

Food services and drinking places, November 2022

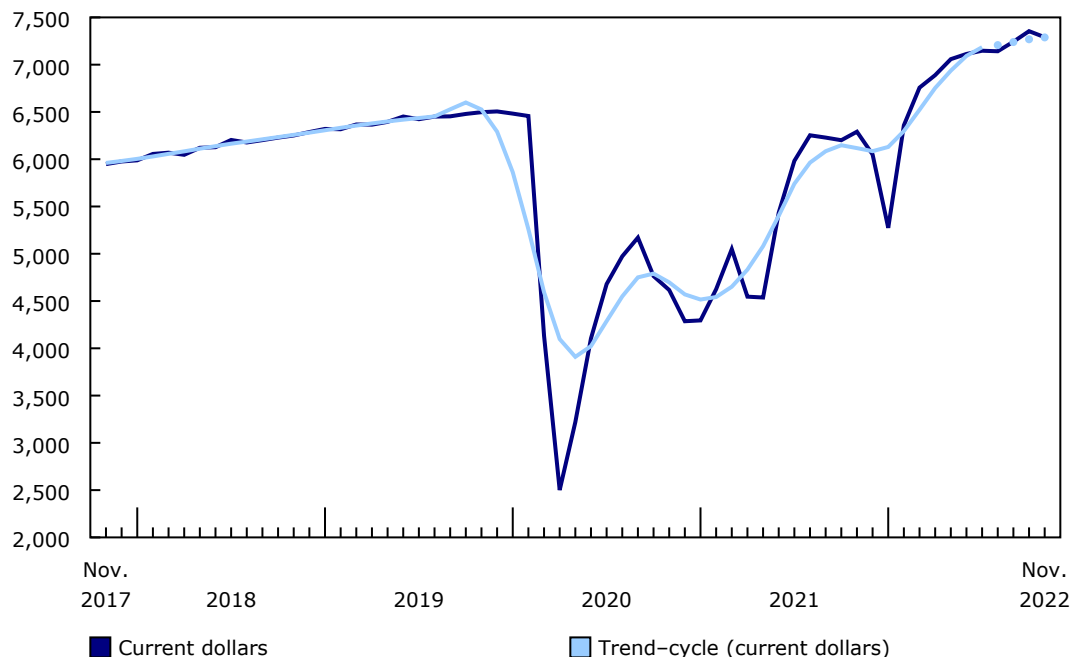
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On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector decreased 0.9% to \$7.3 billion in November. Declining sales were reported across the industry, led by full-service (-1.1%) and limited-service (-0.4%) restaurants. Special food services (-1.4%) and drinking places (-3.4%) also reported losses.

Seven provinces reported decreased sales. The greatest declines in dollar terms were in Alberta (-3.4%), Ontario (-0.7%) and British Columbia (-0.9%).

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.

Sales of the food services and drinking places subsector continue to increase compared with a year earlier

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



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Unadjusted sales in November were higher than in November 2021 (+15.6%), reflecting the industry being hindered by a fourth wave of COVID-19 in Canada a year earlier. Sales were up in each of the subsectors in November 2022, with full-service restaurants (+18.3%) and limited-service restaurants (+10.5%) having the largest increases in dollar terms. Special food services (+34.8%) and drinking places (+14.3%) recorded the largest percentage increases.

Each of the provinces also showed an increase. Ontario (+16.9%), Quebec (+15.8%) and British Columbia (+15.2%) had the largest increases in dollar terms.

Labour shortages plague the industry while rising inflation in the subsector continues to put upward pressure on menu pricing, resulting in customers paying more to dine out. Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 7.7% in November 2022 compared with November 2021, and prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 4.7% over the same period.

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

	November 2021	August 2022 ^f	September 2022 ^f	October 2022 ^f	November 2022 ^p	October to November 2022	November 2021 to November 2022
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	6,290,854	7,141,869	7,242,736	7,354,428	7,290,513	-0.9	15.9
Full-service restaurants	2,764,821	3,228,797	3,272,584	3,314,159	3,277,286	-1.1	18.5
Limited-service eating places	2,951,715	3,172,367	3,212,135	3,268,945	3,256,852	-0.4	10.3
Special food services	397,967	532,222	547,598	560,134	552,444	-1.4	38.8
Drinking places	176,350	208,483	210,419	211,189	203,931	-3.4	15.6
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	74,391	80,710	80,282	81,447	80,204	-1.5	7.8
Prince Edward Island	27,985	33,177	32,643	33,322	32,453	-2.6	16.0
Nova Scotia	152,165	168,479	168,192	174,217	172,924	-0.7	13.6
New Brunswick	106,419	118,270	118,789	120,567	119,235	-1.1	12.0
Quebec	1,243,161	1,389,583	1,421,977	1,441,967	1,444,412	0.2	16.2
Ontario	2,435,139	2,781,226	2,789,950	2,866,206	2,844,853	-0.7	16.8
Manitoba	176,280	202,142	205,449	205,736	206,841	0.5	17.3
Saskatchewan	166,152	182,459	186,378	187,937	189,168	0.7	13.9
Alberta	785,621	926,901	944,154	940,895	909,071	-3.4	15.7
British Columbia	1,109,645	1,243,584	1,279,126	1,286,668	1,275,429	-0.9	14.9
Yukon	7,166	7,619	7,774	7,585	7,681	1.3	7.2
Northwest Territories	5,420	6,025	6,313	6,141	6,431	4.7	18.7
Nunavut	1,308	1,694	1,709	1,741	1,811	4.0	38.5

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

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