

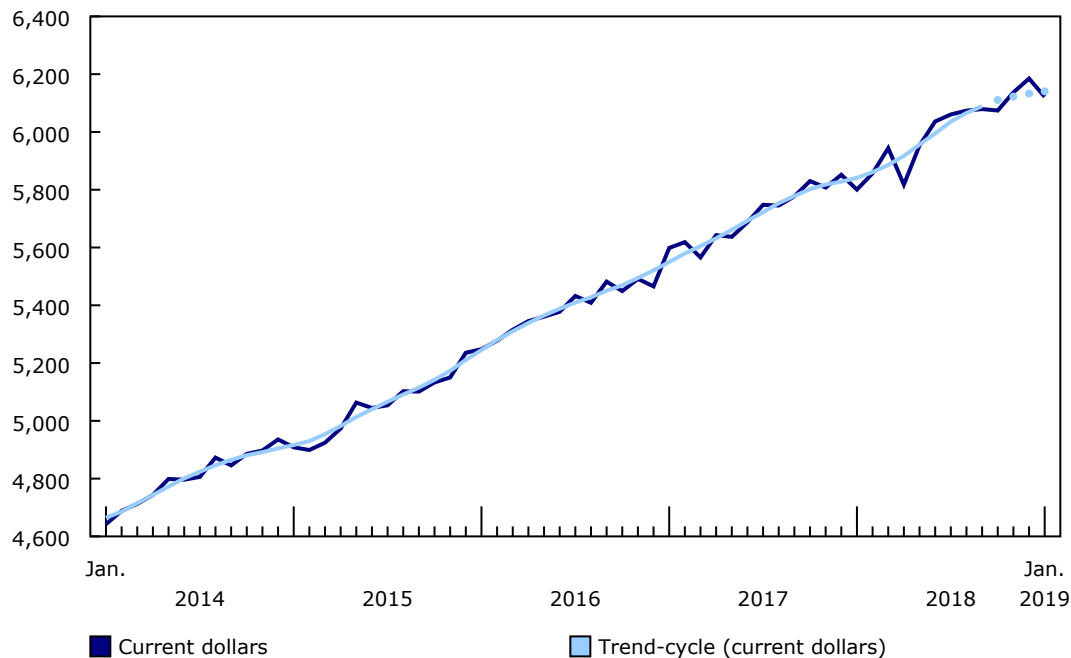
Food services and drinking places, January 2019

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector decreased 1.0% to \$6.1 billion in January. Sales were down at full-service restaurants (-2.1%), limited-service restaurants (-0.5%) and drinking places (-1.2%). Sales increased at special food services (+2.1%).

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 eight provinces in January. The largest decreases in dollar terms were in Quebec (-2.5%), Alberta (-1.6%) and British Columbia (-1.2%). The largest increase was in Manitoba (+1.2%), following a decrease in December 2018.

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.

Strong sales in food services and drinking places subsector to start 2019

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

Unadjusted year-over-year sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased 5.2% in January. Sales in each of the following industry groups increased: limited-service restaurants (+5.0%), full-service restaurants (+4.8%), special food services (+7.2%) and drinking places (+8.8%). Sales were up in every province and territory, with the largest gains in dollar terms in Ontario (+6.1%), British Columbia (+6.5%) and Quebec (+5.2%).

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 3.5% year over year in January, while prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments rose 3.3%.

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 2018	October 2018 ^r	November 2018 ^r	December 2018 ^r	January 2019 ^p	December 2018 to January 2019	January 2018 to January 2019
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	5,800,398	6,074,224	6,136,943	6,184,903	6,121,570	-1.0	5.5
Full-service restaurants	2,543,228	2,666,011	2,715,364	2,745,405	2,687,324	-2.1	5.7
Limited-service eating places	2,604,425	2,713,387	2,716,718	2,742,475	2,729,666	-0.5	4.8
Special food services	455,067	485,586	491,845	480,359	490,516	2.1	7.8
Drinking places	197,678	209,240	213,016	216,664	214,064	-1.2	8.3
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	69,662	71,844	71,504	72,817	73,059	0.3	4.9
Prince Edward Island	21,816	23,437	22,388	22,985	22,961	-0.1	5.2
Nova Scotia	135,223	144,652	142,499	143,565	143,023	-0.4	5.8
New Brunswick	97,556	102,336	103,567	104,641	102,795	-1.8	5.4
Quebec	1,074,844	1,142,670	1,151,755	1,168,073	1,139,147	-2.5	6.0
Ontario	2,318,182	2,399,262	2,428,648	2,455,440	2,447,726	-0.3	5.6
Manitoba	169,929	172,990	175,314	173,937	175,961	1.2	3.5
Saskatchewan	156,922	158,598	160,797	160,797	160,075	-0.4	2.0
Alberta	769,339	797,524	801,653	806,514	793,429	-1.6	3.1
British Columbia	970,350	1,042,008	1,059,311	1,056,791	1,044,000	-1.2	7.6
Yukon	5,966	6,506	6,680	6,427	6,454	0.4	8.2
Northwest Territories	8,226	9,123	9,399	9,263	9,339	0.8	13.5
Nunavut	2,383	3,275	3,428	3,652	3,599	-1.5	51.0

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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