

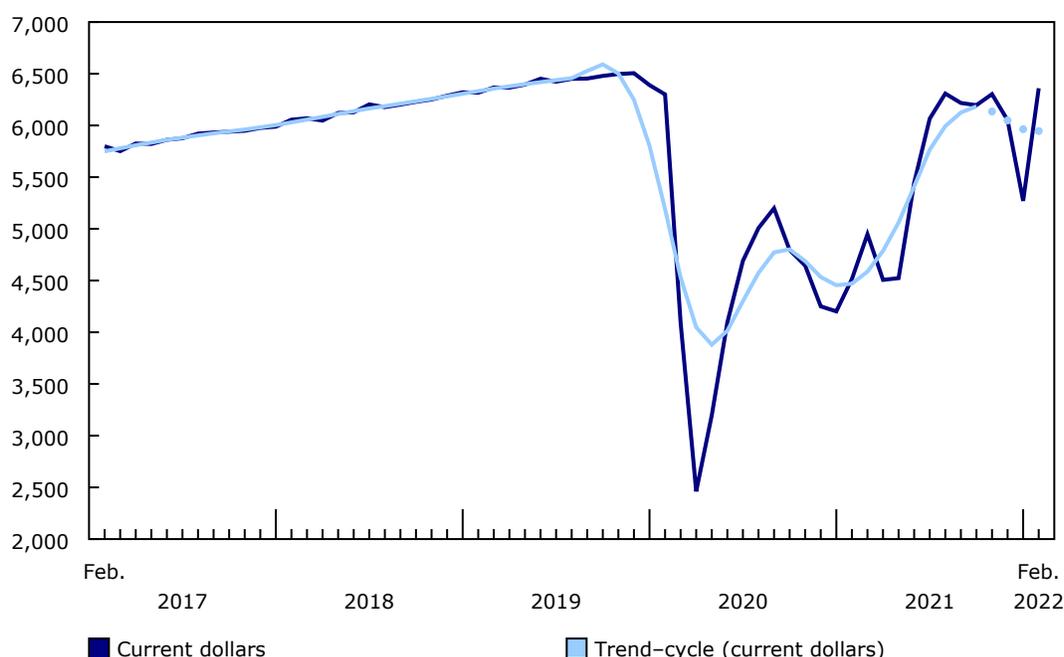
Food services and drinking places, February 2022

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased by 20.7% to \$6.4 billion in February 2022 as provinces eased lockdowns and other COVID-19-related restrictions that were in place the previous month. Sales rose at full-service restaurants (+47.5%), as well as at limited-service restaurants (+3.0%), special food services (+18.0%) and drinking places (+38.7%). All of the provinces reported higher sales, with the largest increases in dollar terms being in Ontario (+26.6%) and Quebec (+33.6%).

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 up from 2021

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

Unadjusted sales for February 2022 were up 39.3% compared with February 2021, but down 4.8% from pre-pandemic February 2020. Sales rose in each of the following industry groups: full-service restaurants (+68.5%), limited-service restaurants (+17.2%), special food services (+51.4%) and drinking places (+73.4%).



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Year-over-year sales increased in all of the provinces, with Ontario (+46.0%), Quebec (+50.7%) and British Columbia (+31.6%) reporting the largest gains.

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 4.7% in February 2022 compared with February 2021, and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 3.4% over the same period (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

	February 2021	November 2021 ^r	December 2021 ^r	January 2022 ^r	February 2022 ^p	January to February 2022	February 2021 to February 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	4,514,781	6,302,693	6,050,902	5,270,459	6,359,544	20.7	40.9
Full-service restaurants	1,613,542	2,752,030	2,529,462	1,890,845	2,789,753	47.5	72.9
Limited-service eating places	2,564,039	2,970,056	2,971,725	2,937,362	3,024,915	3.0	18.0
Special food services	254,916	392,749	389,108	331,329	391,006	18.0	53.4
Drinking places	82,284	187,857	160,607	110,923	153,870	38.7	87.0
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	52,650	75,147	71,139	63,146	69,959	10.8	32.9
Prince Edward Island	25,066	27,906	26,615	21,868	26,768	22.4	6.8
Nova Scotia	131,254	153,131	140,626	126,179	144,801	14.8	10.3
New Brunswick	88,993	106,403	103,357	93,505	110,354	18.0	24.0
Quebec	766,958	1,249,222	1,169,034	886,724	1,184,857	33.6	54.5
Ontario	1,643,844	2,437,959	2,355,326	1,947,650	2,465,210	26.6	50.0
Manitoba	138,314	178,599	174,912	157,009	176,783	12.6	27.8
Saskatchewan	141,739	166,722	162,386	157,864	167,866	6.3	18.4
Alberta	617,691	793,660	759,339	747,551	819,913	9.7	32.7
British Columbia	895,684	1,099,931	1,074,231	1,055,864	1,179,267	11.7	31.7
Yukon	6,176	7,259	7,153	6,775	7,178 ^E	5.9	16.2
Northwest Territories	4,897	5,338 ^E	5,374	4,929	5,254 ^E	6.6	7.3
Nunavut	1,514	1,415	1,408	1,397	1,334	-4.5	-11.9

^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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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [2419](#).

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