

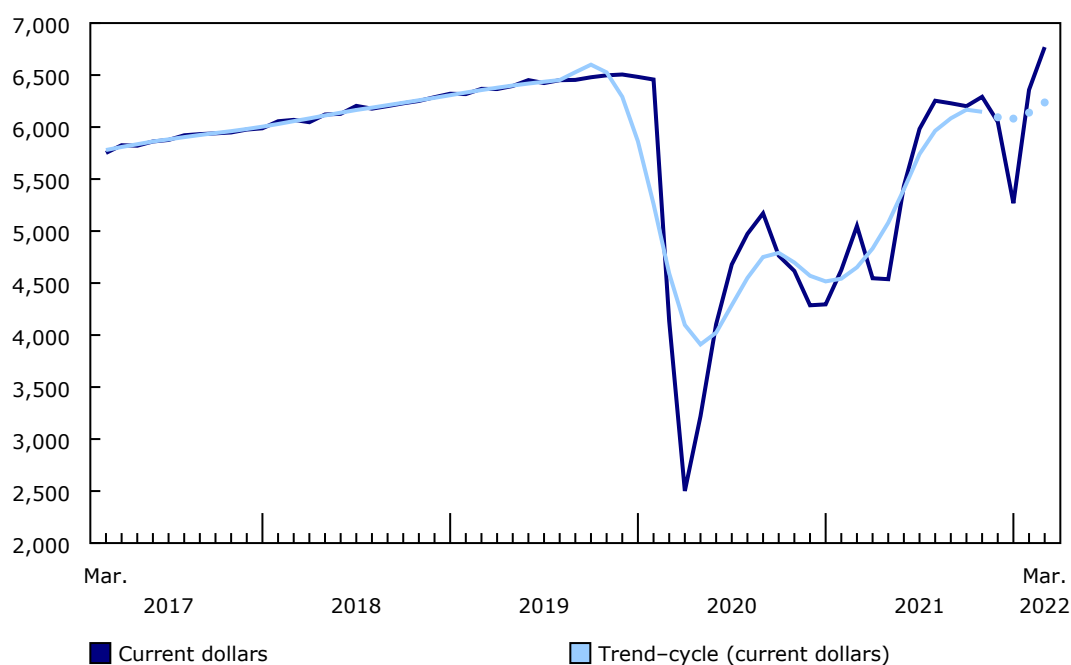
Food services and drinking places, March 2022

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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased by 6.5% to \$6.8 billion in March. Sales rose at full-service restaurants (+11.0%), special food services (+11.6%), drinking places (+23.1%) and limited-service restaurants (+0.9%). Each province reported higher sales as restrictions loosened across the country. Ontario (+10.5%) saw the largest increase in dollar terms, whereas Manitoba (+17.3%) had the biggest percentage increase.

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 catch up to pre-pandemic levels

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

Two years after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions on the food services and drinking places subsector, unadjusted sales for March 2022 were up 35.0% compared with March 2021, 62.9% compared with March 2020 and 4.9% higher than March 2019.



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Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 5.4% in March 2022 compared with March 2021 and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 3.6% in 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.

With the release of the March 2022 preliminary estimates, unadjusted monthly data were revised back to January 2020 in table 21-10-0019-01. Factors influencing revisions include late receipt of respondent information, corrections to the information provided, the replacement of imputed data with reported data (once available), introducing new births, utilizing the most recent administrative data, the re-classification of companies within, into and out of the food services and drinking places subsector, and updates to seasonal factors.

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

	March 2021	December 2021 ^r	January 2022 ^r	February 2022 ^r	March 2022 ^p	February to March 2022	March 2021 to March 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	5,048,871	6,050,400	5,267,732	6,358,110	6,768,649	6.5	34.1
Full-service restaurants	1,941,246	2,535,583	1,856,215	2,768,259	3,074,016	11.0	58.4
Limited-service eating places	2,697,403	2,970,883	2,976,181	3,056,278	3,082,559	0.9	14.3
Special food services	309,162	400,291	330,068	388,779	433,888	11.6	40.3
Drinking places	101,060	143,642	105,267	144,795	178,187	23.1	76.3
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	54,761	71,013	62,883	69,766	69,854	0.1	27.6
Prince Edward Island	25,633	26,705	22,745	27,029	27,099	0.3	5.7
Nova Scotia	131,686	141,120	127,478	145,807	150,417	3.2	14.2
New Brunswick	95,748	104,682	90,929	107,604	108,546	0.9	13.4
Quebec	853,482	1,174,667	921,202	1,233,597	1,290,664	4.6	51.2
Ontario	1,943,402	2,335,661	1,905,688	2,435,301	2,691,875	10.5	38.5
Manitoba	157,922	173,294	153,497	173,839	203,843	17.3	29.1
Saskatchewan	146,003	162,224	158,337	168,108	168,648	0.3	15.5
Alberta	698,763	752,743	750,947	821,018	866,930	5.6	24.1
British Columbia	927,645	1,094,333	1,061,475	1,162,507	1,176,908	1.2	26.9
Yukon	6,558	7,107	6,581	7,085	7,275	2.7	10.9
Northwest Territories	5,639	5,428	4,754	5,249	5,384	2.6	-4.5
Nunavut	1,628	1,424	1,215	1,199	1,207	0.7	-25.9

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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

Available tables: table [21-10-0019-01](#).

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

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