

Food services and drinking places, July 2022

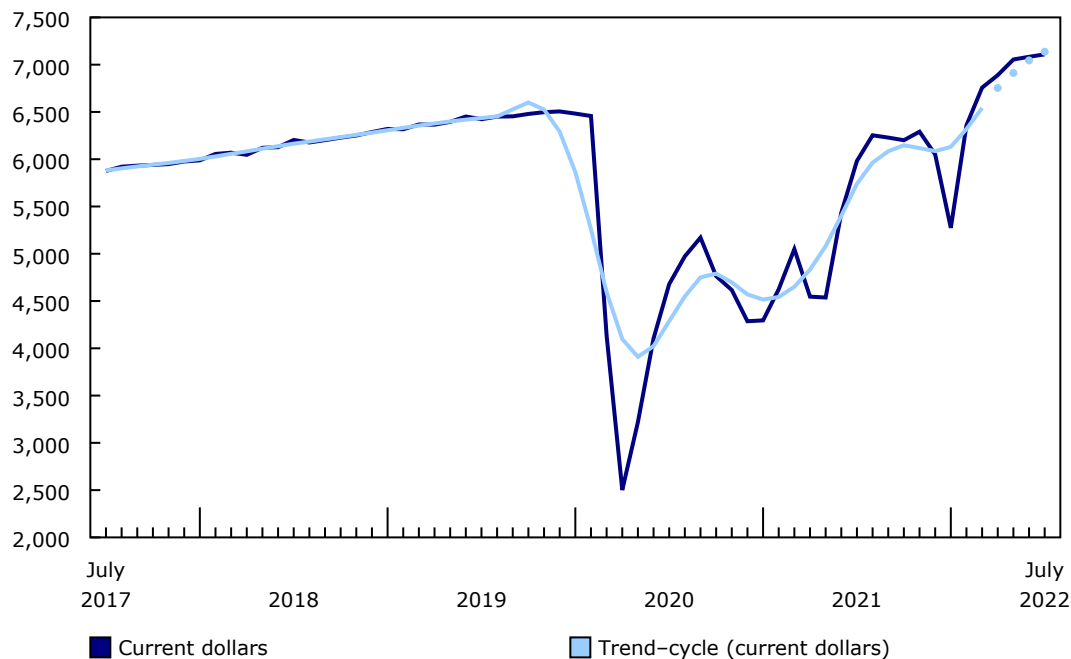
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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased for the sixth consecutive month, rising by 0.4% to \$7.1 billion in July. Sales were up at full-service restaurants (+0.4%), limited-service restaurants (+0.1%), special food services (+1.4%) and drinking places (+1.0%).

Higher sales were reported in eight provinces, with Ontario (+1.0%) and Alberta (+1.5%) reporting the highest increases in sales in dollar terms. Quebec (-1.3%) and British Columbia (-0.4%) posted decreases.

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 food services and drinking places still increasing

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

Two years after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent restrictions on the food services and drinking places subsector, unadjusted sales for July were up 19.6% compared with July 2021 and 10.7% higher than in July 2019.



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Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 7.3% in July 2022 compared with July 2021, and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 5.5% in the same period. (See table 18-10-0004-13).

Note to readers

Unless otherwise noted, all data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars. 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

	July 2021	April 2022 ^r	May 2022 ^r	June 2022 ^r	July 2022 ^p	June to July 2022	July 2021 to July 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	5,982,351	6,889,252	7,054,721	7,083,290	7,109,132	0.4	18.8
Full-service restaurants	2,638,277	3,053,416	3,089,217	3,118,159	3,129,202	0.4	18.6
Limited-service eating places	2,845,623	3,162,641	3,211,014	3,197,707	3,202,360	0.1	12.5
Special food services	326,299	475,352	549,574	563,768	571,930	1.4	75.3
Drinking places	172,152	197,843	204,916	203,657	205,641	1.0	19.5
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	70,070	76,994	77,903	78,038	79,271	1.6	13.1
Prince Edward Island	26,507	30,902	32,374	32,078	33,137	3.3	25.0
Nova Scotia	139,197	162,491	166,111	168,054	170,340	1.4	22.4
New Brunswick	102,262	116,001	116,714	116,170	116,884	0.6	14.3
Quebec	1,178,521	1,321,166	1,353,543	1,347,368	1,330,291	-1.3	12.9
Ontario	2,260,060	2,693,770	2,773,492	2,808,804	2,837,138	1.0	25.5
Manitoba	174,240	199,030	203,772	203,497	203,876	0.2	17.0
Saskatchewan	167,965	180,020	185,829	181,486	182,564	0.6	8.7
Alberta	787,083	870,780	892,615	900,424	913,756	1.5	16.1
British Columbia	1,062,132	1,222,454	1,236,379	1,231,285	1,225,865	-0.4	15.4
Yukon	6,950	8,212	8,116	8,171	7,959	-2.6	14.5
Northwest Territories	5,926	5,908	6,198 ^E	6,254	6,368	1.8	7.5
Nunavut	F	1,524	F	1,661	1,682	1.3	F

^r revised

^p preliminary

^E use with caution

^F too unreliable to be published

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

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