

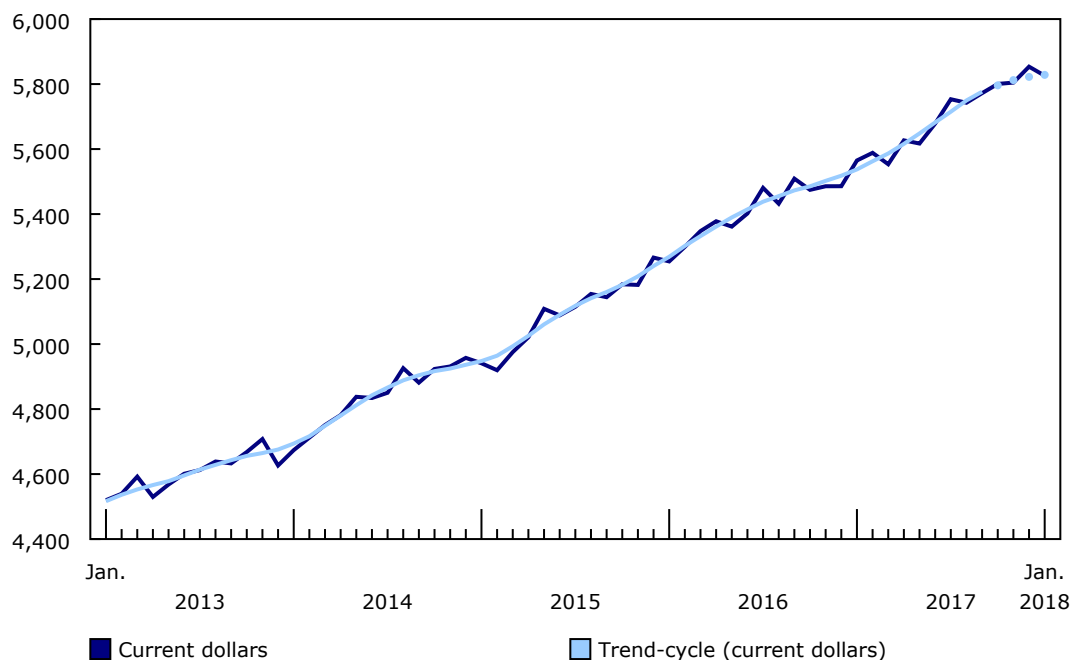
Food services and drinking places, January 2018

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Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector were down 0.5% to \$5.8 billion in January. Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 3.7% in January while prices for alcoholic beverages rose 1.4%.

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



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

The decline in January was entirely attributable to lower sales at full-service restaurants (-1.9%). Sales were up at limited-service restaurants (+0.4%), special food services (+2.2%) and drinking places (+0.1%).

Sales were down in six provinces in January, led by Alberta (-2.2%) and Quebec (-1.3%). British Columbia (-0.4%), New Brunswick (-1.8%) and Saskatchewan (-0.9%) also reported lower sales. Sales in Ontario (+0.3%) and Manitoba (+2.6%) increased in January.

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 in food services and drinking places subsector increase year over year

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

Unadjusted year-over-year sales increased 4.9% in the food services and drinking places subsector in January.



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Year over year, sales increased in full-service restaurants (+4.6%), limited service restaurants (+5.6%) and special food services (+4.1%). Conversely, receipts in drinking places edged down 0.2%.

Sales increased in most provinces, with the largest gains in dollar terms in Ontario (+5.5%), British Columbia (+7.8%) and Quebec (+4.4%).

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

	January 2017	October 2017 ^r	November 2017 ^r	December 2017 ^r	January 2018 ^p	December 2017 to January 2018	January 2017 to January 2018
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	5,564,899	5,800,447	5,804,543	5,853,515	5,825,849	-0.5	4.7
Full-service restaurants	2,407,961	2,534,144	2,533,781	2,575,397	2,525,838	-1.9	4.9
Limited-service eating places	2,505,519	2,602,405	2,597,216	2,610,263	2,621,629	0.4	4.6
Special food services	448,633	457,996	467,405	467,153	477,523	2.2	6.4
Drinking places	202,786	205,902	206,141	200,702	200,859	0.1	-1.0
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	73,665	74,871	74,157	75,121	74,863	-0.3	1.6
Prince Edward Island	19,750	21,703	21,177	21,282	21,347	0.3	8.1
Nova Scotia	132,158	135,284	138,048	137,262	138,090	0.6	4.5
New Brunswick	99,231	100,952	101,537	102,527	100,706	-1.8	1.5
Quebec	1,041,919	1,098,040	1,102,161	1,100,036	1,085,666	-1.3	4.2
Ontario	2,201,970	2,282,574	2,299,648	2,311,975	2,318,046	0.3	5.3
Manitoba	167,679	167,649	167,639	167,789	172,157	2.6	2.7
Saskatchewan	159,372	155,748	155,175	156,425	155,009	-0.9	-2.7
Alberta	751,293	770,588	767,345	787,792	770,850	-2.2	2.6
British Columbia	902,706	976,710	960,769	975,980	972,250	-0.4	7.7
Yukon	5,481	5,507	6,120	6,216	6,109	-1.7	11.5
Northwest Territories	7,000	8,697	8,707	8,822	8,349	-5.4	19.3
Nunavut	2,675	2,124	2,060	2,287	2,408	5.3	-10.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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

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