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Highlights

Canada's commercial foodservice sales moderated to 5.2% growth in Q1 2018, following a 6.7% increase in Q4 2017. Adjusted for menu inflation of 4.0%, real sales grew by 1.2% in Q1. The slowdown in traffic is due to a number of factors, including lower consumer confidence, bad weather and high household debt.

Full-service restaurant sales jumped by 7.0% in March due to strong gains in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario.

Spending at **quick-service restaurants** improved to 7.0% growth in March. While most provinces reported higher spending, the increase in Ontario was the result of a significant increase in menu prices.

Caterer revenues rose by a modest 2.8% in March as gains in Central Canada were partially offset by lower spending in Western Canada.

Greater spending in Ontario and British Columbia lifted total sales at **drinking places** by 4.8% in March.

Menu inflation in Canada jumped to 4.5% in April. In Ontario, menu prices increased by 7.1%. In the rest of Canada, higher operating expenses propelled menu inflation above 3% in several provinces.

In **Newfoundland & Labrador**, lower spending at drinking places and caterers offset higher sales at restaurants. As a result, foodservice sales fell by 1.2% in March. This is the fourth consecutive month foodservice spending have declined.

Following a robust 10% increase in February, foodservice spending on **Prince Edward Island** moderated to 5.5% growth in March. Nevertheless, strong consumer demand led to solid gains at full-service restaurants (+7.7%) and quick-service restaurants (+5.1%).

In **Nova Scotia**, total foodservice sales grew by 4.0% in March as a 9.3% increase in quick-service restaurant sales offset lower revenues at full-service restaurants and caterers.

Foodservice spending in **New Brunswick** was mixed in March. While drinking places posted robust growth (+20.8%), caterer revenues fell by 15.4%. As a result, total foodservice spending rose by a modest 1.7%.

Quebec posted its strongest increase of 2018 as foodservice sales jumped by 6.0% in March. Growth was led by a 6.6% increase at quick-service restaurants. Full-service restaurants advanced by an additional 6.0% following a solid 12.1% increase in March 2017.

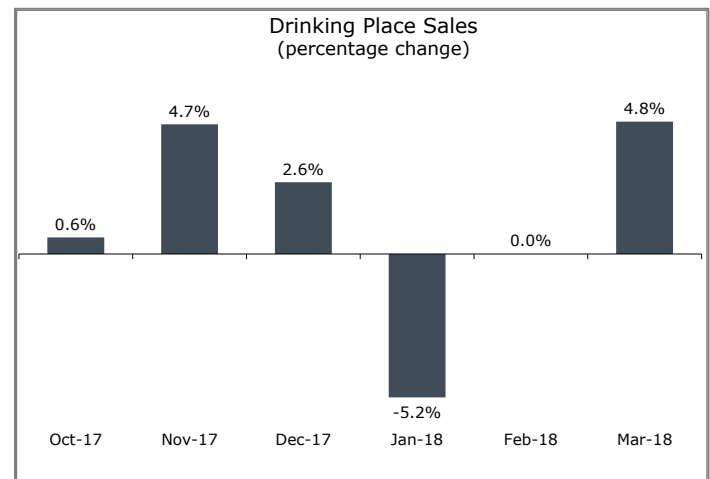
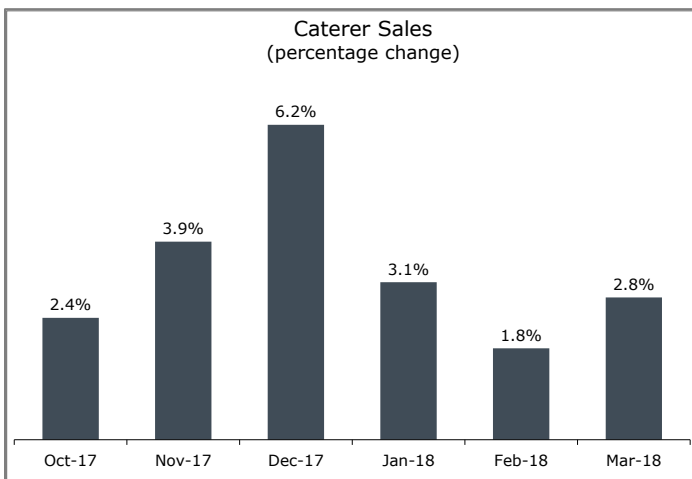
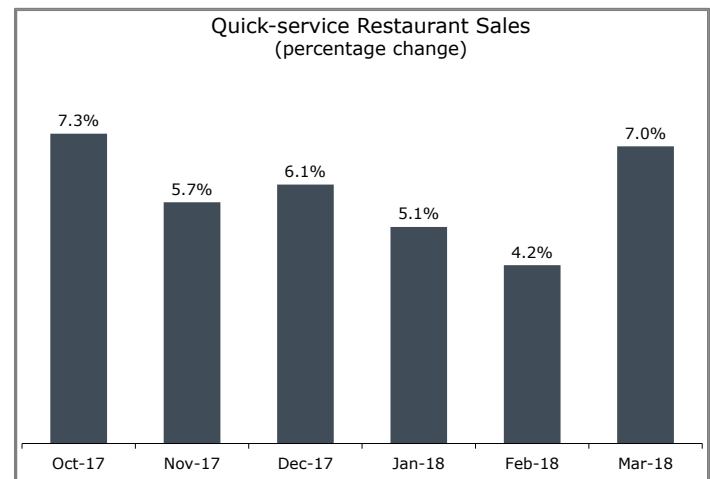
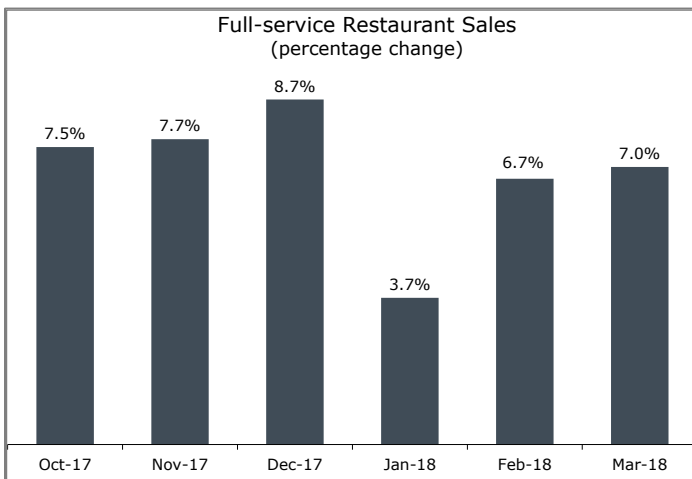
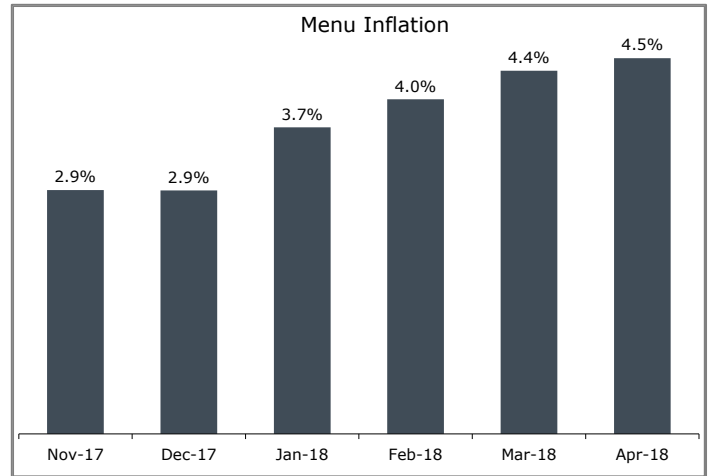
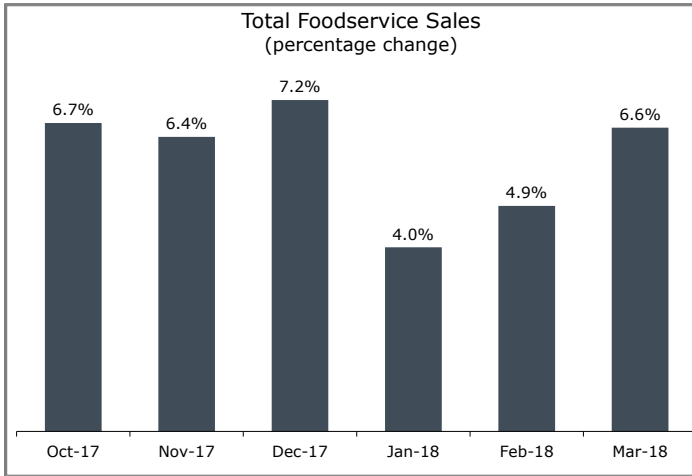
Total commercial foodservice sales in **Ontario** rose by 8.6% in March. Most of the increase was due to higher menu inflation. Adjusted for menu inflation, real sales in Q1 were relatively flat (+0.2%) following several years of strong gains.

Bad weather restrained total foodservice sales growth in **Manitoba** to 1.6% growth. While sales at full-service restaurants advanced by a solid 5.5%, spending was flat at quick-service restaurants and drinking places.

Foodservice sales in **Saskatchewan** rose by a modest 0.7%. As a result, sales rose by just 0.5% in Q1 as modest gains at full- and quick-service restaurants were offset by declines at caterers and drinking places.

After a slight decline in February, total foodservice sales in **Alberta** bounced back with a 4.2% increase in March. Quick-service restaurants led all segments with a 5.9% jump in sales. Some of the increase is due to a 2.7% increase in the number of units.

Strong consumer demand at full- and quick-service restaurants lifted total foodservice sales in **British Columbia** by 8.0% in March. British Columbia led the country with an 8.2% increase in sales in Q1.



Note: All growth rates are year-over-year and based on preliminary data from Statistics Canada.

Highlights

Canada's economy decelerated to 1.3% (annualized) growth in Q1 2018 due to a slowdown in consumer spending, a decline in residential investment and weak trade.

A rebound in exports and improved business investment will boost **Canada's economy** over the remainder of 2018.

Disposable income rose by a healthy 5.2% in Q1 due to stronger wage and job growth.

On a year-over-year basis, **retail sales** slowed to 3.2% growth in March due to a moderation in spending on big-ticket items.

Although **Canada's inflation rate** slipped to 2.2% in April, gasoline prices were 14.2% higher compared to April 2017.

Net employment in Canada fell by 7,500 jobs in May as a gain in part-time employment was offset by a decline in full-time work.

Nevertheless, the **unemployment rate** in Canada was unchanged at 5.8% in May.

Net employment in the United States rose by a solid 223,000 jobs in May, which lowered the unemployment rate to an 18-year low of 3.8%.

Canada's economy began the year on a modest note as real GDP grew by 1.3% (annualized) in Q1 2018. This follows a 1.7% expansion in Q4 2017. Real consumer spending slowed to 1.1% growth following a 2.2% increase in Q4. Residential investment tumbled by 7.2% due to a sharp drop in resale activity. Trade activity was disappointing as a 1.7% increase in exports was offset by a 4.9% surge in imports.

Looking ahead, **Canada's economy** will improve in the coming quarters. The weakness in exports in Q1 was due to temporary factors such as bad weather and transportation issues that interrupted the shipment of some commodities. Business investment began the year on a healthy note and should provide a strong boost to overall economic activity.

Revised data show the **United States economy** expanded by 2.2% (annualized) in Q1. This is slightly lower than the preliminary estimate of 2.3% growth.

Strong wage growth lifted **disposable income** by a healthy 5.2% in Q1 2018 following a 4.4% increase in Q4 2017.

Year-over-year **retail sales** decelerated to 3.2% growth in March following a 4.0% increase in February. Sales were restrained by sluggish spending at motor vehicle and parts dealers (-0.2%) and furniture stores (+0.9%).

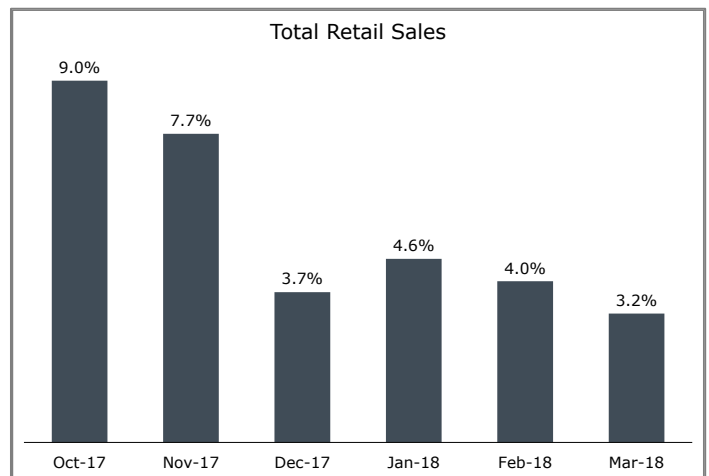
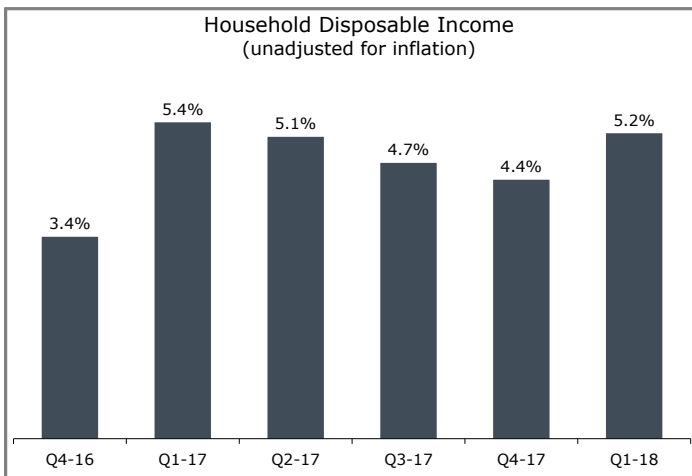
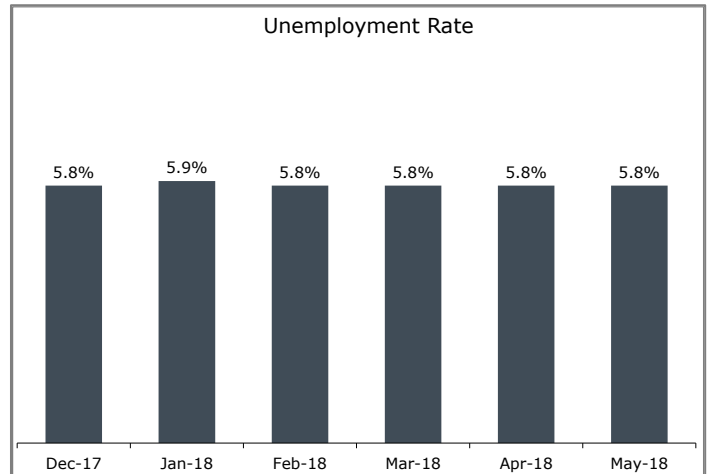
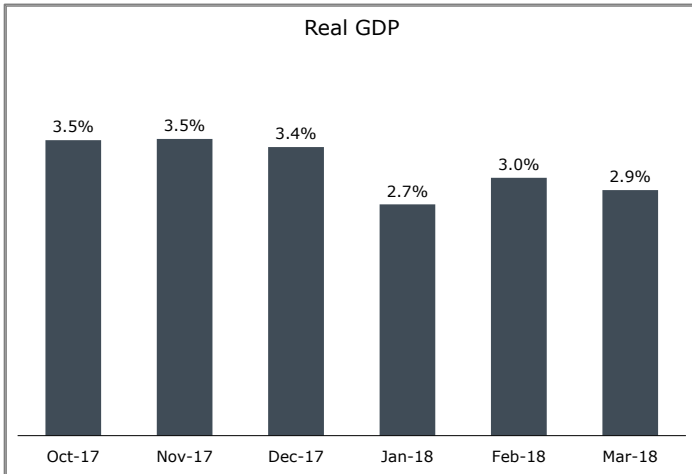
On a year-over-year basis, Canada's **inflation rate** was 2.2% in April, down slightly from 2.3% in March. Consumers paid 14.2% more for gasoline in April compared to April 2017.

Inflation for **food at grocery stores** remained muted, rising just 0.7% in April compared to April 2017. While there was little change for most items, prices rose for fresh tomatoes (+16.2%), potatoes (+9.8%) and chicken (+5.1%).

Net employment in Canada fell by 7,500 jobs in May after shedding 1,100 jobs in April. While part-time employment rose by 23,600 jobs, full-time employment fell by 31,000 jobs.

Fewer people looking for work held Canada's **unemployment rate** to 5.8% for the fourth consecutive month.

Job creation in the **United States** rose by a better-than-expected 223,000 jobs in May. Analysts were expecting an increase of 190,000 jobs. As a result, the unemployment rate slipped to 3.8% -- the lowest level in 18 years.



Source: Statistics Canada and Conference Board of Canada

Note: GDP, disposable income and retail sales are year-over-year changes. The unemployment rate is the actual value.

COMMERCIAL FOODSERVICE SALES

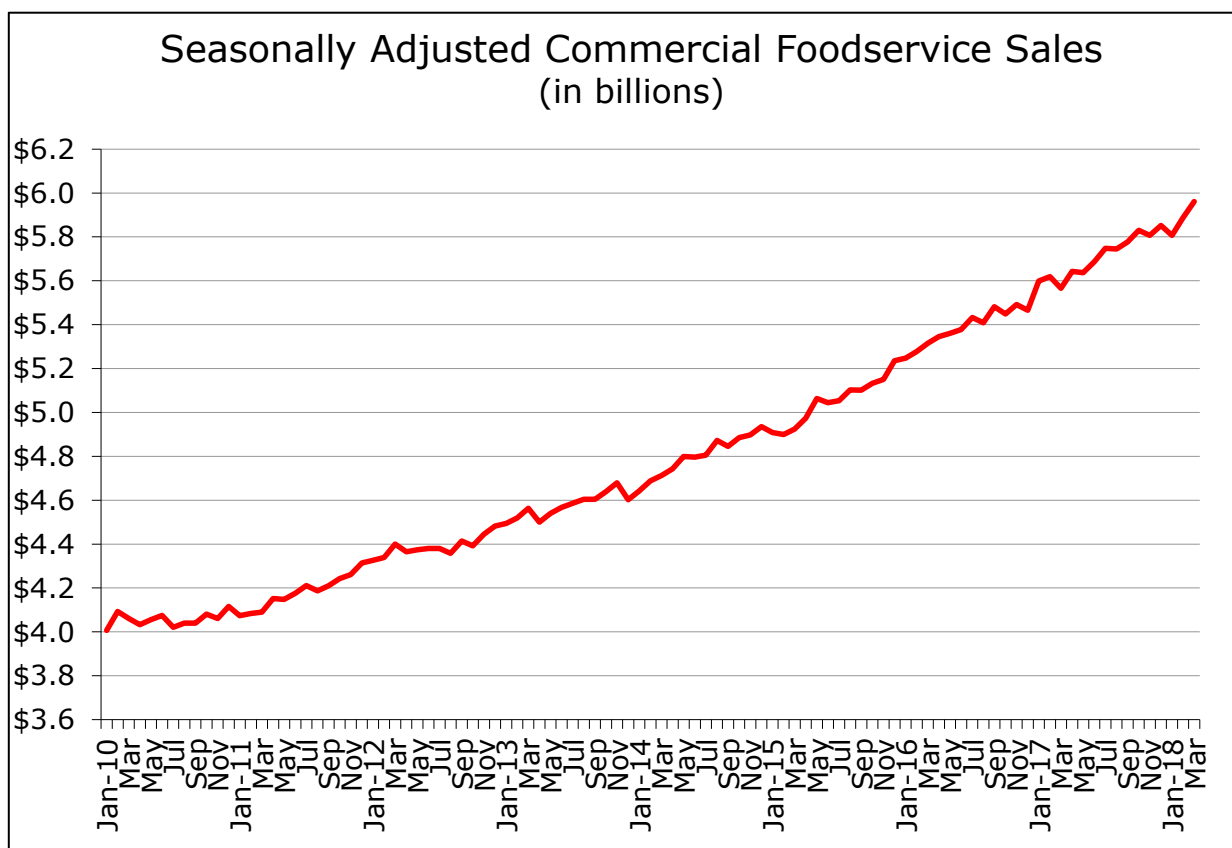
	Period	Amount	This period over year ago (%)	Year-to- date (%)	2017 over 2016(%)	2016 over 2015(%)
NOMINAL GROWTH						
Sales (in \$millions)						
Total	March	\$5,784.4	6.6%	5.2%	6.0%	6.7%
Sales by Sector (in \$millions)						
Full-service Restaurants	March	\$2,556.7	7.0%	5.8%	6.9%	7.3%
Quick-service Restaurants	March	\$2,574.0	7.0%	5.5%	5.6%	7.0%
Social & Contract Caterers	March	\$437.3	2.8%	2.6%	4.8%	3.3%
Drinking Places	March	\$216.4	4.8%	0.2%	1.6%	3.6%
Sales by Province (in \$millions)						
Newfoundland and Labrador	March	\$69.1	-1.2%	-1.3%	0.6%	-0.2%
Prince Edward Island	March	\$18.1	5.5%	5.2%	6.0%	7.0%
Nova Scotia	March	\$132.8	4.0%	3.2%	3.5%	7.6%
New Brunswick	March	\$94.8	1.7%	1.1%	2.4%	6.8%
Quebec	March	\$1,045.6	6.0%	4.7%	7.1%	8.4%
Ontario	March	\$2,316.2	8.6%	6.5%	5.9%	7.6%
Manitoba	March	\$170.6	1.6%	0.7%	5.0%	8.0%
Saskatchewan	March	\$157.1	0.7%	0.5%	2.2%	1.5%
Alberta	March	\$787.1	4.2%	2.3%	4.0%	0.1%
British Columbia	March	\$974.7	8.0%	8.2%	8.4%	9.9%
REAL GROWTH						
Sales (in 2002 \$ millions)						
Total	March	\$3,828.2	2.2%	1.2%	3.3%	4.0%
Sales by Sector (in \$millions)						
Full-service Restaurants	March	\$1,672.2	2.6%	1.8%	4.1%	4.4%
Quick-service Restaurants	March	\$1,751.0	2.2%	1.1%	3.3%	4.7%
Social & Contract Caterers	March	\$289.4	-1.4%	-1.4%	2.1%	0.7%
Drinking Places	March	\$143.2	0.5%	-3.7%	-1.0%	1.0%
Sales by Province (in \$millions)						
Newfoundland and Labrador	March	\$43.0	-4.1%	-4.1%	-2.5%	-3.5%
Prince Edward Island	March	\$12.4	2.8%	2.6%	3.1%	4.3%
Nova Scotia	March	\$84.9	2.0%	1.2%	1.2%	4.6%
New Brunswick	March	\$62.1	-1.3%	-1.9%	-0.5%	3.7%
Quebec	March	\$687.9	3.7%	2.2%	4.5%	6.2%
Ontario	March	\$1,523.8	1.5%	0.2%	3.2%	4.8%
Manitoba	March	\$112.4	0.4%	-0.4%	3.9%	5.3%
Saskatchewan	March	\$98.5	-2.5%	-2.0%	0.6%	-0.2%
Alberta	March	\$517.1	0.9%	-0.8%	1.5%	-3.1%
British Columbia	March	\$685.4	4.8%	5.1%	5.7%	7.1%

Source: Statistics Canada

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOODSERVICE SALES

	Period	Amount	Month-over-month change			
			March	February	January	December
NOMINAL GROWTH						
Sales (in \$ millions)						
Total	March	\$5,961.4	1.3%	1.4%	-0.8%	0.8%
Sales by Sector (in \$ millions)						
Full-service Restaurants	March	\$2,641.3	1.1%	2.7%	-1.9%	1.0%
Quick-service Restaurants	March	\$2,657.3	1.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Social & Contract Caterers	March	\$461.4	1.5%	-0.2%	-0.9%	3.2%
Drinking Places	March	\$201.4	0.8%	1.6%	-0.8%	-3.0%
Sales by Province (in \$ millions)						
Newfoundland and Labrador	March	\$71.5	1.0%	1.6%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Prince Edward Island	March	\$22.0	-1.3%	4.5%	-1.7%	1.3%
Nova Scotia	March	\$139.4	1.1%	2.0%	-0.5%	-0.1%
New Brunswick	March	\$100.4	0.2%	2.7%	-2.6%	0.0%
Quebec	March	\$1,104.6	0.5%	2.2%	-1.9%	0.3%
Ontario	March	\$2,407.3	2.0%	1.7%	-0.3%	0.8%
Manitoba	March	\$171.4	0.8%	0.0%	0.7%	-1.3%
Saskatchewan	March	\$157.7	-0.3%	1.0%	-1.2%	0.7%
Alberta	March	\$776.8	2.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%	1.5%
British Columbia	March	\$991.6	0.3%	1.8%	-0.4%	1.2%

Source: Statistics Canada



MENU INFLATION (2002=100)

	Period	Amount	This period over year ago (%)	Year-to- date (%)	2017 over 2016(%)	2016 over 2015(%)
By Sector						
Menu Inflation – Total	March	151.1	4.4%	4.0%	2.6%	2.6%
Menu Inflation – Full Service	March	152.9	4.3%	3.9%	2.7%	2.7%
Menu Inflation – Quick Service	March	147.0	4.7%	4.4%	2.2%	2.3%
Menu Inflation – Cafeterias	March	151.1	4.3%	4.0%	2.6%	2.6%
By Province						
Newfoundland	March	160.7	3.1%	2.8%	3.1%	3.3%
Prince Edward Island	March	145.9	2.6%	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%
Nova Scotia	March	156.4	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	3.0%
New Brunswick	March	152.6	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%
Quebec	March	152.0	2.2%	2.4%	2.5%	2.0%
Ontario	March	152.0	7.0%	6.2%	2.6%	2.7%
Manitoba	March	151.8	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	2.6%
Saskatchewan	March	159.5	8.1%	8.1%	1.7%	1.7%
Alberta	March	152.2	3.3%	3.1%	2.5%	3.3%
British Columbia	March	142.2	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.6%

THE ECONOMY (seasonally adjusted)

	Period	Amount	This period over year ago (%)	Year-to- date (%)	2017 over 2016(%)	2016 over 2015(%)
General Indicators						
Real GDP (2002 \$billion)	March	\$1,771.2	2.9%	2.8%	3.3%	1.4%
Consumer Price Index (2002=100)	March	132.9	2.3%	2.1%	1.6%	1.4%
Number of Employed ('000's)	March	18,604.8	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%	0.7%
Unemployment Rate ¹	March	5.8%	6.6%	5.8%	6.3%	7.0%
Prime Rate ¹	March	3.45%	2.70%	3.45%	2.90%	2.70%
Disposable Income (\$billion)	Q1'18	\$1,242.6	5.2%	5.2%	4.9%	2.2%
Other (in \$ millions)						
Supermarkets and Grocery Stores	March	\$7,650.7	1.7%	0.3%	3.1%	2.0%
Total Retail Sales	March	\$48,088.6	3.2%	3.9%	7.1%	5.2%
Commercial Foodservice Employment²						
Number of Employed ('000's)	March	1,082.7	1.3%	1.8%	2.6%	3.2%
Average Weekly Hours	March	21.6	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	-1.8%
Average Weekly Wage	March	\$365.92	6.7%	6.3%	3.1%	-0.6%

Source: Statistics Canada

¹ Refers to actual values

² Unadjusted for seasonal variation

Commercial Foodservice Sales Trends

year-over-year nominal change

	2017 Mar	2017 Apr	2017 May	2017 Jun	2017 Jul	2017 Aug	2017 Sep	2017 Oct	2017 Nov	2017 Dec	2018 Jan	2018 Feb	2018 Mar	2018 Year-to-date
Canada	7.0%	4.3%	5.5%	6.8%	5.3%	7.3%	6.3%	6.7%	6.4%	7.2%	4.0%	4.9%	6.6%	5.2%
Full-service restaurants	10.1%	6.0%	5.5%	8.3%	5.3%	7.8%	7.4%	7.5%	7.7%	8.7%	3.7%	6.7%	7.0%	5.8%
Quick-service restaurants	5.3%	3.8%	5.4%	6.2%	5.3%	6.8%	5.5%	7.3%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%	4.2%	7.0%	5.5%
Caterers	3.9%	-0.4%	8.1%	4.8%	7.4%	8.8%	5.6%	2.4%	3.9%	6.2%	3.1%	1.8%	2.8%	2.6%
Drinking Places	-0.3%	0.3%	1.2%	1.7%	0.8%	3.8%	6.8%	0.6%	4.7%	2.6%	-5.2%	0.0%	4.8%	0.2%
Newfoundland and Labrador	2.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%	2.5%	1.5%	2.4%	1.1%	0.8%	-1.6%	-2.0%	-0.8%	-1.2%	-1.3%
Full-service restaurants	5.1%	4.8%	3.3%	-2.0%	-1.1%	1.4%	4.5%	1.2%	1.4%	0.2%	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Quick-service restaurants	2.3%	0.4%	1.4%	1.3%	3.6%	3.7%	2.2%	3.8%	3.6%	2.6%	2.8%	4.2%	2.9%	3.3%
Caterers	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Drinking Places	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Prince Edward Island	4.3%	4.2%	3.4%	5.7%	3.3%	9.7%	12.4%	7.8%	3.3%	9.9%	0.5%	10.0%	5.5%	5.2%
Full-service restaurants	6.6%	6.1%	0.7%	3.6%	2.7%	15.3%	21.9%	12.5%	3.6%	19.0%	1.8%	19.0%	7.7%	9.3%
Quick-service restaurants	2.1%	3.2%	3.8%	6.9%	3.3%	4.7%	3.8%	4.6%	2.9%	4.1%	0.0%	4.6%	5.1%	3.2%
Caterers	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Drinking Places	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Nova Scotia	6.5%	3.1%	0.2%	4.3%	1.1%	4.7%	3.1%	2.6%	3.8%	6.1%	1.0%	4.7%	4.0%	3.2%
Full-service restaurants	12.4%	5.9%	1.0%	4.8%	0.4%	6.0%	4.0%	1.9%	2.7%	5.2%	-3.1%	2.6%	-1.6%	-0.8%
Quick-service restaurants	3.4%	1.3%	-1.6%	3.6%	-0.5%	4.0%	2.3%	3.0%	4.8%	7.0%	5.4%	6.4%	9.3%	7.1%
Caterers	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	9.3%	28.2%	0.1%	1.3%	3.1%	2.9%	8.5%	-4.6%	5.1%	-1.8%	-0.6%
Drinking Places	-2.7%	-2.5%	9.5%	2.8%	4.1%	3.0%	5.4%	3.4%	1.9%	1.0%	-5.7%	2.3%	1.8%	-0.5%
New Brunswick	5.0%	-0.1%	-1.5%	1.0%	0.8%	5.3%	4.3%	2.6%	4.1%	4.5%	-0.9%	2.5%	1.7%	1.1%
Full-service restaurants	6.5%	4.1%	-2.3%	5.2%	5.6%	13.3%	6.8%	8.3%	4.5%	5.4%	-6.0%	5.0%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Quick-service restaurants	5.9%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%	-0.1%	3.2%	3.7%	1.1%	4.6%	4.9%	3.5%	2.6%	3.4%	3.2%
Caterers	-0.9%	-19.9%	-16.9%	-18.0%	-26.3%	-27.0%	0.1%	-7.6%	-6.5%	-9.3%	-15.5%	-17.9%	-15.4%	-16.3%
Drinking Places	-10.6%	-18.7%	-14.6%	-12.8%	-14.9%	-13.8%	-2.2%	-5.1%	12.1%	9.3%	-2.9%	11.5%	20.8%	10.3%

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Quebec	7.4%	4.5%	7.0%	8.8%	5.8%	9.6%	6.8%	8.3%	8.3%	7.6%	3.1%	4.8%	6.0%	4.7%
Full-service restaurants	12.1%	8.4%	8.2%	12.2%	8.0%	9.5%	8.2%	8.4%	8.0%	9.5%	4.9%	6.5%	6.0%	5.8%
Quick-service restaurants	4.5%	2.5%	6.5%	6.6%	4.6%	10.5%	5.4%	8.9%	7.6%	5.1%	2.7%	3.9%	6.6%	4.5%
Caterers	1.2%	-3.0%	11.6%	5.6%	4.8%	17.3%	11.0%	9.8%	12.4%	8.2%	3.0%	3.0%	5.9%	4.0%
Drinking Places	-4.0%	-6.8%	-7.0%	-2.6%	-4.6%	-4.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	9.2%	5.9%	-11.6%	-4.5%	1.6%	-4.5%
Ontario	7.7%	3.2%	5.0%	5.9%	4.5%	7.2%	5.7%	6.3%	7.1%	7.6%	5.0%	5.5%	8.6%	6.5%
Full-service restaurants	11.7%	4.7%	5.9%	6.9%	4.2%	8.9%	7.7%	8.1%	9.8%	9.6%	4.1%	6.4%	8.5%	6.4%
Quick-service restaurants	5.3%	3.6%	4.5%	5.2%	4.6%	5.9%	4.8%	6.4%	5.9%	5.7%	5.6%	4.9%	8.5%	6.4%
Caterers	4.1%	-4.6%	2.9%	5.1%	5.7%	7.6%	2.0%	0.3%	3.1%	9.7%	7.4%	5.6%	8.3%	7.1%
Drinking Places	1.4%	-1.7%	7.1%	5.2%	1.9%	0.1%	4.4%	-6.1%	-1.5%	-3.9%	0.1%	-0.7%	12.8%	4.5%
Manitoba	9.1%	5.5%	6.3%	4.8%	5.7%	6.3%	2.4%	1.0%	2.9%	3.5%	1.7%	-1.5%	1.6%	0.7%
Full-service restaurants	12.0%	7.4%	9.8%	6.3%	10.0%	7.2%	1.9%	0.6%	5.3%	6.0%	3.6%	-0.2%	5.5%	3.0%
Quick-service restaurants	4.5%	2.7%	2.6%	2.8%	2.0%	4.4%	3.8%	3.1%	0.7%	2.1%	-1.4%	-3.0%	0.2%	-1.3%
Caterers	17.9%	10.5%	9.9%	9.1%	9.8%	12.1%	-4.6%	-7.2%	2.1%	-2.4%	10.0%	-0.5%	-6.0%	0.4%
Drinking Places	23.3%	14.6%	18.2%	0.6%	-6.5%	9.6%	25.1%	13.1%	8.2%	13.2%	-2.9%	3.2%	-0.1%	0.1%
Saskatchewan	3.8%	1.6%	4.3%	2.9%	1.0%	3.2%	2.3%	4.0%	0.4%	2.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%
Full-service restaurants	3.3%	-2.4%	0.8%	5.5%	-0.5%	-1.0%	2.7%	3.5%	0.9%	1.3%	-1.2%	3.7%	2.6%	1.7%
Quick-service restaurants	4.6%	4.6%	6.5%	4.6%	4.5%	6.1%	4.4%	7.2%	1.4%	4.7%	3.8%	-0.8%	3.3%	2.2%
Caterers	-3.0%	-4.8%	-6.0%	-25.7%	-34.1%	-15.3%	-22.6%	-21.5%	-19.8%	-12.1%	-15.2%	-16.2%	-24.9%	-19.2%
Drinking Places	9.3%	12.4%	22.9%	6.4%	21.0%	27.4%	9.9%	8.5%	11.4%	12.9%	-2.6%	4.6%	-6.5%	-1.9%
Alberta	3.2%	3.9%	3.0%	6.4%	5.6%	5.4%	7.1%	4.8%	2.6%	4.7%	2.5%	-0.1%	4.2%	2.3%
Full-service restaurants	7.0%	6.0%	0.7%	8.3%	5.4%	6.3%	8.6%	4.1%	4.5%	5.5%	1.4%	-0.1%	3.1%	1.5%
Quick-service restaurants	0.9%	0.8%	1.7%	5.1%	5.1%	4.9%	4.8%	5.7%	1.9%	4.6%	4.8%	0.5%	5.9%	3.8%
Caterers	-3.0%	14.3%	30.7%	6.1%	10.1%	1.0%	6.1%	4.2%	-6.7%	2.4%	-1.9%	-2.2%	2.1%	-0.7%
Drinking Places	0.2%	2.1%	3.1%	0.1%	6.2%	6.9%	19.7%	1.6%	6.5%	1.9%	-3.9%	-2.7%	1.2%	-1.6%
British Columbia	8.9%	7.9%	8.8%	9.6%	8.0%	8.3%	9.0%	10.8%	8.7%	10.1%	6.1%	10.7%	8.0%	8.2%
Full-service restaurants	8.1%	7.2%	6.5%	8.4%	5.4%	6.1%	6.9%	10.5%	8.3%	10.6%	5.7%	15.2%	10.9%	10.6%
Quick-service restaurants	11.3%	9.8%	13.0%	12.7%	10.8%	9.5%	9.8%	13.0%	9.5%	11.6%	8.7%	8.5%	7.1%	8.1%
Caterers	9.1%	1.6%	7.8%	4.6%	16.8%	14.9%	17.2%	6.0%	11.0%	4.1%	3.0%	-0.6%	-3.2%	-0.4%
Drinking Places	-0.9%	7.9%	0.4%	4.0%	0.5%	11.6%	8.5%	4.0%	2.4%	2.7%	-5.6%	4.1%	4.7%	1.2%

Menu Inflation

	2017 Apr	2017 May	2017 Jun	2017 Jul	2017 Aug	2017 Sep	2017 Oct	2017 Nov	2017 Dec	2018 Jan	2018 Feb	2018 Mar	2018 Apr	2018 Year-to-date
Canada	2.5%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%	4.1%
Full-service restaurants	2.7%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.4%	4.1%	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%
Quick-service restaurants	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	4.4%	4.0%	4.7%	5.5%	4.6%
Cafeteria	2.5%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.7%	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%
Newfoundland and Labrador	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	2.0%	1.7%	2.2%	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	3.0%	2.4%	3.1%	3.3%	3.0%
Prince Edward Island	3.0%	3.2%	2.9%	3.0%	1.3%	3.1%	3.3%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	1.6%	2.6%	0.6%	2.1%
Nova Scotia	2.6%	2.8%	2.4%	2.4%	1.5%	2.2%	1.8%	2.0%	1.6%	2.2%	1.8%	2.0%	1.7%	1.9%
New Brunswick	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%	1.0%	1.8%	2.5%	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.0%
Quebec	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.3%	2.4%	2.2%	2.4%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.2%	2.2%	2.5%	2.4%
Ontario	2.1%	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	4.9%	6.6%	7.0%	7.1%	6.4%
Manitoba	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.1%	0.6%	0.7%	1.0%	1.7%	1.5%	1.0%	0.9%	1.2%	2.1%	1.3%
Saskatchewan	7.3%	7.3%	8.2%	8.3%	8.7%	8.8%	8.5%	8.5%	8.4%	8.1%	8.1%	8.1%	3.0%	6.8%
Alberta	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%	2.6%	2.2%	1.5%	2.1%	2.6%	2.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%
British Columbia	2.7%	2.4%	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%	2.8%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%

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