

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

^r revised

^p preliminary

F too unreliable to be published

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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