

Food services and drinking places, April 2012 (preliminary data)

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Sales for the food services and drinking places industry decreased 0.4% in April from March to \$4.4 billion. During the same period, the price of food purchased in restaurants increased 0.2%, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

In April, all four industry sectors posted lower sales compared with March: the full-service restaurant sector (-0.4%), the limited-service restaurant sector (-0.4%), the drinking places sector (-0.4%) and the special food services sector, which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services (-0.1%).

In April, four provinces posted higher sales, with the biggest growth in Newfoundland and Labrador (+1.9%). Saskatchewan (-2.9%) recorded the largest decrease.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars.

Seasonally adjusted data are revised for the three previous months. Data are also revised annually. Revisions improve data quality and coherence and are based on information not available at the time of the initial estimates.



Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	April 2011	January 2012 ^r	February 2012 ^r	March 2012 ^r	April 2012 ^P	March to April 2012	April 2011 to April 2012
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	4,192,813	4,321,718	4,343,673	4,385,809	4,370,267	-0.4	4.2
Full-service restaurants	1,823,392	1,855,277	1,869,906	1,891,865	1,884,788	-0.4	3.4
Limited-service eating places	1,817,510	1,904,924	1,910,796	1,932,420	1,925,038	-0.4	5.9
Special food services	347,395	361,138	364,497	363,481	363,222	-0.1	4.6
Drinking places	204,516	200,379	198,474	198,043	197,219	-0.4	-3.6
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	55,898	60,055	60,145	60,630	61,770	1.9	10.5
Prince Edward Island	15,726	16,513	16,641	16,627	16,395	-1.4	4.3
Nova Scotia	106,830	111,196	110,864	111,236	111,278	0.0	4.2
New Brunswick	81,099	81,453	81,259	81,634	81,762	0.2	0.8
Quebec	835,125	864,166	861,642	879,784	864,980	-1.7	3.6
Ontario	1,598,351	1,639,202	1,655,864	1,670,669	1,663,301	-0.4	4.1
Manitoba	119,822	126,733	129,876	130,915	130,718	-0.2	9.1
Saskatchewan	124,744	130,032	131,108	132,594	128,730	-2.9	3.2
Alberta	593,152	629,716	633,746	635,032	640,598	0.9	8.0
British Columbia	648,822	649,736	649,315	652,095	656,936	0.7	1.3
Yukon	4,786	4,847	4,901	5,004	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	6,895	6,679	7,110	8,432	F	F	F
Nunavut	1,563	1,390	1,203	1,157	F	F	F

^r revised

^P preliminary

F too unreliable to be published

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

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