

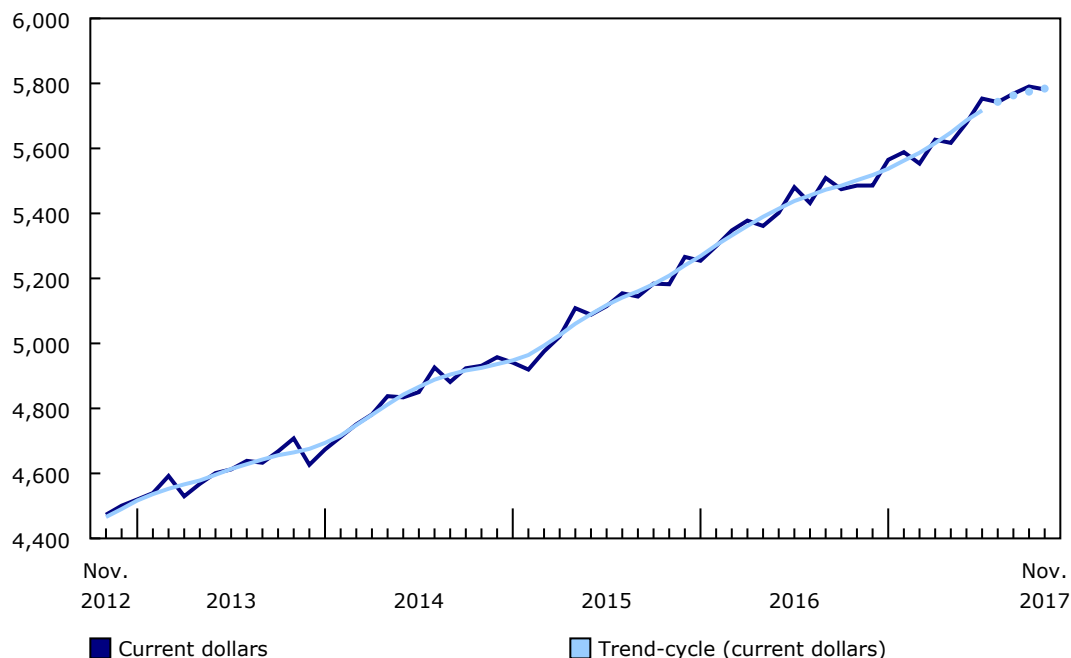
Food services and drinking places, November 2017

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Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector edged down 0.2% to \$5.8 billion in November. Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.9% in the 12 months to November and prices for alcoholic beverages rose 1.4% over the same period.

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



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

Following gains in October, receipts in November were down at both limited-service (-0.2%) and full-service (-0.4%) restaurants. Sales increased at special food services (+1.3%) and drinking places (+0.1%) in November.

Lower sales in British Columbia (-1.4%) and Alberta (-1.3%) were attributable to declines at full-service and limited-service restaurants. Higher sales were reported in Ontario (+0.4%) for the third consecutive month. Sales were also up in Quebec (+0.4%) and Nova Scotia (+1.4%).

To find out more, consult the dashboard entitled [Food Services and Drinking Places Sales](#). This web application provides access to data on the sales of food services and drinking places for Canada, the provinces and territories. This dynamic application allows users to compare provincial and territorial data with interactive maps and charts.

Sales at food services and drinking places continue their upward trend

The figures in this section are based on unadjusted (that is, not seasonally adjusted) estimates.



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Despite the slight decrease in November receipts, year-over-year sales remained strong in the food services and drinking places subsector, increasing 5.8% in November compared with November 2016. Sales were up in every subsector: full-service restaurants (+6.1%), limited-service restaurants (+5.6%), special food services (+5.8%) and drinking places (+5.3%). Sales were up in every province except Manitoba (-0.9%) and Saskatchewan (-2.5%). The largest increases were in Ontario (+6.4%), Quebec (+9.2%), British Columbia (+8.0%) and Alberta (+1.1%).

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars unless otherwise noted. 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

	November 2016	August 2017 ^r	September 2017 ^r	October 2017 ^r	November 2017 ^p	October to November 2017	November 2016 to November 2017
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	5,485,636	5,742,502	5,768,330	5,790,449	5,781,477	-0.2	5.4
Full-service restaurants	2,377,647	2,515,911	2,526,825	2,527,485	2,516,501	-0.4	5.8
Limited-service eating places	2,471,337	2,563,266	2,570,385	2,599,796	2,595,679	-0.2	5.0
Special food services	436,532	463,905	465,788	456,656	462,611	1.3	6.0
Drinking places	200,120	199,420	205,332	206,512	206,685	0.1	3.3
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	72,213	75,521	74,496	74,672	74,349	-0.4	3.0
Prince Edward Island	19,613	21,349	22,098	21,910	21,651	-1.2	10.4
Nova Scotia	131,117	136,780	138,836	135,461	137,301	1.4	4.7
New Brunswick	97,449	100,264	99,367	100,429	100,555	0.1	3.2
Quebec	1,015,358	1,094,775	1,093,268	1,098,512	1,103,363	0.4	8.7
Ontario	2,167,256	2,244,222	2,262,998	2,278,010	2,287,175	0.4	5.5
Manitoba	167,847	170,633	167,736	167,328	166,553	-0.5	-0.8
Saskatchewan	159,989	154,345	154,619	155,703	155,254	-0.3	-3.0
Alberta	751,501	773,349	774,105	769,312	759,414	-1.3	1.1
British Columbia	887,899	953,682	963,235	972,655	959,086	-1.4	8.0
Yukon	5,711	6,738	6,581	5,665	6,057	6.9	6.1
Northwest Territories	6,994	8,620	8,962	8,707	8,692	-0.2	24.3
Nunavut	2,688	2,223	2,028	2,084	2,028	-2.7	-24.6

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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