

# Food services and drinking places, April 2024

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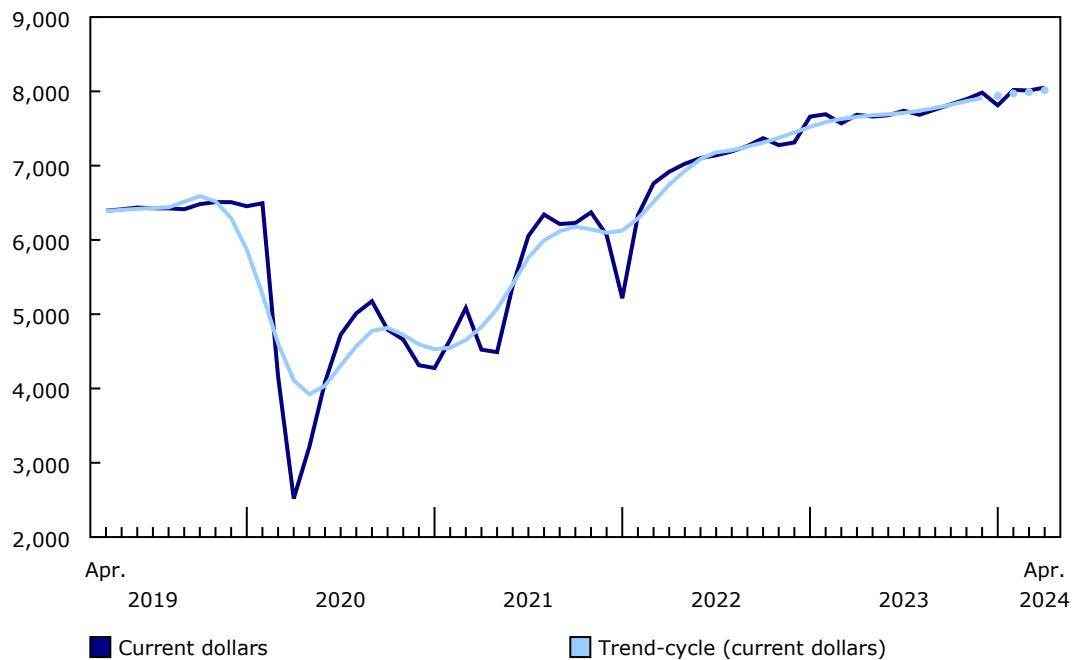
On a seasonally adjusted basis, sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased by 0.5% to \$8.0 billion in April.

Gains in limited-service restaurants (+0.6%) and special food services (+3.1%) were responsible for the increase in April. Sales at full-service restaurants (-0.1%) and drinking places (-0.4%) were down.

In April, seven provinces saw increased sales, with the largest contributors to the increase being Alberta (+2.0%) and British Columbia (+0.6%). Ontario (-0.3%) saw the largest decline.

**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.

**Table 1**  
**Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted**

	April 2023	January 2024 <sup>r</sup>	February 2024 <sup>r</sup>	March 2024 <sup>r</sup>	April 2024 <sup>P</sup>	March to April 2024	April 2023 to April 2024
	thousands of dollars					% change	
<b>Total, food services sales</b>	<b>7,684,913</b>	<b>7,811,742</b>	<b>8,018,354</b>	<b>8,012,318</b>	<b>8,049,752</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Full-service restaurants	3,371,144	3,272,910	3,494,884	3,503,882	3,500,688	-0.1	3.8
Limited-service eating places	3,471,858	3,720,505	3,700,034	3,679,723	3,701,662	0.6	6.6
Special food services	636,094	611,312	615,664	622,427	641,862	3.1	0.9
Drinking places	205,817	207,015	207,772	206,286	205,540	-0.4	-0.1
<b>Provinces and territories</b>							
Newfoundland and Labrador	86,121	87,476	88,504	90,349	90,222	-0.1	4.8
Prince Edward Island	35,862	35,560	36,139	36,405	37,694	3.5	5.1
Nova Scotia	181,111	185,292	187,529	191,711	190,428	-0.7	5.1
New Brunswick	127,782	132,248	134,802	134,335	135,350	0.8	5.9
Quebec	1,494,301	1,493,828	1,536,449	1,520,602	1,525,804	0.3	2.1
Ontario	3,013,994	3,092,394	3,146,358	3,185,133	3,175,247	-0.3	5.4
Manitoba	216,937	218,983	226,118	222,274	228,744	2.9	5.4
Saskatchewan	199,816	201,612	207,017	205,139	211,212	3.0	5.7
Alberta	991,951	1,007,702	1,036,581	1,017,218	1,037,380	2.0	4.6
British Columbia	1,319,800	1,338,349	1,400,209	1,390,472	1,399,109	0.6	6.0
Yukon	8,937	9,801	9,802	10,135	10,002	-1.3	11.9
Northwest Territories	6,362	6,496	6,865	6,578	6,605	0.4	3.8
Nunavut	1,938	1,999	1,980	1,967	1,955	-0.6	0.9

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>P</sup> preliminary

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

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## Year-over-year sales in the food services and drinking places subsector up

The figures in this section are based on unadjusted (that is, not seasonally adjusted) estimates.

Compared with one year earlier, unadjusted sales for April were up 3.6%. Sales increased in all but one of the industry groups, the largest increase being in limited-service restaurants (+6.2%). Drinking places (-4.0%) was the only industry group to post a year-over-year decline in unadjusted sales.

Year over year, sales increased in all provinces in April, with Ontario (+4.3%) and British Columbia (+4.3%) posting the largest increases.

## Looking for more insight?

Further information is also 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.

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### 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 page [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](#).

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

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

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