

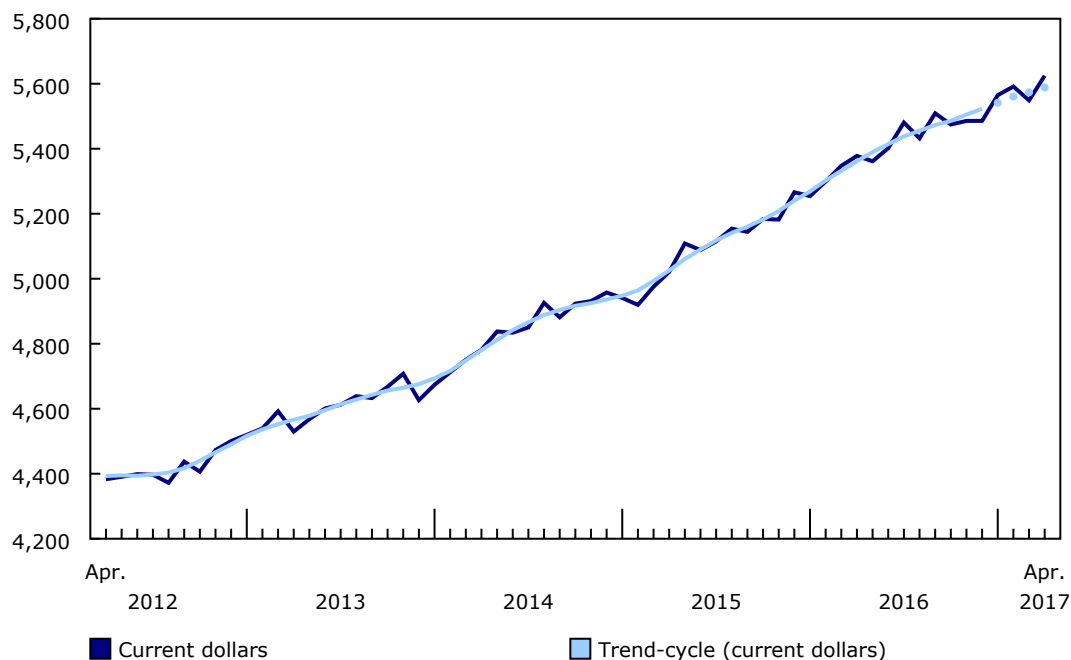
Food Services and Drinking Places, April 2017

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Following a 0.8% decline in March, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector rose 1.4% to \$5.6 billion in April, continuing an upward trend for 2017. Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.5% compared to April 2016, while prices for alcoholic beverages were up 1.8%. One factor that may have contributed to the gains was the strong tourism numbers. In April 2017, Canada saw a 2.9% increase in travellers from abroad.

Chart 1
Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector

millions of current dollars



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

Eight provinces posted increases, with Ontario contributing to over half of this growth. Receipts at full-service restaurants and limited-service eating places led the sales gains.

This is the first release of the Monthly Survey of Food Services and Drinking Places under a new format, where a data visualization product is replacing much of the monthly text. Please refer to the link in the "Note to readers" for access to this new product.



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Only once since 1930 has a province other than Ontario generated the highest revenue in the Canadian restaurant industry. In 1967, Quebec accounted for 35.4% of restaurant sales in Canada and Ontario accounted for 34.6%.



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Note to readers

A dashboard entitled [Food Services and Drinking Places Sales \(71-607-X\)](#) can now be consulted online. This web application provides access to data on the sales of food services and drinking places for Canada, provinces and territories. This dynamic application allows users to compare provincial and territorial data with interactive maps and charts.

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](#).

Data for the current reference month are preliminary. Usually, unadjusted data are revised for the two previous months, and seasonally adjusted data are revised for the three previous months.

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	April 2016	January 2017 ^r	February 2017 ^r	March 2017 ^r	April 2017 ^p	March to April 2017	April 2016 to April 2017
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	5,377,806	5,564,899	5,591,392	5,548,711	5,624,496	1.4	4.6
Full-service restaurants	2,327,691	2,407,961	2,423,990	2,421,667	2,458,200	1.5	5.6
Limited-service eating places	2,395,417	2,505,519	2,522,321	2,485,376	2,520,094	1.4	5.2
Special food services	450,627	448,633	445,608	441,906	443,495	0.4	-1.6
Drinking places	204,070	202,786	199,471	199,763	202,707	1.5	-0.7
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	72,598	73,665	72,890	74,210	76,061	2.5	4.8
Prince Edward Island	19,984	19,750	19,775	19,828	20,173	1.7	0.9
Nova Scotia	128,922	132,158	129,329	130,742	133,059	1.8	3.2
New Brunswick	95,953	99,231	100,047	99,366	99,695	0.3	3.9
Quebec	997,522	1,041,919	1,059,156	1,023,321	1,031,891	0.8	3.4
Ontario	2,125,330	2,201,970	2,230,758	2,210,738	2,253,641	1.9	6.0
Manitoba	160,215	167,679	169,581	170,575	170,557	-0.0	6.5
Saskatchewan	156,097	159,372	159,081	158,584	155,224	-2.1	-0.6
Alberta	743,576	751,293	747,305	745,167	755,737	1.4	1.6
British Columbia	862,976	902,706	888,273	900,444	911,168	1.2	5.6
Yukon	5,404	5,481	5,510	5,528	5,875	6.3	8.7
Northwest Territories	7,137	7,000	6,806	7,319	8,388	14.6	17.5
Nunavut	2,091	2,675	2,882	2,890	3,028	4.8	44.8

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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

Available in CANSIM: table [355-0006](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2419](#).

The dashboard entitled [Food Services and Drinking Places Sales \(71-607-X\)](#) is now available online.

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