

# Food services and drinking places, November 2019

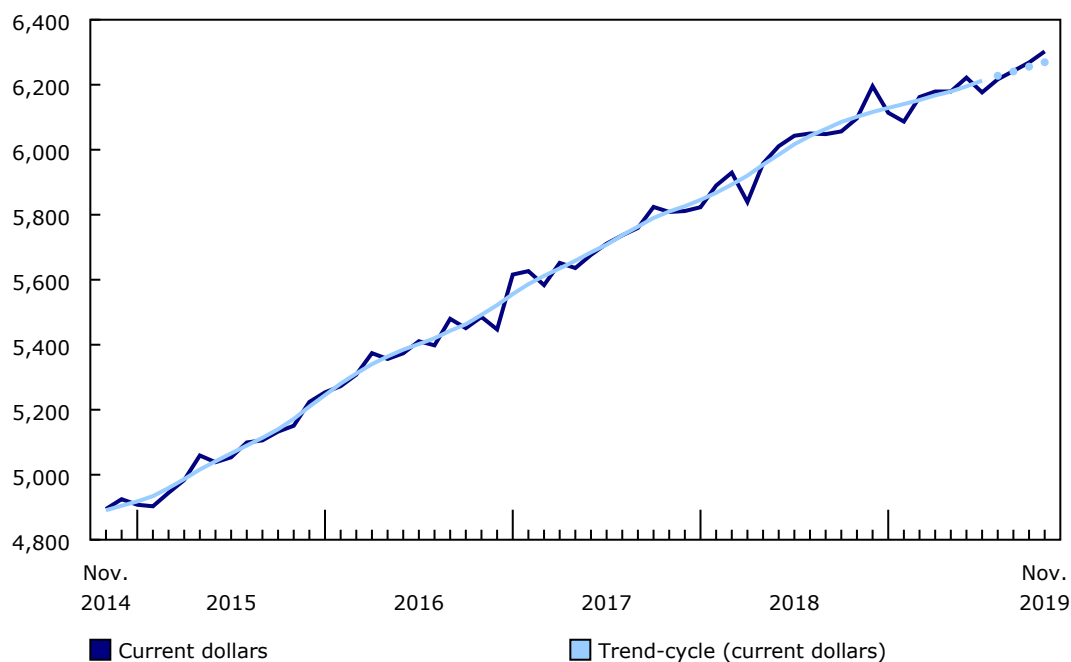
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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector rose 0.5% to \$6.3 billion in November. Higher sales were reported in all of the following industry groups: full-service restaurants (+0.9%), limited-service restaurants (+0.1%), special food services (+0.7%) and drinking places (+0.9%).

Eight provinces reported higher sales, with the greatest contributors to the increase being Ontario (+0.7%), Quebec (+1.0%) and British Columbia (+0.6%). Lower receipts were reported in Saskatchewan (-1.9%) in November, negating all gains from October. Manitoba (-1.6%) reported declining sales for the second month in a row.

**Chart 1**  
**Sales in 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.

## Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increase year over year

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



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Compared with November 2018, unadjusted sales for November 2019 were up 4.2% in the food services and drinking places subsector. Sales increased in each of the following industry groups: limited-service restaurants (+3.6%), full-service restaurants (+4.8%) and special food services (+6.7%). Sales at drinking places declined 2.3%.

Year-over-year sales increased in nine provinces, with Ontario (+2.8%) and Quebec (+9.3%) contributing to two-thirds of the total national increase. Alberta (+3.5%) and British Columbia (+2.7%) were the next-largest contributors to the national total. Saskatchewan (-1.9%) posted the only decline in November compared with last year.

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.6% in November 2019 compared with November 2018, and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments were up 1.9% in the same period.

### Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and are 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**

	November 2018	August 2019 <sup>r</sup>	September 2019 <sup>r</sup>	October 2019 <sup>r</sup>	November 2019 <sup>p</sup>	October to November 2019	November 2018 to November 2019
	thousands of dollars					% change	
<b>Total, food services sales</b>	<b>6,096,683</b>	<b>6,216,560</b>	<b>6,242,162</b>	<b>6,268,417</b>	<b>6,302,422</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Full-service restaurants	2,700,472	2,756,647	2,766,915	2,771,627	2,796,718	0.9	3.6
Limited-service eating places	2,700,002	2,763,067	2,786,974	2,788,788	2,792,362	0.1	3.4
Special food services	483,947	495,265	486,955	506,525	510,092	0.7	5.4
Drinking places	212,262	201,581	201,317	201,478	203,250	0.9	-4.2
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	70,726	73,729	73,949	73,691	74,461	1.0	5.3
Prince Edward Island	22,365	24,598	24,455	24,823	25,172	1.4	12.6
Nova Scotia	135,305	146,415	148,295	148,387	149,275	0.6	10.3
New Brunswick	104,335	106,375	106,066	106,595	107,282	0.6	2.8
Quebec	1,148,855	1,194,184	1,204,843	1,220,712	1,232,672	1.0	7.3
Ontario	2,438,862	2,480,819	2,469,544	2,480,897	2,497,961	0.7	2.4
Manitoba	175,609	179,765	182,665	181,788	178,925	-1.6	1.9
Saskatchewan	160,534	160,844	158,426	160,129	157,118	-1.9	-2.1
Alberta	784,787	804,033	807,474	805,907	807,300	0.2	2.9
British Columbia	1,041,596	1,031,115	1,052,101	1,050,941	1,057,536	0.6	1.5
Yukon	5,612	6,506	6,219	6,588	6,792	3.1	21.0
Northwest Territories	6,526	6,679	6,673	6,412	6,446	0.5	-1.2
Nunavut	1,571	1,497	1,451	1,550	1,481	-4.5	-5.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

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

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