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Michigan Operators Navigate Challenges while Investing in Growth

Restaurant Operator Survey - January 2026

Investing in the Future

52%

plan capital expenditures for equipment in next 6 months



11%

plan to open new establishments in the next 6 months
National average: only 2%



Navigating Headwinds

27%

cite labor costs as their top challenge
more than double the national average



28%

plan to decrease staffing levels in 6 months
vs. only 13% planning increases

