Food services and drinking places, October 2013

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Sales for the food services and drinking places industry increased 1.0% from September to \$4.7 billion in October. During the same period, the price index for food purchased from restaurants rose 0.2%.

In October, three of the four industry sectors posted higher sales compared with September: the full-service restaurant sector (+0.4%), the limited-service restaurant sector (+1.7%), and the special food services sector, which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services (+1.1%). Sales in the drinking places sector edged down 0.2%.

All provinces posted higher sales in October. The largest increase was in Newfoundland and Labrador (+2.9%), while the smallest gains were reported in Quebec and New Brunswick (+0.5% each).

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

| | October 2012 | July 2013 ^r | August 2013 ^r | September 2013 ^r | October 2013 ^p | September to October 2013 | October 2012 to October 2013 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | thousands of dollars | | | | | change % | |
| Total, food services sales | 4,398,436 | 4,598,532 | 4,649,695 | 4,625,986 | 4,672,699 | 1.0 | 6.2 |
| Full-service restaurants | 1,887,502 | 2,002,682 | 2,022,147 | 1,997,475 | 2,005,157 | 0.4 | 6.2 |
| Limited-service eating places | 1,939,820 | 2,007,682 | 2,038,802 | 2,044,856 | 2,080,082 | 1.7 | 7.2 |
| Special food services | 373,181 | 393,773 | 391,809 | 389,832 | 394,064 | 1.1 | 5.6 |
| Drinking places | 197,933 | 194,396 | 196,937 | 193,823 | 193,396 | -0.2 | -2.3 |
| Provinces and territories | | | | | | | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 62,968 | 65,394 | 67,229 | 67,231 | 69,172 | 2.9 | 9.9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 15,687 | 16,398 | 16,542 | 16,502 | 16,710 | 1.3 | 6.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 110,502 | 112,997 | 112,543 | 112,828 | 113,584 | 0.7 | 2.8 |
| New Brunswick | 82,159 | 82,448 | 82,608 | 82,956 | 83,366 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| Quebec | 861,563 | 897,706 | 904,970 | 887,732 | 892,426 | 0.5 | 3.6 |
| Ontario | 1,693,977 | 1,752,326 | 1,774,256 | 1,760,569 | 1,783,278 | 1.3 | 5.3 |
| Manitoba | 124,282 | 136,509 | 137,069 | 136,004 | 137,256 | 0.9 | 10.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 137,491 | 144,650 | 145,796 | 146,332 | 148,665 | 1.6 | 8.1 |
| Alberta | 645,751 | 681,650 | 689,523 | 697,561 | 705,008 | 1.1 | 9.2 |
| British Columbia | 651,342 | 694,160 | 704,902 | 705,114 | 709,856 | 0.7 | 9.0 |
| Yukon | 5,070 | 5,211 | 5,389 | 5,292 | F | F | F |
| Northwest Territories | 6,369 | 7,433 | 6,920 | 6,698 | F | F | F |
| Nunavut | 1,276 | 1,649 | 1,947 | 1,165 | F | F | F |

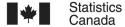
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Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends.

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.





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