

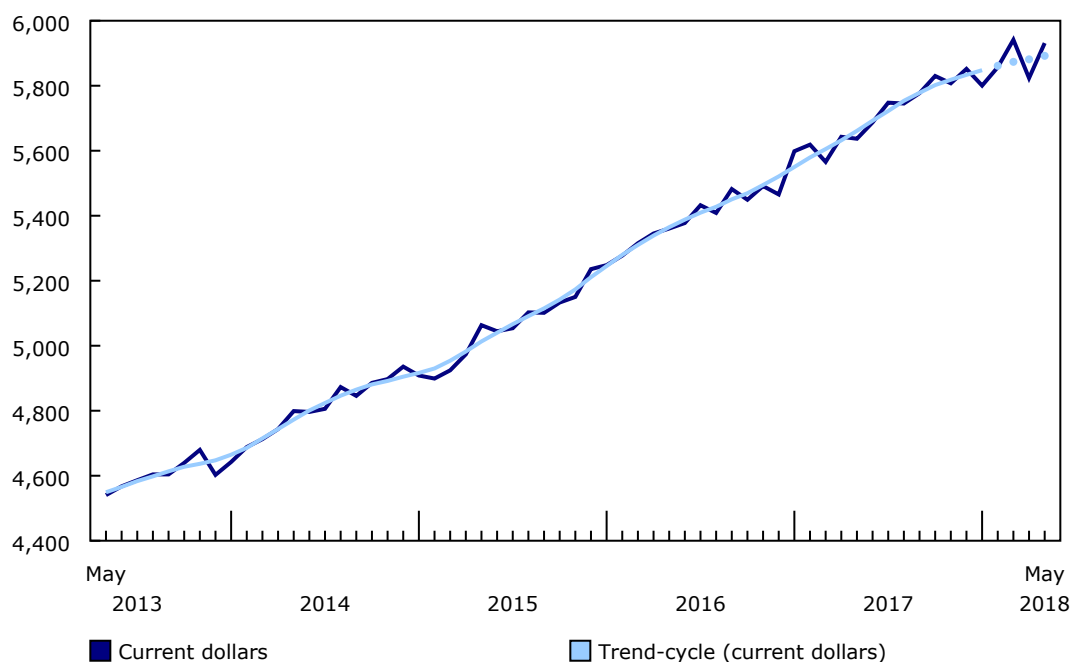
Food services and drinking places, May 2018

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Following a decrease in April, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector were up 1.9% to \$5.9 billion in May. Higher sales at limited-service restaurants (+2.4%) and full-service restaurants (+1.8%) accounted for all of the increase. Slight decreases were reported in the special food services industry group (-0.1%) and drinking places (-0.2%).

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



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Following decreases in the previous month, sales bounced back in most of the provinces, with the largest increases being in Ontario (+2.0%), Quebec (+2.4%) and British Columbia (+2.4%). The only decreases were in Nova Scotia (-1.4%) and Prince Edward Island (-0.6%).

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 in May

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



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Unadjusted year-over-year sales were up in the food services and drinking places subsector, increasing 5.7% in May compared with May 2017. Sales in each of the following industry groups increased: full-service restaurants (+6.5%), limited service restaurants (+5.8%), drinking places (+5.2%) and special food services (+1.1%). Sales increased in nine provinces, with the largest gains in dollar terms being in Ontario (+7.2%), Quebec (+6.0%) and British Columbia (+7.3%).

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 4.5% in May compared with May 2017 and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments were up 2.5% in the same period.

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

	May 2017	February 2018 ^r	March 2018 ^r	April 2018 ^r	May 2018 ^p	April to May 2018	May 2017 to May 2018
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	5,636,856	5,856,893	5,941,411	5,823,478	5,931,214	1.9	5.2
Full-service restaurants	2,474,499	2,597,778	2,630,885	2,573,643	2,620,980	1.8	5.9
Limited-service eating places	2,499,540	2,607,136	2,652,530	2,577,638	2,639,112	2.4	5.6
Special food services	460,468	450,118	452,736	462,922	462,276	-0.1	0.4
Drinking places	202,350	201,861	205,260	209,275	208,846	-0.2	3.2
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	71,325	71,126	71,835	70,010	72,150	3.1	1.2
Prince Edward Island	21,140	22,423	22,282	22,324	22,186	-0.6	4.9
Nova Scotia	129,852	138,420	139,166	140,505	138,488	-1.4	6.7
New Brunswick	96,271	100,075	100,662	98,284	101,615	3.4	5.6
Quebec	1,051,268	1,096,309	1,108,780	1,081,676	1,108,014	2.4	5.4
Ontario	2,218,974	2,340,553	2,381,370	2,318,312	2,363,735	2.0	6.5
Manitoba	167,685	169,914	171,962	171,324	174,091	1.6	3.8
Saskatchewan	156,718	158,783	158,855	160,526	162,471	1.2	3.7
Alberta	772,182	756,901	773,930	768,344	772,735	0.6	0.1
British Columbia	934,294	985,733	994,245	975,467	998,520	2.4	6.9
Yukon	6,315	5,842	6,109	6,068	6,460	6.5	2.3
Northwest Territories	8,232	8,617	9,872	8,439	8,572	1.6	4.1
Nunavut	2,599	2,196	2,344	2,199	2,177	-1.0	-16.2

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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