

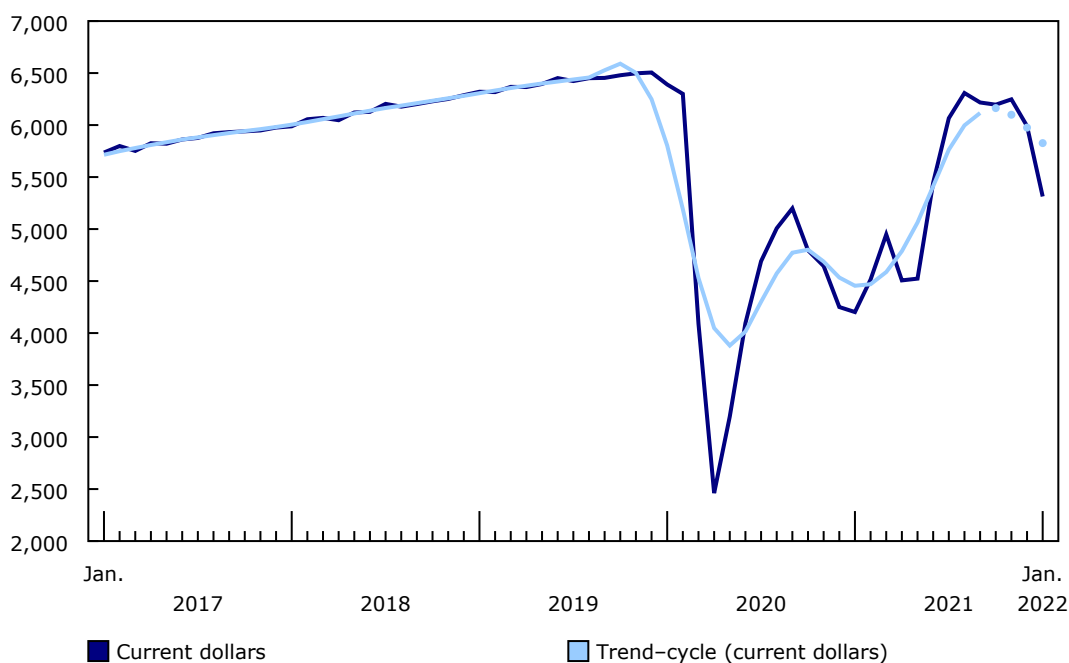
Food services and drinking places, January 2022

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food service and drinking places subsector decreased by 11.3% to \$5.3 billion in January 2022 as restrictions due to the Omicron variant of COVID-19 persisted across the country. The majority of the decline stemmed from full-service restaurants (-22.9%). Sales also decreased in special food services (-10.7%), drinking places (-26.1%) and limited-service restaurants (-0.8%). Sales fell in each of the provinces with the largest declines being in Ontario (-15.4%) and Quebec (-22.8%).

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 previous three months. For more information, see the Note to readers.

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

Further information is available in the "Food Services and Drinking Places Sales" dashboard, where users can consult data on sales in food services and drinking places for Canada and by province and territory. This 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 rise, but remain lower than pre-pandemic levels

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

Unadjusted sales for January 2022 were up 22.4% compared with January 2021, but 19.1% lower than January 2020.



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Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 4.1% in January 2022 compared with January 2021 and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 2.4% in the same period compared with January 2021 (see table [18-10-0004-13](#)).

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 to complement 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.

Find these data and more statistics on the [Business and consumer services and culture statistics](#) portal.

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	January 2021	October 2021 ^r	November 2021 ^r	December 2021 ^r	January 2022 ^p	December 2021 to January 2022	January 2021 to January 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	4,201,977	6,195,883	6,247,189	5,990,179	5,313,322	-11.3	26.4
Full-service restaurants	1,387,818	2,720,100	2,731,372	2,522,281	1,943,434	-22.9	40.0
Limited-service eating places	2,505,562	2,949,734	2,961,526	2,950,032	2,927,575	-0.8	16.8
Special food services	245,681	376,767	393,063	385,691	344,606	-10.7	40.3
Drinking places	62,916	149,282	161,228	132,175	97,706	-26.1	55.3
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	66,412	73,004	74,610	70,744	64,959	-8.2	-2.2
Prince Edward Island	25,580	26,821	26,945	25,133	23,416	-6.8	-8.5
Nova Scotia	128,574	144,245	154,168	136,049	127,461	-6.3	-0.9
New Brunswick	79,463	103,131	105,855	102,625	93,524	-8.9	17.7
Quebec	728,688	1,234,914	1,237,198	1,156,277	892,864	-22.8	22.5
Ontario	1,491,925	2,384,444	2,408,849	2,323,783	1,965,381	-15.4	31.7
Manitoba	129,334	177,838	175,492	171,702	163,422	-4.8	26.4
Saskatchewan	138,775	162,504	164,447	159,082	155,930	-2.0	12.4
Alberta	531,419	782,015	790,280	758,018	751,832	-0.8	41.5
British Columbia	869,187	1,092,926	1,095,417	1,072,800	1,060,985	-1.1	22.1
Yukon	6,263	7,296	7,173	7,100	6,814	-4.0	8.8
Northwest Territories	4,753	5,280	5,327 ^E	5,341	5,213	-2.4	9.7
Nunavut	1,604	1,466	1,429	1,525	1,521	-0.3	-5.2

^r revised

^p preliminary

^E use with caution

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

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