

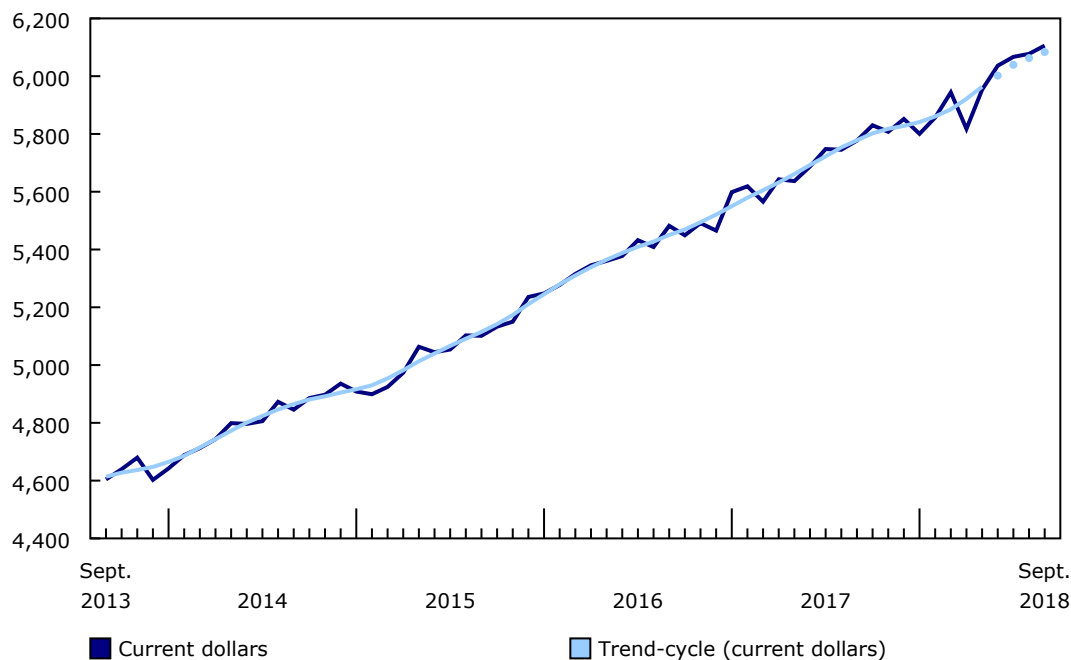
# Food services and drinking places, September 2018

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector were up 0.5% to \$6.1 billion, in September. Higher receipts were reported at limited-service restaurants (+0.5%), special food services (+2.3%) and full-service restaurants (+0.2%). Sales at drinking places were down 0.9%.

**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 up in eight provinces in September, led by Ontario (+0.5%), British Columbia (+0.6%), Quebec (+0.6%) and Nova Scotia (+1.4%). Sales were down in Manitoba (-0.4%) and New Brunswick (-0.1%).

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 and by province and territory. This dynamic application allows users to compare provincial and territorial data through interactive maps and charts.

## Sales in food services and drinking places subsector increase in the third quarter

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

Unadjusted sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased 5.6% year over year in the third quarter. Sales increased at full-service restaurants (+5.7%), limited-service restaurants (+5.5%), special food services (+8.0%) and drinking places (+0.5%).



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Sales were up in every province in the third quarter, with the largest gains in dollar terms in Ontario (+5.9%), British Columbia (+8.0%) and Quebec (+6.0%).

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### 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**

	September 2017	June 2018 <sup>r</sup>	July 2018 <sup>r</sup>	August 2018 <sup>r</sup>	September 2018 <sup>p</sup>	August to September 2018	September 2017 to September 2018
	thousands of dollars					% change	
<b>Total, food services sales</b>	<b>5,776,964</b>	<b>6,036,279</b>	<b>6,066,802</b>	<b>6,077,322</b>	<b>6,105,779</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>
Full-service restaurants	2,550,876	2,684,306	2,682,016	2,683,792	2,688,289	0.2	5.4
Limited-service eating places	2,564,310	2,663,193	2,684,520	2,694,425	2,708,901	0.5	5.6
Special food services	452,906	479,530	489,815	491,319	502,618	2.3	11.0
Drinking places	208,873	209,250	210,451	207,787	205,970	-0.9	-1.4
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	72,152	72,931	73,915	71,788	72,075	0.4	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	22,472	22,990	23,436	23,324	23,691	1.6	5.4
Nova Scotia	135,614	139,793	143,578	143,278	145,317	1.4	7.2
New Brunswick	99,163	100,746	103,669	103,919	103,767	-0.1	4.6
Quebec	1,082,657	1,122,633	1,147,777	1,140,782	1,148,039	0.6	6.0
Ontario	2,284,598	2,418,334	2,397,869	2,411,849	2,422,989	0.5	6.1
Manitoba	169,260	173,985	178,624	175,997	175,266	-0.4	3.5
Saskatchewan	157,764	159,337	158,170	161,337	162,097	0.5	2.7
Alberta	779,418	793,714	802,676	795,009	796,127	0.1	2.1
British Columbia	957,116	1,013,924	1,019,060	1,031,704	1,038,023	0.6	8.5
Yukon	5,974	6,653	6,693	6,801	6,743	-0.9	12.9
Northwest Territories	8,801	8,657	8,910	9,001	8,730	-3.0	-0.8
Nunavut	1,977	2,581	2,426	2,531	2,916	15.2	47.5

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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

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

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