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Highlights

- For July 2003, estimated sales for Restaurants Caterers and Taverns posted a strong monthly increase of 6% to reach a little over \$3 billion. The July estimates show an increase of 1.1% over July of 2002. It is too early to tell if the industry is on its way to recovery.
- Despite the increase in sales in July 2003, the number of locations declined by 1.2%. The decline in the number of locations was concentrated in the food services contractors sector.
- At the provincial level, all the provinces showed increases in sales from the last month except the territory of Nunavut. The rate of increase ranges from 35% in P.E.I. to 1.9% in Alberta. Nunavut showed a decline of 8.3%.
- Nationally, the monthly increase in sales was due to the increase in demand for services of the Full Services Restaurants (7.1%), Limited Services Restaurant (6.1%) and Drinking Places (10.0%). Those three sectors account for 93.7% of the total industry. Declines in monthly sales were observed in the sectors of Caterers (-7.8%) and Food Services Contractors (-9.0%).

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Table 1

Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Receipts, by Kind of Business, Canada, Provinces and Territories, July 2003 (Preliminary Figures)

| Province | Full service restaurants | Limited service restaurants | Food service contractors | Social and mobile caterers | Drinking places | Total | Difference 2003/2002 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | in thousand of \$ | | | | | | % |
| Canada | 1,531,652 | 1,134,965 | 128,258 | 63,543 | 189,909 | 3,048,326 | 1.1 |
| Locations | 23,319 | 21,311 | 3,202 | 2,000 | 4,900 | 54,732 | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 9,517 | 15,078 | 2,379 | 1,857 | 4,838 | 33,670 | 2.5 |
| Locations | 218 | 290 | 100 | 51 | 231 | 891 | |
| Prince Edward Island | 8,154 | 8,088 | x | x | 816 | 17,193 | 0.5 |
| Locations | 125 | 143 | x | x | 21 | 311 | |
| Nova Scotia | 36,295 | 42,539 | 3,922 | 339 | 7,861 | 90,956 | -3.8 |
| Locations | 679 | 730 | 187 | 21 | 126 | 1,743 | |
| New Brunswick | 17,597 | 37,865 | 1,455 | 453 | 6,414 | 63,783 | 3.9 |
| Locations | 358 | 704 | 125 | 42 | 163 | 1,393 | |
| Quebec | 351,880 | 182,886 | 20,770 | 18,308 | 56,710 | 630,554 | 5.2 |
| Locations | 6,118 | 4,280 | 578 | 807 | 2,002 | 13,784 | |
| Ontario | 549,101 | 494,312 | 54,222 | 29,651 | 45,823 | 1,173,108 | -1.2 |
| Locations | 7,464 | 8,453 | 1,308 | 731 | 1,118 | 19,075 | |
| Manitoba | 37,783 | 33,642 | 3,211 | 1,251 | 1,424 | 77,311 | 0.0 |
| Locations | 898 | 728 | 107 | 41 | 76 | 1,850 | |
| Saskatchewan | 42,624 | 26,824 | 1,819 | 604 | 9,551 | 81,422 | -8.5 |
| Locations | 796 | 498 | 46 | 38 | 203 | 1,581 | |
| Alberta | 208,076 | 118,990 | 22,248 | 3,864 | 27,676 | 380,855 | -0.5 |
| Locations | 2,861 | 2,188 | 397 | 67 | 478 | 5,992 | |
| British Columbia | 266,254 | 171,698 | 16,968 | 5,638 | 27,672 | 488,230 | 6.3 |
| Locations | 3,741 | 3,262 | 322 | 190 | 462 | 7,977 | |
| Yukon | 1,649 | 1,108 | x | x | x | 3,561 | -4.8 |
| Locations | 25 | 15 | x | x | x | 52 | |
| Northwest Territories | 2,016 | 1,934 | x | x | x | 6,976 | -30.1 |
| Locations | 24 | 20 | x | x | x | 72 | |
| Nunavut | 706 | x | x | x | x | 706 | 24.3 |
| Locations | 11 | x | x | x | x | 11 | |

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Table 2

Coefficient of Variation % July 2003 (Preliminary Figures)

| By KOB | Receipts | Location | By Province | Receipts | Location |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Full service restaurants | 6.3 | 3.6 | Newfoundland and Labrador | 7.1 | 7.9 |
| Limited service restaurants | 3.7 | 3.7 | Prince Edward Island | 9.3 | 10.0 |
| Food service contractors | 1.9 | 1.7 | Nova Scotia | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| Social and mobile caterers | 8.9 | 12.7 | New Brunswick | 6.8 | 9.0 |
| Drinking places | 7.7 | 7.2 | Quebec | 5.4 | 4.4 |
| Total | 3.4 | 2.2 | Ontario | 5.5 | 3.9 |
| | | | Manitoba | 9.3 | 10.7 |
| | | | Saskatchewan | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| | | | Alberta | 10.0 | 6.2 |
| | | | British Columbia | 8.7 | 5.8 |
| | | | Yukon | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | | | Northwest Territories | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | | | Nunavut | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table 3

Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Receipts, by Kind of Business, Canada, Provinces and Territories, June 2003 (Revised Figures)

| Province | Full service restaurants | Limited service restaurants | Food service contractors | Social and mobile caterers | Drinking places | Total | Difference 2002/2001 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| in thousand of \$ | | | | | | | % |
| Canada | 1,430,738 | 1,070,101 | 140,986 | 68,939 | 172,699 | 2,883,464 | -0.5 |
| Locations | 23,346 | 21,319 | 3,691 | 2,141 | 4,898 | 55,395 | |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 7,678 | 13,917 | 2,553 | 1,439 | 3,859 | 29,446 | -2.0 |
| Locations | 207 | 299 | 100 | 51 | 230 | 887 | |
| Prince Edward Island | 4,753 | 7,109 | x | x | 579 | 12,733 | -0.5 |
| Locations | 112 | 135 | x | x | 22 | 292 | |
| Nova Scotia | 31,732 | 39,926 | 4,511 | 364 | 6,770 | 83,304 | 0.7 |
| Locations | 694 | 739 | 187 | 26 | 136 | 1,783 | |
| New Brunswick | 14,830 | 36,096 | 1,954 | 953 | 5,318 | 59,150 | -1.2 |
| Locations | 365 | 734 | 124 | 60 | 164 | 1,446 | |
| Quebec | 328,922 | 176,479 | 24,938 | 20,902 | 50,144 | 601,387 | 3.0 |
| Locations | 6,113 | 4,287 | 904 | 818 | 2,003 | 14,125 | |
| Ontario | 508,190 | 467,131 | 61,092 | 32,616 | 44,728 | 1,113,757 | -2.4 |
| Locations | 7,546 | 8,428 | 1,467 | 814 | 1,121 | 19,376 | |
| Manitoba | 35,253 | 32,925 | 3,917 | 790 | 1,128 | 74,012 | -0.2 |
| Locations | 867 | 728 | 122 | 39 | 77 | 1,832 | |
| Saskatchewan | 41,313 | 26,280 | 2,158 | 395 | 9,048 | 79,194 | -2.2 |
| Locations | 790 | 496 | 46 | 36 | 202 | 1,570 | |
| Alberta | 207,802 | 113,613 | 22,139 | 4,956 | 25,090 | 373,600 | -0.6 |
| Locations | 2,854 | 2,174 | 390 | 63 | 465 | 5,945 | |
| British Columbia | 246,037 | 153,574 | 16,454 | 5,578 | 24,957 | 446,600 | 0.8 |
| Locations | 3,739 | 3,265 | 316 | 223 | 461 | 8,004 | |
| Yukon | 1,470 | 1,061 | x | x | x | 3,062 | -3.2 |
| Locations | 24 | 15 | x | x | x | 50 | |
| Northwest Territories | 1,988 | 1,990 | x | x | x | 6,448 | -38.9 |
| Locations | 24 | 20 | x | x | x | 73 | |
| Nunavut | 770 | x | x | x | x | 770 | 55.2 |
| Locations | 12 | x | x | x | x | 12 | |

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Table 4

Coefficient of Variation % June 2003 (Revised Figures)

| By KOB | Receipts | Location | By Province | Receipts | Location |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Full service restaurants | 6.3 | 3.6 | Newfoundland and Labrador | 6.9 | 7.9 |
| Limited service restaurants | 3.7 | 3.7 | Prince Edward Island | 9.2 | 11.0 |
| Food service contractors | 1.7 | 8.1 | Nova Scotia | 7.9 | 8.6 |
| Social and mobile caterers | 8.7 | 12.7 | New Brunswick | 7.5 | 8.7 |
| Drinking places | 7.9 | 7.2 | Quebec | 5.3 | 4.7 |
| Total | 3.4 | 2.2 | Ontario | 5.1 | 3.9 |
| | | | Manitoba | 9.6 | 10.8 |
| | | | Saskatchewan | 7.9 | 8.3 |
| | | | Alberta | 9.9 | 6.3 |
| | | | British Columbia | 9.0 | 5.8 |
| | | | Yukon | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | | | Northwest Territories | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | | | Nunavut | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Table 5

Restaurant, Caterer and Tavern Receipts, Cumulative to Date, Canada, Provinces and Territories, July 2003

| Province | Full service restaurants | Limited service restaurants | Food service contractors | Social and mobile caterers | Drinking places | Total | Difference 2003/2002 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | in thousand of \$ | | | | | | % |
| Canada | 9,436,219 | 6,947,739 | 1,091,368 | 391,067 | 1,224,695 | 19,091,089 | 1.1 |
| Newfoundland and Labrador | 53,092 | 87,587 | 19,648 | 5,938 | 26,251 | 192,516 | -0.3 |
| Prince Edward Island | 28,572 | 42,499 | x | x | 4,386 | 77,587 | 6.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 190,363 | 250,056 | 41,212 | 3,136 | 44,700 | 529,467 | 1.4 |
| New Brunswick | 98,782 | 222,575 | 19,228 | 3,876 | 40,449 | 384,911 | -0.1 |
| Quebec | 2,126,549 | 1,146,144 | 195,821 | 120,110 | 355,226 | 3,943,850 | 5.4 |
| Ontario | 3,410,360 | 3,010,049 | 449,535 | 178,279 | 322,531 | 7,370,754 | -0.6 |
| Manitoba | 243,322 | 221,125 | 27,834 | 6,282 | 8,740 | 507,304 | 2.2 |
| Saskatchewan | 270,480 | 163,222 | 15,468 | 2,681 | 57,604 | 509,454 | -5.0 |
| Alberta | 1,358,630 | 740,266 | 177,033 | 24,193 | 186,782 | 2,486,904 | 0.3 |
| British Columbia | 1,629,376 | 1,045,025 | 135,993 | 35,314 | 171,444 | 3,017,152 | 1.6 |
| Yukon | 7,838 | 7,067 | x | x | x | 17,578 | -3.5 |
| Northwest Territories | 14,088 | 12,122 | x | x | x | 48,846 | -14.9 |
| Nunavut | 4,767 | x | x | x | x | 4,767 | 61.8 |

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Methodology and concepts

The objectives of MRCTS are to provide current information on sales, number of locations, trends and changes in the food- and beverage-serving industry. Information from this survey is used by members of the industry to compare their individual growth with that of the industry and to analyse trends and market share. It is also used by Federal and Provincial governments to develop fiscal policies and to measure and forecast growth in the industry. Other major users include the Restaurant Association of Canada, universities and tourism associations and agencies that are involved in the development of the food and beverage industry.

The sampling units in the frame are businesses that are primarily concerned with the serving of food and beverages. These units are classified into five categories, or Kind of Business (KOB): (NAICS 722)

1. Full Service restaurants
2. Limited Service restaurants
3. Food Service contractors
4. Social Caterers
5. Drinking Places

This sector is limited to establishments primarily engaged in providing food and drink services and therefore excludes food service activities that occur within establishments such as hotels, civic and social associations, amusement and recreation establishments. However, leased food service locations in such facilities are included.

Each month, a statistical Universe File (SUF) is created by extracting all businesses inscope for the survey from the Business Register. This SUF is used by the General Sampling System to maintain the sampling frame. The SUF is compared with the previous months SUF to identify births and deaths in the population; new units are stratified and dead units are removed. The frame maintenance is used to prepare information for the sample selection step. GSAM is used each month to select and maintain the sample. The population is stratified by province, KOB and size. The size measure is based on annual revenue and is used to determine the split between the large and small units. The large units are sampled with certainty (take-all) and the small units fall into the take-some strata.

The data for the survey is collected mainly by telephone, and also by fax at Statistics Canada in Ottawa. During the data capture, any updates are made to the data reported in the previous period. Each record that is captured by DC 2 goes through a series of edits. Some edits ensure that data such as reporting period, previous reporting period, province, KOB are entered and it is here that the consistency edits are applied to each record. Once all the data is received, edits and imputation are required to obtain a complete file for the production of the estimates.

Estimates are produced within six weeks of the reference period.