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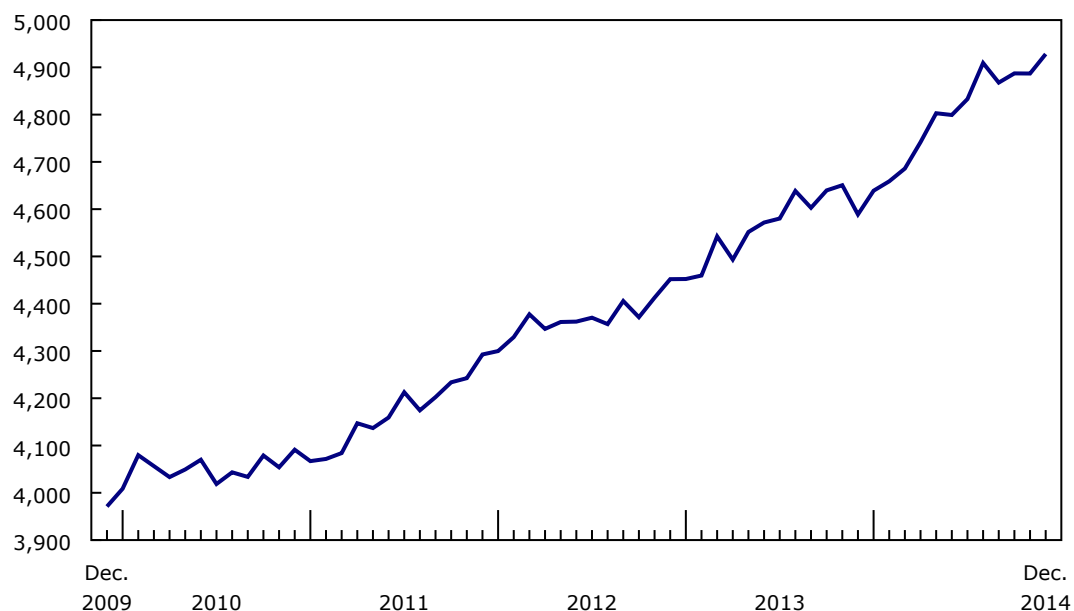
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Food services and drinking places, December 2014

Sales at food services and drinking places increased 0.8% to \$4.9 billion in December. Prices for food purchased from restaurants were up 2.5% in the 12 months to December, unchanged from November.

Chart 1
Food services and drinking places sales increase in December

millions of current dollars



Source(s): CANSIM table [355-0006](#).

In December, three of the four sectors reported higher sales. The full-service restaurant sector (+1.5%) accounted for most of the gain. The limited-service restaurant sector posted a 0.6% increase, marking its 12th consecutive gain. Sales in the special food services sector (-1.2%), which includes food service contractors, caterers and mobile food services, declined for the fourth month in a row. Following four consecutive monthly declines, sales were up 1.1% in the drinking places sector.

Sales were up in eight provinces in December.

Ontario (+1.7%) posted the largest increase in dollar terms. This gain was largely attributable to strong sales in the full-service restaurant sector.

Newfoundland and Labrador (+3.3%) reported the largest percentage increase in sales, marking its fifth consecutive gain.

Alberta (+0.3%) and Quebec (+0.2%) each reported a moderate increase in sales for the third month in a row.

Sales in New Brunswick rose 1.5%, the third increase in four months.

Note to readers

All data in this release are seasonally adjusted and expressed in current dollars. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Table 1
Food services and drinking places – Seasonally adjusted

	December 2013	September 2014 ^r	October 2014 ^r	November 2014 ^r	December 2014 ^p	November to December 2014	December 2013 to December 2014
	thousands of dollars					change %	
Total, food services sales	4,588,831	4,867,719	4,887,178	4,886,939	4,928,068	0.8	7.4
Full-service restaurants	1,988,974	2,095,332	2,107,410	2,104,248	2,135,013	1.5	7.3
Limited-service eating places	2,027,757	2,167,026	2,176,603	2,180,447	2,193,521	0.6	8.2
Special food services	384,605	415,380	414,859	414,718	409,910	-1.2	6.6
Drinking places	187,496	189,980	188,306	187,526	189,624	1.1	1.1
Provinces and territories							
Newfoundland and Labrador	68,083	69,076	69,548	71,647	74,037	3.3	8.7
Prince Edward Island	16,673	16,890	17,249	17,301	17,314	0.1	3.8
Nova Scotia	106,517	118,451	118,247	118,301	119,198	0.8	11.9
New Brunswick	78,253	84,831	84,943	85,117	86,386	1.5	10.4
Quebec	853,477	892,139	895,059	894,977	896,527	0.2	5.0
Ontario	1,766,826	1,897,546	1,899,234	1,880,976	1,913,182	1.7	8.3
Manitoba	136,053	139,154	144,610	142,982	142,932	-0.0	5.1
Saskatchewan	142,723	150,115	152,512	152,645	152,411	-0.2	6.8
Alberta	690,644	736,523	739,215	739,804	742,069	0.3	7.4
British Columbia	715,919	749,066	752,588	769,255	770,016	0.1	7.6
Yukon	5,401	5,699	5,899	5,955	F	F	F
Northwest Territories	6,962	7,142	6,883	6,773	F	F	F
Nunavut	1,300	1,088	1,191	1,206	F	F	F

^r revised

^p preliminary

F too unreliable to be published

Note(s): Figures may not add up to totals as a result of rounding.

Source(s): CANSIM table [355-0006](#).

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Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, January 2015

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) increased 3.4% in January compared with December. The couriers portion rose 4.5% while the local messengers and local delivery component was down 2.1%.

On a year-over-year basis, the CMSPI increased 6.0% in January.

Note to readers

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index is a monthly price index measuring price changes for courier and messenger services provided by long and short distance delivery companies to Canadian-based business clients.

Data are available at the Canada level only.

Data for the current month and the previous six months of the series are subject to revision. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5064](#).

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index for February will be released on March 27.

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Commercial Software Price Index, January 2015

The Commercial Software Price Index (CSPI) increased 1.2% in January compared with the previous month.

Year over year, the CSPI was up 3.9%.

Note to readers

The Commercial Software Price Index is a monthly series measuring the change in the purchase price of software typically bought by businesses and governments. With each release, data for the previous six months may have been revised. The index is not seasonally adjusted.

This index is available at the Canada level only.

Available in CANSIM: table [331-0009](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5068](#).

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Computer and peripherals price indexes, January 2015

Prices for commercial computers increased 0.7% from December to January and consumer computer prices were up 0.1%. In the case of computer peripherals, monitor prices increased 0.1% and printer prices were unchanged.

Year over year, prices for commercial computers increased 1.5% and prices for consumer computers were down 1.6%. Monitor prices rose 0.1% and printer prices were down 0.1%.

Note to readers

The computer and peripherals price indexes are monthly series measuring changes over time in the price of computers and computer peripherals sold to governments, businesses and consumers. With each release, data for the previous six months may have been revised. The indexes are not seasonally adjusted.

These indexes are available at the Canada level only.

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Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5032](#).

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Farm Financial Survey, 2013

Information from the Farm Financial Survey for 2013 is now available. The Farm Financial Survey provides data on average farm assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, capital investments and capital sales for 2013.

Average net worth per farm in Canada amounted to \$2.3 million in 2013, up 22.8% over 2011. Average net worth increased in every province with Manitoba (+27.8%) leading the way, followed by Saskatchewan (+27.3%) and Alberta (+24.6%).

Note to readers

Starting with reference year 2013, the lower boundary for inclusion of farms in the estimates, in terms of gross farm revenue, has been set at \$25,000. Prior to this, the lower boundary was \$10,000.

Available in CANSIM: tables [002-0071](#) to [002-0074](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3450](#).

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Residential electricity sales, fourth quarter 2014

Data on the Canadian and provincial sales of electricity by residential sector, including volumes and values of electricity sold to residential customers for the fourth quarter are now available upon request.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5181](#).

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New products and studies

There are no new products today.

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Release date	Title	Reference period
2	Canada's balance of international payments	fourth quarter 2014
3	Canadian economic accounts	fourth quarter 2014 and December 2014
3	Gross domestic product by industry	December 2014
3	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	January 2015
6	Building permits	January 2015
6	Canadian international merchandise trade	January 2015
6	Labour productivity, hourly compensation and unit labour cost	fourth quarter 2014
11	Canada's international investment position	fourth quarter 2014 (final)
12	National balance sheet and financial flow accounts	fourth quarter 2014
12	Industrial capacity utilization rates	fourth quarter 2014
12	New Housing Price Index	January 2015
13	Labour Force Survey	February 2015
16	Canada's international transactions in securities	January 2015
17	Job vacancies	three-month average ending in December 2014
17	Monthly Survey of Manufacturing	January 2015
18	Wholesale trade	January 2015
18	Canada's population estimates	fourth quarter 2014
19	Travel between Canada and other countries	January 2015
20	Retail trade	January 2015
20	Consumer Price Index	February 2015
26	Employment Insurance	January 2015
27	National tourism indicators	fourth quarter 2014
27	Industrial research and development characteristics	2015 (intentions)
30	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	February 2015
31	Gross domestic product by industry	January 2015
31	Payroll employment, earnings and hours	January 2015

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