

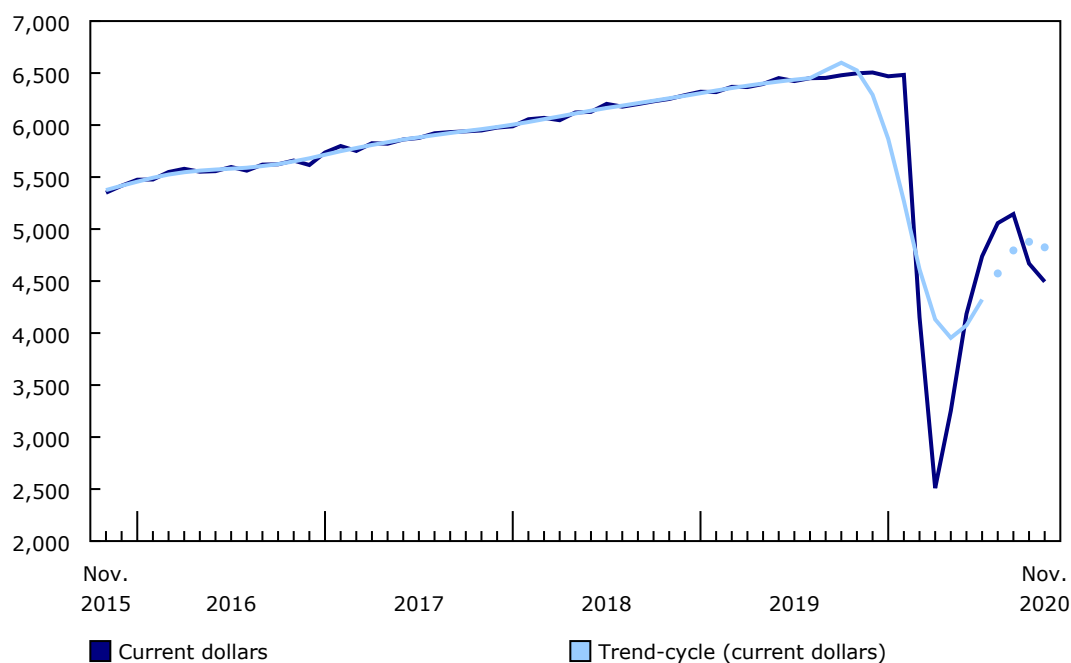
Food services and drinking places, November 2020

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Sales in the food services and drinking places subsector declined 3.7% to \$4.5 billion in November 2020, as restrictions continued to be put in place across the country in response to the second wave of COVID-19. Sales declined at full-service restaurants (-8.3%), drinking places (alcoholic beverages) (-13.0%), special food services (-3.5%), and limited-service restaurants (-0.2%). Most provinces reported decreases, with the largest declines in dollar terms seen in British Columbia (-7.3%), Alberta (-6.3%), Ontario (-1.5%) and Manitoba (-18.2%).

Chart 1
Sales in food services and drinking places

millions of current dollars



Note(s): The higher variability associated with the trend-cycle estimates is indicated with a dotted line on the chart for the current reference month and the three previous months. For more information, see the note to readers.

Source(s): Table 21-10-0019-01.

Further information can be found in the "[Food Services and Drinking Places Sales](#)" dashboard. 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 still down

The figures in this section are based on seasonally unadjusted estimates.

Due to the effects of COVID-19 on the food services and drinking places subsector, unadjusted sales for November 2020 were down 32.0% compared with November 2019. Sales fell in each of the following industry groups: full-service restaurants (-45.1%), special food services (-60.1%), limited-service restaurants (-10.8%), and



drinking places (alcoholic beverages) (-61.9%). Year-over-year sales decreased in each province, with Ontario (-32.8%), Quebec (-41.2%), British Columbia (-28.6%), and Alberta (-27.4%) reporting the largest declines in dollar terms.

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.2% in November 2020 compared with November 2019 and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments were down 0.2% for the same period.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars, unless otherwise noted. Seasonally adjusted data are data that have been modified to eliminate the effect of seasonal and calendar influences to allow for more meaningful comparisons of economic conditions from period to period. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Trend-cycle data are included in selected charts as a complement to the seasonally adjusted series. These data represent a smoothed version of the seasonally adjusted time series and provide information on longer-term movements, including changes in direction underlying the series. 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. Both seasonally adjusted data and trend-cycle estimates are subject to revision as additional observations become available. These revisions could be large and could even lead to a reversal of movement, especially for reference months near the end of the series or during periods of economic disruption.

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	November 2019	August 2020 ^r	September 2020 ^r	October 2020 ^r	November 2020 ^p	October to November 2020	November 2019 to November 2020
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	6,497,402	5,056,999	5,144,009	4,668,538	4,494,248	-3.7	-30.8
Full-service restaurants	2,895,146	2,085,558	2,154,424	1,767,520	1,620,069	-8.3	-44.0
Limited-service eating places	2,846,609	2,604,547	2,626,584	2,582,967	2,576,741	-0.2	-9.5
Special food services	538,408	223,001	229,171	219,229	211,474	-3.5	-60.7
Drinking places	217,239	143,894	133,829	98,822	85,963	-13.0	-60.4
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	70,081	60,835	62,573	62,756	64,723	3.1	-7.6
Prince Edward Island	26,800	20,182	22,245	23,466	24,215	3.2	-9.6
Nova Scotia	147,414	117,272	121,573	123,951	120,425	-2.8	-18.3
New Brunswick	106,068	90,339	94,499	89,231	91,766	2.8	-13.5
Quebec	1,275,732	1,009,413	1,012,354	777,497	774,207	-0.4	-39.3
Ontario	2,568,336	1,894,050	1,935,982	1,781,539	1,754,963	-1.5	-31.7
Manitoba	182,998	153,603	161,173	139,220	113,937	-18.2	-37.7
Saskatchewan	161,355	144,472	150,193	142,103	126,549	-10.9	-21.6
Alberta	828,452	679,368	686,899	649,523	608,606	-6.3	-26.5
British Columbia	1,114,631	874,215	883,671	866,616	802,978	-7.3	-28.0
Yukon	7,462	5,655	6,341	6,433	5,875	-8.7	-21.3
Northwest Territories	6,503	6,110	5,080	4,758	4,663	-2.0	-28.3
Nunavut	F	1,485	1,426	1,445	1,341	-7.2	F

^r revised

^p preliminary

F too unreliable to be published

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

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