

# Food services and drinking places, September 2022

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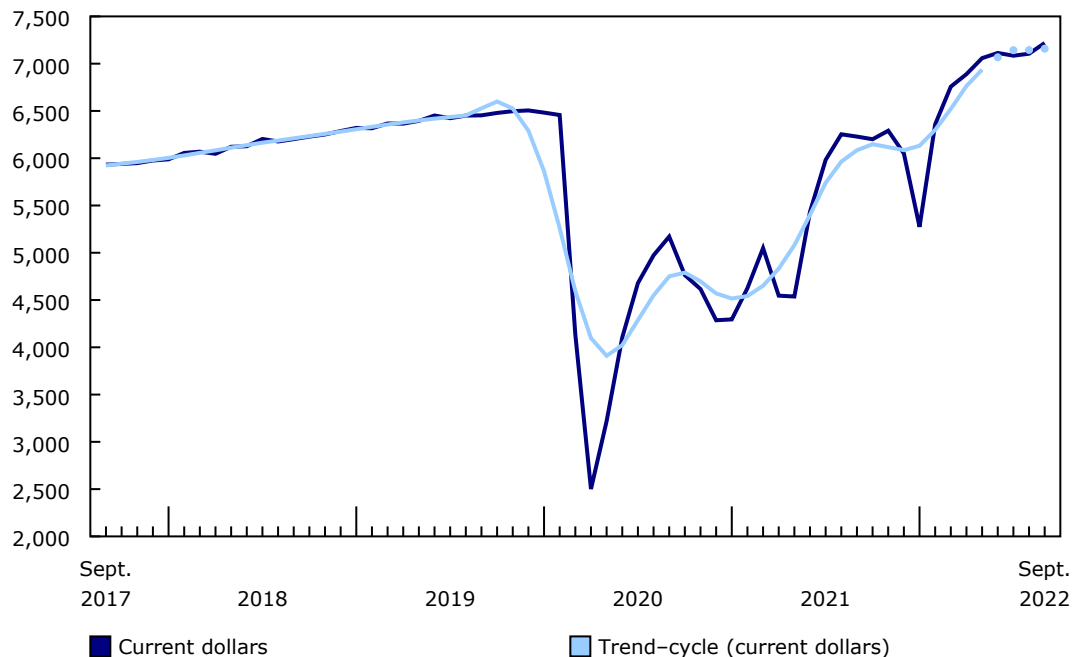
On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased by 1.6% to \$7.2 billion in September. Higher sales were reported in full-service restaurants (+1.9%), limited-service restaurants (+0.9%), special food services (+4.0%), and drinking places (+1.2%).

Rising inflation in the subsector continues to put upward pressure on menu pricing, causing customers to pay more to dine out. Higher sales in special food services coincided with the increasing trend of returning to work and school, as well as travel.

Five of the provinces reported increased sales. The greatest increase was in Quebec (+6.6%), followed by British Columbia (+2.3%). The largest decrease in dollar terms was in Ontario (-0.4%). The Maritime provinces all had large decreases in percentage terms: Nova Scotia (-1.3%), New Brunswick (-0.9%), Newfoundland and Labrador (-0.9%), and Prince Edward Island (-1.6%).

**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 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.

Unadjusted sales for September 2022 were up 17.5%, compared with September 2021. Sales were up in each of the sub-sectors, with full-service restaurants (+20.2%) and limited-service restaurants (+10.0%) having the largest increases in dollar terms. Special food services (+48.5%) and drinking places (+28.3%) had the largest percentage increase. Each of the provinces also showed an increase. Ontario (+16.5%) had the largest increase in dollar terms, and Quebec (+20.3%), Alberta (+19.6%), and British Columbia (+19.1%) had the largest percentage increases.

Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 7.5% in September 2022 compared with September 2021, and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased by 3.7% over 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**

	September 2021	June 2022 <sup>f</sup>	July 2022 <sup>f</sup>	August 2022 <sup>f</sup>	September 2022 <sup>p</sup>	August to September 2022	September 2021 to September 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
<b>Total, food services sales</b>	<b>6,228,747</b>	<b>7,113,349</b>	<b>7,084,492</b>	<b>7,105,262</b>	<b>7,218,561</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Full-service restaurants	2,778,280	3,140,603	3,144,912	3,189,864	3,251,315	1.9	17.0
Limited-service eating places	2,904,801	3,195,066	3,186,503	3,169,196	3,197,067	0.9	10.1
Special food services	380,206	572,516	544,517	535,867	557,351	4.0	46.6
Drinking places	165,460	205,165	208,560	210,335	212,828	1.2	28.6
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	74,338	79,086	80,225	80,734	79,990	-0.9	7.6
Prince Edward Island	27,705	31,903	32,642	32,151	31,628	-1.6	14.2
Nova Scotia	150,248	167,690	168,832	168,591	166,379	-1.3	10.7
New Brunswick	106,153	116,558	117,450	117,797	116,706	-0.9	9.9
Quebec	1,206,871	1,367,015	1,343,859	1,339,025	1,427,677	6.6	18.3
Ontario	2,412,206	2,796,572	2,791,359	2,787,452	2,777,593	-0.4	15.1
Manitoba	181,992	203,098	201,421	201,668	203,519	0.9	11.8
Saskatchewan	168,305	183,170	182,777	182,135	184,420	1.3	9.6
Alberta	795,318	908,944	919,734	931,296	937,091	0.6	17.8
British Columbia	1,091,560	1,243,711	1,230,598	1,248,969	1,277,799	2.3	17.1
Yukon	7,137	8,182	7,792	7,739	7,896	2.0	10.6

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Northwest Territories	5,413	5,748	6,110	6,012	6,181	2.8	14.2
Nunavut	1,501	1,673	1,694	1,693	1,682	-0.6	12.1

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

**Note(s):** Figures may not add up to totals because of rounding.

**Source(s):** Table [21-10-0019-01](#).

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

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