

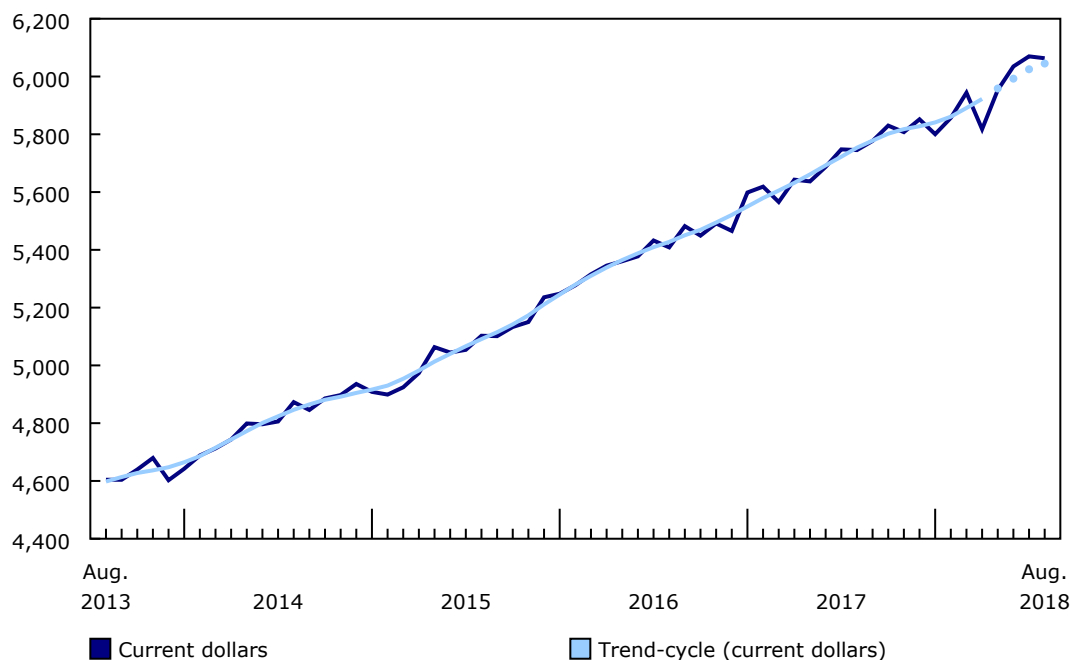
Food services and drinking places, August 2018

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Following three months of strong gains, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector edged down 0.1% to \$6.1 billion in August. The decline was mainly attributable to lower spending in drinking places (-2.1%) and special food services (-0.3%), as receipts were unchanged at full-service restaurants and limited-service restaurants.

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



Source(s): Monthly Survey of Food Services and Drinking Places (2419).

Sales were down in six provinces in August, with the largest declines in Quebec (-1.4%), Alberta (-0.8%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-3.1%) and Manitoba (-1.3%). Sales were up in four provinces, led by Ontario (+0.4%), British Columbia (+0.8%) and Saskatchewan (+1.5%).

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 through interactive maps and charts.

Sales in the 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.

In the food services and drinking places subsector, unadjusted sales were up 6.4% year over year in August. Sales increased at full-service restaurants (+7.1%), limited-service restaurants (+5.6%), special food services (+8.0%) and drinking places (+2.7%). Sales were up in every province, with the largest dollar gains in Ontario (+7.1%), British Columbia (+9.4%) and Quebec (+5.4%).

Prices for food purchased from restaurants rose 4.5% year over year in August, while prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 3.1%.

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.

July 2018 data will soon be available in table 21-10-0019-01.

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	August 2017	May 2018 ^r	June 2018 ^r	July 2018 ^r	August 2018 ^p	July to August 2018	August 2017 to August 2018
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	5,745,272	5,953,262	6,034,771	6,069,709	6,063,218	-0.1	5.5
Full-service restaurants	2,533,216	2,630,748	2,684,930	2,683,229	2,682,049	-0.0	5.9
Limited-service eating places	2,555,635	2,643,453	2,662,949	2,687,793	2,688,402	0.0	5.2
Special food services	452,786	467,903	477,594	487,925	486,345	-0.3	7.4
Drinking places	203,634	211,159	209,297	210,762	206,423	-2.1	1.4
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	72,039	72,270	73,010	74,511	72,193	-3.1	0.2
Prince Edward Island	22,153	22,504	22,884	23,253	23,002	-1.1	3.8
Nova Scotia	134,868	138,357	139,477	142,890	142,309	-0.4	5.5
New Brunswick	100,118	101,514	100,684	103,521	103,670	0.1	3.5
Quebec	1,083,552	1,112,605	1,121,351	1,145,723	1,129,918	-1.4	4.3
Ontario	2,260,726	2,365,837	2,418,446	2,401,331	2,411,443	0.4	6.7
Manitoba	171,345	174,479	173,985	178,598	176,283	-1.3	2.9
Saskatchewan	157,951	162,196	159,409	159,321	161,727	1.5	2.4
Alberta	777,503	779,953	794,243	803,484	796,906	-0.8	2.5
British Columbia	948,007	1,005,665	1,013,394	1,019,104	1,027,399	0.8	8.4
Yukon	6,277	6,341	6,655	6,739	6,684	-0.8	6.5
Northwest Territories	8,526	8,719	8,667	8,766	9,150	4.4	7.3
Nunavut	2,205	2,821	2,568	2,467	2,534	2.7	14.9

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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Available tables: table [21-10-0019-01](#).

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

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