **we are able to collect real-time, supporting data for workers in various industries and positions.** These are verified rates being paid today to Upshift workers in a wide variety of positions.

Offering accurate and attractive wages helps fill the applicant pool

As companies begin to compete for a scarce pool of labor, wages are rising quickly and many hourly workers are aware of this and are no longer wary of changing jobs for a better-paid position.

With more transparency on the current market rates, offering **competitive wages and accurate data** is one of the best ways to make sure you can attract enough job candidates.

How to best use the information given in the report

The Wage Report is a resource giving transparency on the wages set by companies in specific markets. **Its purpose is to help make informed decisions** on setting wages for workers looking for jobs on the market. Accurate wages help keep the labor markets competitive while maximizing worker satisfaction from the positions and minimizing overspending on the employer side.

