

Food services and drinking places, May 2012

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Sales for the food services and drinking places industry increased 1.1% from April to \$4.4 billion in May. During the same period, the price index for food purchased in restaurants rose 0.2%, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

In May, all four industry sectors posted increased sales compared with April: the limited-service restaurant sector (+1.2%), the full-service restaurant sector (+1.1%), the drinking places sector (+0.6%) and the special food services sector, which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services (+0.5%).

In May, all provinces posted higher sales. Increases ranged from 0.1% in Prince Edward Island to 2.3% in Alberta.

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

	May 2011	February 2012 ^r	March 2012 ^r	April 2012 ^r	May 2012 ^P	April to May 2012	May 2011 to May 2012
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	4,187,748	4,344,441	4,388,143	4,362,307	4,410,029	1.1	5.3
Full-service restaurants	1,814,677	1,870,876	1,894,094	1,880,381	1,901,962	1.1	4.8
Limited-service eating places	1,819,656	1,911,440	1,933,649	1,925,277	1,948,638	1.2	7.1
Special food services	351,533	363,583	361,880	359,720	361,406	0.5	2.8
Drinking places	201,882	198,542	198,520	196,930	198,023	0.6	-1.9
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	55,982	60,288	61,131	62,469	63,147	1.1	12.8
Prince Edward Island	15,511	16,691	16,648	16,536	16,559	0.1	6.8
Nova Scotia	105,411	111,001	111,370	110,991	113,004	1.8	7.2
New Brunswick	80,946	81,310	81,782	81,611	82,188	0.7	1.5
Quebec	827,688	861,941	878,683	869,159	873,184	0.5	5.5
Ontario	1,599,523	1,657,192	1,675,441	1,662,919	1,679,037	1.0	5.0
Manitoba	120,928	129,850	130,984	130,169	132,516	1.8	9.6
Saskatchewan	124,138	131,636	133,875	133,600	135,843	1.7	9.4
Alberta	596,462	633,401	635,875	633,913	648,798	2.3	8.8
British Columbia	647,655	648,069	647,365	648,067	652,626	0.7	0.8
Yukon	4,735	4,881	5,014	4,820	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	7,108	6,989	8,534	6,675	F	F	F
Nunavut	1,661	1,192	1,442	1,378	F	F	F

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^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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