

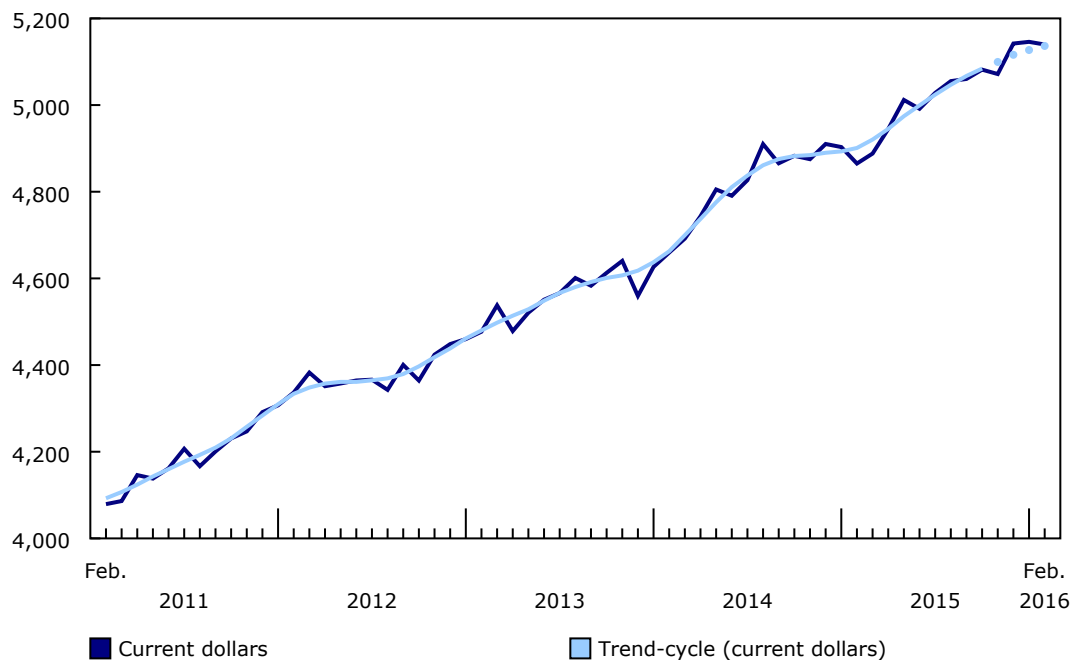
Food services and drinking places, February 2016

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Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector edged down 0.1% to \$5.1 billion in February. Prices for food purchased from restaurants rose 2.7% year over year in February, following a 2.5% increase the previous month.

Chart 1
Food services and drinking places sales edge down in February

millions of current dollars



Source(s): CANSIM table [355-0006](#).

Full-service restaurant industry sales decrease

Sales in the full-service restaurant industry decreased 0.6% in February, down for the second month in a row following December's sharp increase.

The special food services industry group, which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services, posted a 0.8% decrease in sales, the sixth consecutive decline.

Sales in the drinking places industry decreased 1.2%, down for the first time in four months.

Receipts at limited-service restaurants recorded their eighth consecutive monthly increase, rising 0.5% in February.

Lower sales in four provinces

Quebec (-0.8%) reported the largest sales decline in dollar terms, the first decrease in four months.



Sales were down 0.9% in British Columbia in February, following two consecutive monthly gains.

Alberta (-0.3%) reported lower sales for the fifth time in six months.

Ontario (+0.3%) accounted for the largest gain in dollar terms, offsetting the decline in January.

Sales in Nova Scotia rose 1.6%, the fourth increase in five months.

Receipts in Saskatchewan were up 0.7%, the third consecutive monthly gain.

Sales in Manitoba rose 0.7% in February, following a 1.5% decrease in January. This was the seventh increase in eight months.

Note to readers

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

For information on trend-cycle data, see the [StatCan Blog](#) and [Trend-cycle estimates – Frequently asked questions](#).

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	February 2015	November 2015 ^r	December 2015 ^r	January 2016 ^r	February 2016 ^p	January to February 2016	February 2015 to February 2016
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	4,865,090	5,071,648	5,141,992	5,145,946	5,139,740	-0.1	5.6
Full-service restaurants	2,090,536	2,173,763	2,235,533	2,220,073	2,207,092	-0.6	5.6
Limited-service eating places	2,181,967	2,289,998	2,297,914	2,320,853	2,333,251	0.5	6.9
Special food services	412,504	423,805	423,461	418,745	415,412	-0.8	0.7
Drinking places	180,082	184,082	185,083	186,276	183,985	-1.2	2.2
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	76,614	76,088	75,655	75,434	75,220	-0.3	-1.8
Prince Edward Island	17,673	18,539	18,874	18,582	19,210	3.4	8.7
Nova Scotia	116,619	124,902	125,086	125,047	126,999	1.6	8.9
New Brunswick	86,642	91,744	92,151	92,486	92,874	0.4	7.2
Quebec	872,010	912,758	922,889	931,092	923,213	-0.8	5.9
Ontario	1,867,164	1,997,844	2,027,067	2,020,870	2,027,187	0.3	8.6
Manitoba	142,773	148,293	151,556	149,262	150,289	0.7	5.3
Saskatchewan	152,578	154,383	156,150	156,169	157,330	0.7	3.1
Alberta	734,374	720,894	729,425	720,708	718,794	-0.3	-2.1
British Columbia	784,234	810,416	827,531	840,724	833,375	-0.9	6.3
Yukon	5,964	6,194	5,983	5,646	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	7,135	7,725	7,890	8,083	F	F	F
Nunavut	1,311	1,868	1,735	1,845	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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