

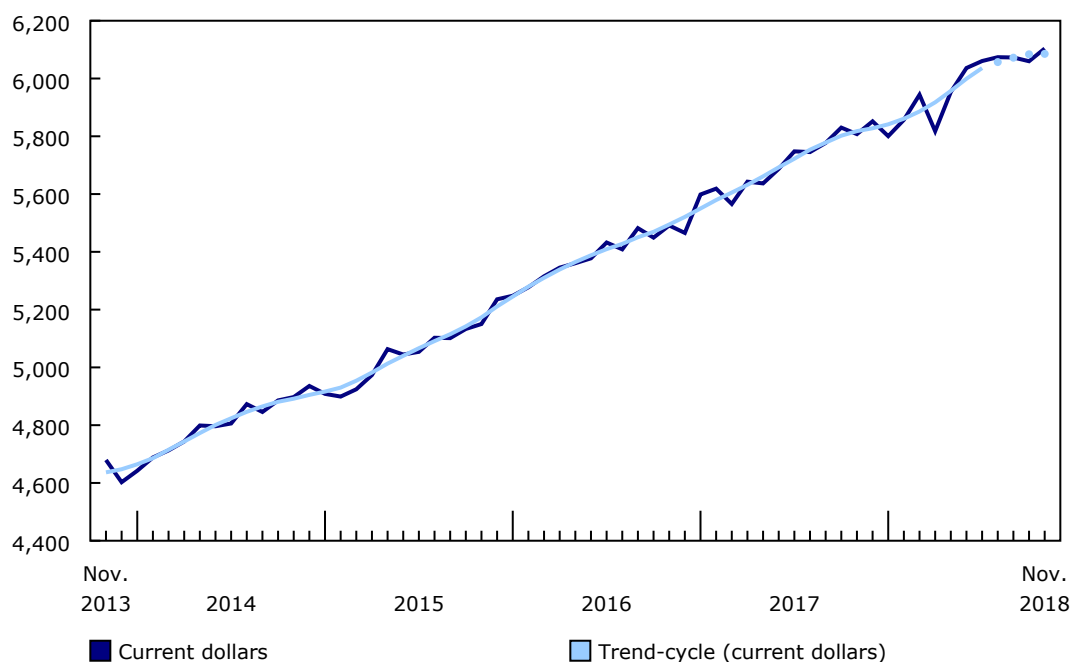
# Food services and drinking places, November 2018

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased 0.7% to \$6.1 billion in November. Higher sales at full-service restaurants (+1.6%) and special food services (+1.3%) more than offset the declines in October. Sales at drinking places were up 0.5% in November, while sales at limited-service restaurants edged down 0.2%.

**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 seven provinces in November, with the largest increases in Ontario (+1.2%), British Columbia (+1.0%) and Quebec (+0.7%). Nova Scotia (-2.7%), Alberta (-0.2%) and Prince Edward Island (-3.0%) were the only provinces reporting declines.

Further information can be found in 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 November

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



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Unadjusted sales in the food services and drinking places subsector rose 5.6% year over year in November. Sales rose at full-service restaurants (+6.2%), limited-service restaurants (+4.6%), special food services (+8.6%) and drinking places (+4.4%). Sales were up in every province, with the largest increases in Ontario (+5.4%), British Columbia (+9.4%) and Quebec (+6.0%).

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 4.1% in November compared with November 2017, while prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments rose 3.4%.

### 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**

	November 2017	August 2018 <sup>r</sup>	September 2018 <sup>r</sup>	October 2018 <sup>r</sup>	November 2018 <sup>p</sup>	October to November 2018	November 2017 to November 2018
	thousands of dollars					% change	
<b>Total, food services sales</b>	<b>5,807,480</b>	<b>6,073,770</b>	<b>6,072,794</b>	<b>6,059,821</b>	<b>6,103,740</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Full-service restaurants	2,567,672	2,682,993	2,683,496	2,657,721	2,699,889	1.6	5.1
Limited-service eating places	2,589,849	2,698,929	2,701,433	2,714,144	2,708,796	-0.2	4.6
Special food services	445,638	485,998	485,015	479,950	486,020	1.3	9.1
Drinking places	204,320	205,851	202,851	208,006	209,034	0.5	2.3
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	70,119	71,801	71,446	71,857	72,039	0.3	2.7
Prince Edward Island	21,429	23,301	23,448	23,394	22,682	-3.0	5.8
Nova Scotia	136,030	143,431	144,601	144,505	140,624	-2.7	3.4
New Brunswick	100,295	103,536	102,426	102,333	103,460	1.1	3.2
Quebec	1,094,222	1,143,172	1,140,452	1,142,812	1,150,479	0.7	5.1
Ontario	2,310,074	2,410,981	2,408,851	2,396,500	2,424,382	1.2	4.9
Manitoba	170,972	175,573	173,890	171,426	173,853	1.4	1.7
Saskatchewan	157,551	160,898	161,300	158,506	158,955	0.3	0.9
Alberta	766,844	793,046	794,311	791,229	789,337	-0.2	2.9
British Columbia	963,070	1,029,871	1,033,571	1,039,525	1,049,529	1.0	9.0
Yukon	6,001	6,781	6,799	6,512	6,786	4.2	13.1
Northwest Territories	8,703	8,849	8,742	7,952	8,210	3.2	-5.7
Nunavut	2,169	2,529	2,956	3,269	3,404	4.1	56.9

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

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