

Food services and drinking places, October 2019

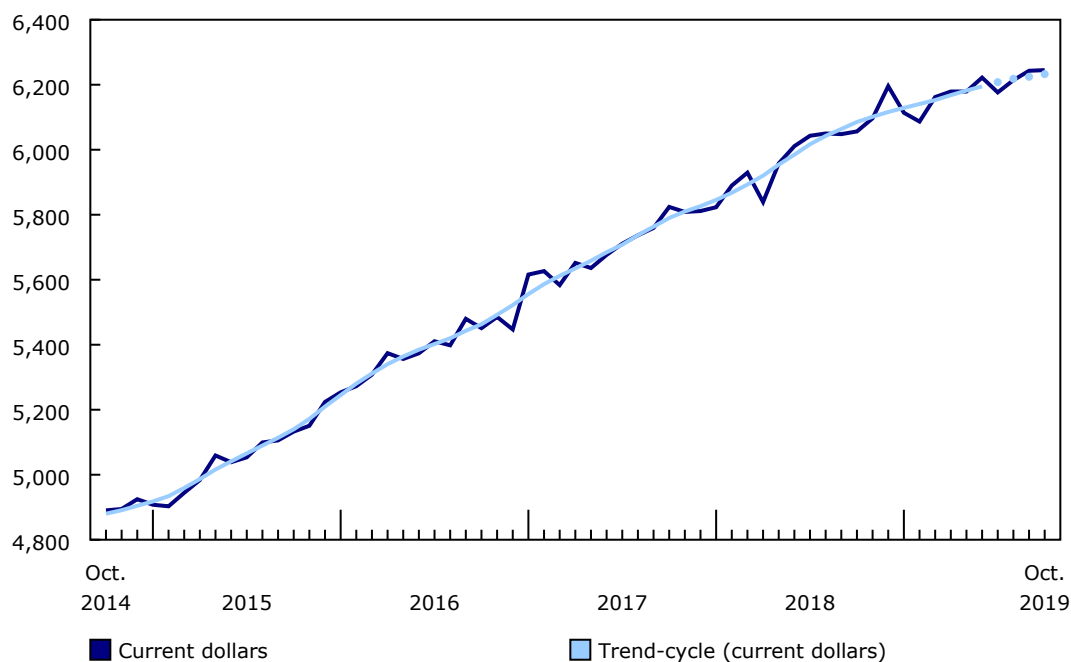
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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector remained stable at \$6.2 billion in October. Lower sales were reported in full-service restaurants (-0.3%) and drinking places (-0.1%), whereas sales in special food services increased 2.0%. Sales at limited-service restaurants remained unchanged.

Half of the provinces reported increased sales, with the greatest contributors to the increase being Quebec (+0.8%) and Ontario (+0.2%). The greatest contributors to the decline were British Columbia (-0.5%) and Alberta (-0.5%). Manitoba (-1.0%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-2.0%) and Nova Scotia (-0.8%) also posted sizeable decreases.

Chart 1
Sales at food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



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Further information can be found in the dashboard "[Food Services and Drinking Places Sales](#)." This web application provides access to data on sales in 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.

Year-over-year sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increase

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

Unadjusted sales for October 2019 were up 3.5% in the food services and drinking places subsector compared with the same month in 2018. Sales increased in each of the following industry groups: limited service restaurants (+3.6%), full-service restaurants (+3.8%) and special food services (+3.0%). Sales at drinking places declined 1.1%.



Year-over-year sales increased in nine provinces, with Ontario (+3.0%) and Quebec (+6.0%) contributing two-thirds of the total national increase. Alberta (+3.5%) and British Columbia (+2.0%) were the next-largest contributors to the national total. Saskatchewan (-0.4%) posted the only decline in October compared with the previous year.

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.7% in October 2019 compared with October 2018 and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 1.0% 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 previous two months, and seasonally adjusted data are revised for the previous three months.

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2018	July 2019 ^r	August 2019 ^r	September 2019 ^r	October 2019 ^p	September to October 2019	October 2018 to October 2019
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	6,056,323	6,176,430	6,214,035	6,242,875	6,245,041	0.0	3.1
Full-service restaurants	2,668,255	2,741,752	2,756,020	2,773,130	2,764,917	-0.3	3.6
Limited-service eating places	2,700,439	2,744,967	2,762,199	2,781,402	2,782,170	0.0	3.0
Special food services	479,162	487,407	493,976	485,381	495,168	2.0	3.3
Drinking places	208,467	202,304	201,840	202,962	202,787	-0.1	-2.7
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	71,025	73,740	73,692	74,550	73,074	-2.0	2.9
Prince Edward Island	22,987	25,119	24,601	24,405	24,692	1.2	7.4
Nova Scotia	138,466	145,178	146,198	148,298	147,156	-0.8	6.3
New Brunswick	102,784	107,221	106,372	106,210	106,484	0.3	3.6
Quebec	1,152,782	1,171,266	1,192,278	1,200,751	1,209,894	0.8	5.0
Ontario	2,411,443	2,467,760	2,480,010	2,468,901	2,473,066	0.2	2.6
Manitoba	174,221	180,126	179,689	182,043	180,251	-1.0	3.5
Saskatchewan	159,567	159,442	160,878	158,199	159,576	0.9	0.0
Alberta	778,560	799,832	804,761	811,656	807,699	-0.5	3.7
British Columbia	1,031,079	1,032,723	1,030,908	1,053,580	1,048,716	-0.5	1.7
Yukon	5,467	6,262	6,482	6,226	6,622	6.4	21.1
Northwest Territories	6,465	6,310	6,673	6,627	6,346	-4.2	-1.8
Nunavut	1,477	1,451	1,492	1,429	1,465	2.5	-0.8

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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