

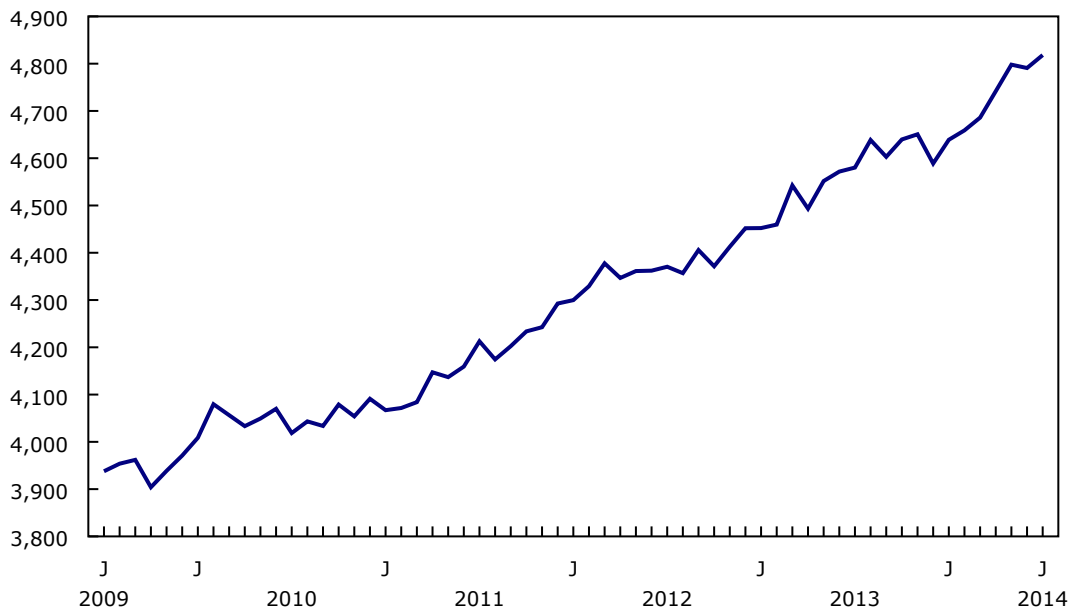
Food services and drinking places, July 2014

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Sales in the food services and drinking places industry increased for the sixth time in seven months in July, rising 0.6% to \$4.8 billion. Prices for food purchased from restaurants rose 2.1% in the 12 months to July, following a 2.3% increase in June.

Chart 1
Food services and drinking places sales increase in July

millions of dollars



Higher sales were reported in three of the four sectors in July, led by gains in the full-service restaurant sector (+1.1%). The limited-service restaurant sector posted an increase of 0.2%, offsetting June's decline. Sales in the drinking places sector were up 0.4%. Sales in the special food services sector, which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services, decreased 0.2%, the first decline since December 2013.

Sales were up in six provinces in July. Ontario (+0.9%) accounted for more than half of the national gain, led by increases in the limited-service and full-service restaurant sectors.

British Columbia's sales were up 1.0% on the strength of the full-service restaurant sector.

Sales growth in Manitoba (+1.3%), Saskatchewan (+1.1%), New Brunswick (+1.3%) and Nova Scotia (+0.8%) was largely driven by the limited-service restaurant sector.

Alberta reported a 0.3% decline in July, giving back some of June's gain.

Sales in Quebec were unchanged.



Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	July 2013	April 2014 ^r	May 2014 ^r	June 2014 ^r	July 2014 ^P	June to July 2014	July 2013 to July 2014
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	4,580,228	4,741,732	4,797,934	4,790,799	4,818,201	0.6	5.2
Full-service restaurants	1,987,482	2,038,119	2,076,329	2,075,176	2,097,757	1.1	5.5
Limited-service eating places	2,012,578	2,100,303	2,118,365	2,114,357	2,119,461	0.2	5.3
Special food services	388,532	407,537	408,682	409,417	408,437	-0.2	5.1
Drinking places	191,636	195,773	194,558	191,848	192,546	0.4	0.5
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	66,009	67,138	66,324	66,738	66,212	-0.8	0.3
Prince Edward Island	16,490	16,880	17,042	17,118	17,079	-0.2	3.6
Nova Scotia	112,237	114,014	116,294	118,228	119,187	0.8	6.2
New Brunswick	81,189	84,625	85,064	84,461	85,523	1.3	5.3
Quebec	880,986	879,383	894,343	892,010	891,856	0.0	1.2
Ontario	1,753,068	1,820,398	1,865,360	1,851,635	1,869,114	0.9	6.6
Manitoba	133,662	137,598	137,965	137,406	139,220	1.3	4.2
Saskatchewan	142,871	149,044	148,391	148,844	150,420	1.1	5.3
Alberta	690,237	727,933	724,389	731,596	729,587	-0.3	5.7
British Columbia	689,233	730,690	729,203	728,270	735,402	1.0	6.7
Yukon	5,278	5,702	5,721	5,636	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	7,293	7,126	6,671	7,675	F	F	F
Nunavut	1,676	1,201	1,169	1,182	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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