

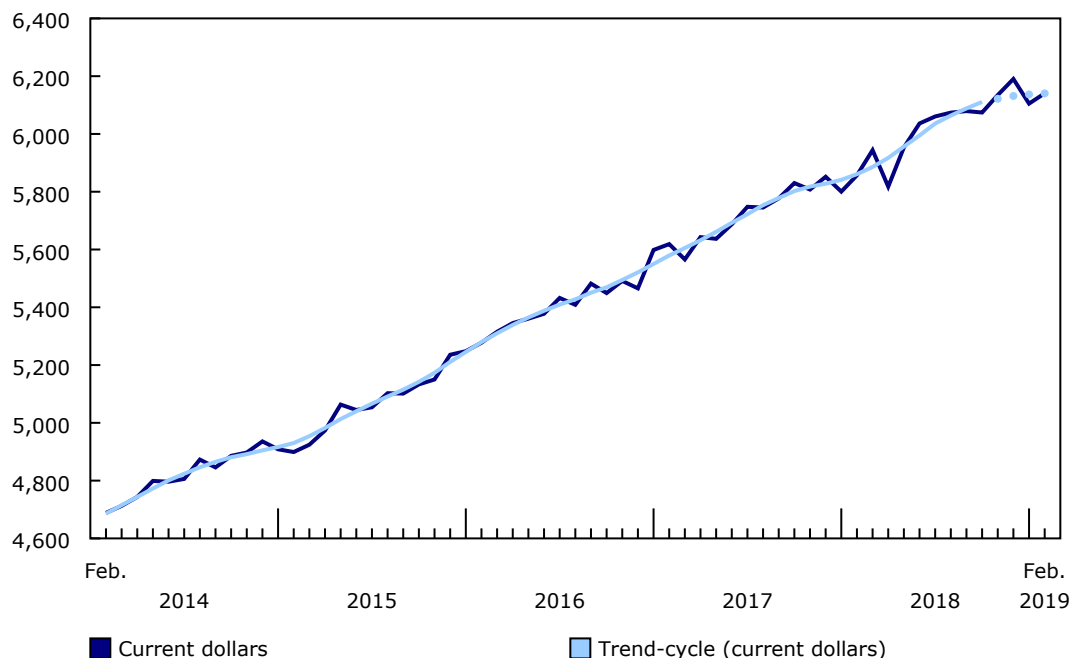
Food services and drinking places, February 2019

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased 0.6% to \$6.1 billion in February. Higher sales were reported in full-service restaurants (+1.7%) and special food services (+2.3%), whereas limited-service restaurants (-0.6%) and drinking places (-1.7%) were down.

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



Source(s): Tables [21-10-0019-01](#) and [21-10-0173-01](#).

Higher sales were reported in half of the provinces, with the largest increases in dollar terms being in Ontario (+1.1%) and Quebec (+2.0%). Alberta (-1.6%) posted the largest decrease.

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 up in February 2019

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



Unadjusted year-over-year sales were up in the food services and drinking places subsector, increasing 4.3% in February 2019. Sales in each of the following industry groups increased: full-service restaurants (+4.8%), limited service restaurants (+3.0%), special food services (+9.0%) and drinking places (+3.7%). Sales increased in all of the provinces and territories with the largest gains in dollar terms being in Ontario (+5.3%), Quebec (+6.3%) and British Columbia (+3.5%).

Year over year, prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.7% and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments were up 2.2% 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

	February 2018	November 2018 ^r	December 2018 ^r	January 2019 ^r	February 2019 ^p	January to February 2019	February 2018 to February 2019
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	5,856,893	6,134,631	6,190,346	6,105,004	6,140,670	0.6	4.8
Full-service restaurants	2,597,778	2,716,057	2,749,426	2,684,494	2,729,760	1.7	5.1
Limited-service eating places	2,607,136	2,713,320	2,735,383	2,723,110	2,706,161	-0.6	3.8
Special food services	450,118	492,096	486,071	481,867	492,887	2.3	9.5
Drinking places	201,861	213,158	219,465	215,534	211,864	-1.7	5.0
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	71,126	71,724	73,187	74,803	75,103	0.4	5.6
Prince Edward Island	22,423	22,418	23,060	23,060	23,765	3.1	6.0
Nova Scotia	138,420	142,465	143,734	143,523	142,389	-0.8	2.9
New Brunswick	100,075	103,711	105,630	103,765	103,679	-0.1	3.6
Quebec	1,096,309	1,152,579	1,168,820	1,143,706	1,166,133	2.0	6.4
Ontario	2,340,553	2,429,641	2,468,362	2,440,065	2,468,093	1.1	5.4
Manitoba	169,914	175,367	173,987	175,522	178,439	1.7	5.0
Saskatchewan	158,783	160,932	161,219	162,506	160,854	-1.0	1.3
Alberta	756,901	799,108	800,432	781,852	769,022	-1.6	1.6
British Columbia	985,733	1,057,246	1,053,023	1,037,299	1,035,475	-0.2	5.0
Yukon	5,842	6,668	6,372	6,364	5,782	-9.1	-1.0
Northwest Territories	8,617	9,403	8,951	9,058	9,167	1.2	6.4
Nunavut	2,196	3,372	3,568	3,482	2,770	-20.4	26.1

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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