

Food services and drinking places, September 2024

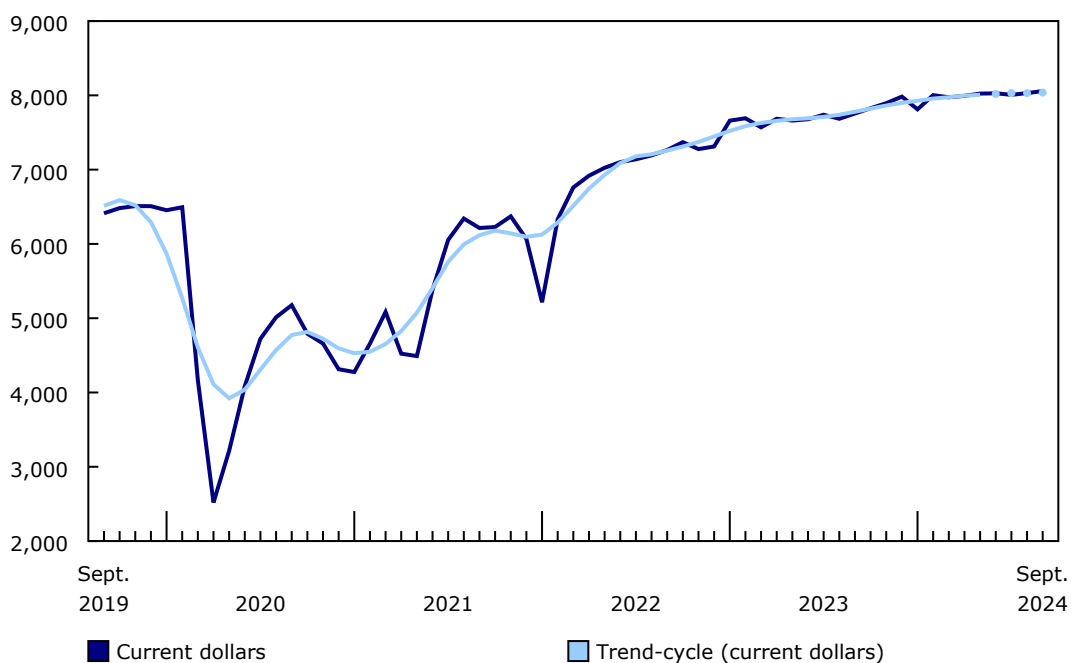
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Total sales in the food services and drinking places subsector increased 0.3% to \$8.1 billion in September.

Non-seasonally adjusted prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 3.5% in September when compared with September 2023, and unadjusted prices for alcoholic beverages served in licensed establishments increased 2.3% over the same period.

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.



Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2023	June 2024 ^r	July 2024 ^r	August 2024 ^r	September 2024 ^p	August to September 2024	September 2023 to September 2024
	thousands of dollars					% change	
Total, food services sales	7,755,468	8,027,923	8,007,550	8,030,087	8,057,375	0.3	3.9
Full-service restaurants	3,390,163	3,474,221	3,448,035	3,453,518	3,460,265	0.2	2.1
Limited-service eating places	3,544,924	3,707,496	3,719,967	3,744,650	3,757,261	0.3	6.0
Special food services	608,565	638,776	634,966	627,356	633,746	1.0	4.1
Drinking places	211,816	207,430	204,582	204,563	206,103	0.8	-2.7
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	85,024	90,199	88,571	89,650	88,638	-1.1	4.3
Prince Edward Island	35,809	37,072	36,529	37,047	36,791	-0.7	2.7
Nova Scotia	178,981	188,676	186,835	188,595	189,175	0.3	5.7
New Brunswick	125,161	135,407	134,181	136,196	136,729	0.4	9.2
Quebec	1,526,063	1,541,434	1,548,058	1,569,714	1,585,113	1.0	3.9
Ontario	3,031,852	3,158,569	3,133,011	3,141,948	3,142,173	0.0	3.6
Manitoba	213,552	220,370	221,212	221,376	221,722	0.2	3.8
Saskatchewan	197,674	205,723	205,518	205,743	205,443	-0.1	3.9
Alberta	1,005,718	1,041,014	1,041,485	1,034,957	1,039,895	0.5	3.4
British Columbia	1,339,198	1,390,754	1,393,915	1,386,627	1,393,966	0.5	4.1
Yukon	9,348	10,129	9,749	9,763	9,617	-1.5	2.9
Northwest Territories	5,140	6,540	6,525	6,463	6,254	-3.2	21.7
Nunavut	1,950	2,038	1,962	2,007	1,861	-7.3	-4.6

^r revised

^p preliminary

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

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Higher sales led by limited-service eating places

In September, the largest increase in dollar terms came from higher sales at limited-service eating places (+0.3%), the industry's sixth consecutive monthly increase. Higher sales were also seen at full-service restaurants (+0.2%).

Special food services posted an increase of 1.0% in September, rebounding from the decrease posted in August. Higher receipts were also registered at drinking places (+0.8%) in September.

Sales up in seven provinces

In September, seven provinces saw increased sales. Quebec (+1.0%) posted the largest gains in dollar terms, with higher sales being posted in all industry groups.

Sales in British Columbia grew 0.5% in September, led by stronger sales from limited-service eating places. Sales in Alberta also increased 0.5%, on higher sales at full-service restaurants.

The largest provincial decrease in September came from Newfoundland and Labrador (-1.1%), driven by lower sales at full-service restaurants. Sales in Saskatchewan (-0.1%) also fell, led by lower sales at limited-service eating places.

Looking for more insight?

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.

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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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