The damages to the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) natural resources due to Gulf of Mexico (GOMOS) would take some time to be cleaned up and the restoration period to get the resources back to their original pre-GOMOS status is still indefinite. In the meantime, the production of goods and services by economic sectors located in the GOM states would be adversely affected leading to possible reduction in the levels of economic activity, employment and personal income, and tax revenues.

In order to understand the magnitude of the potential economic impacts of GOMOS to the Food and Drinking Places sector in the coastal counties, multi-year baseline economic information about the sector is compiled from various secondary sources.

The “Food and Drinking Places” sector corresponds to economic sector number 722 in the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The NAICS definition of this industry is that establishments within this subsector prepare meals, snacks, and beverages to customer order for immediate on-premise and off-premises consumption. The industry groups are full-service restaurants; limited-service eating places; special food services, such as food service contractors, caterers, and mobile food services; and drinking places.

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