



Restaurant Association of Nova Scotia

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UPDATES

Phase 5 Reopening

Nova Scotia is targeting Sept. 15 as the start of the next phase of its reopening plan. Phase 5 will see border measures continue while most other public health restrictions are lifted.

To start Phase 5, epidemiology should be good and 75 per cent of the population should be fully vaccinated with two doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, COVID-19 activity remains low across the province and about 70 per cent of Nova Scotians have had two doses of vaccine. Anyone who has not been vaccinated or has not moved up their second-dose appointment is encouraged to do so.

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The 4th Wave is coming to NS

Strang said he remains concerned about the fourth wave of COVID, which has hit much of Canada, including New Brunswick.

"We will get a fourth wave; we will get some cases and maybe clusters. How we minimize the impact of the fourth wave, the key is having high vaccination rates," Strang said. In long-term care facilities, staff will still have to wear masks during Phase 5. Other health care facilities and businesses can set their own mask policies.

"Measures like plexiglass barriers and increased cleaning that employers have put in place to prevent COVID-19 should continue," says the province. "They are good occupational health and safety practices to mitigate the risk of many respiratory and other illnesses. Employers should also continue to support employees to stay home when they are sick."

SUPPORTS & RESOURCES

Survey

Lunch - To give you our background we are a Halifax-based early-stage startup (current

working name *Lunch*) and a qualified Propel Validation stage participant. We are a Halifax-based early-stage startup and a qualified Propel Validation stage participant. We are currently researching on building easy-to-use and in-expensive solution to give small-medium restaurants a direct reach to a wider consumer population and have an edge when competing with QSRs Chains like McDonald's, Tim's, etc.

This survey should take approximately 10 minutes of your time. Thank you so much for taking the time to fill the survey. We really appreciate it.

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Email Invitation: C-CRED C-CaRE RESTauRants fooD allERgy knowledge
Primary Investigator: JLP Protudjer PhD, University of Manitoba
Co- Investigator: M Ben-Shoshan MD MSc, McGill University
Link added on 20210723

Calling all restaurant management and staff in Canada!
Please tell us what kind of food allergy educational questions and needs you have, by participating in C-CRED C-CaRE RESTauRants fooD allERgy knowledge. C-CRED is a brief, anonymous survey that, we anticipate, will take about 5-10 minutes. You do not have to provide any personal information.
This study is open from 23 July 2021 to 15 September 2021. You can answer this survey at any time during this time. Note that you can't "save" your answers and go back later to them. The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
Questions? Contact the study lead at Jennifer.Protudjer@umanitoba.ca

Thank you!

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STATS, TRENDS, INFO

Wheat Supplies are Shrinking and it's Bad News for Bread Prices

Crop losses in two of the world's biggest wheat exporters and quality concerns in a third have pushed prices to multiyear highs, adding to worries about food price inflation for millions of the world's most vulnerable.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Labour Challenges in the Industry - Third Quarter for 2021

Even prior to Covid-19, labour shortages have been a prominent issue in the food and beverage sector. RANS sent out a survey to the industry asking for their feedback. They were asked to rate the challenges they were experiencing on a scale of 1 (no challenges) to 10 (high degree of challenges). Here are the results of those that expressed a high degree of challenges.

Are you having challenges recruiting employees?	94.1%
Are you having challenges with hiring for part-time positions?	82.4%
Are you having challenges hiring for full-time positions?	88.2%
Are you having challenges hiring for your kitchen?	82.4%
Are you having challenges hiring for front of house?	64.7%
Are you having challenges retaining already hired employees?	29.4%

Click [here](#) to see feedback from the industry with possible solutions.



Taste of Nova Scotia Awards

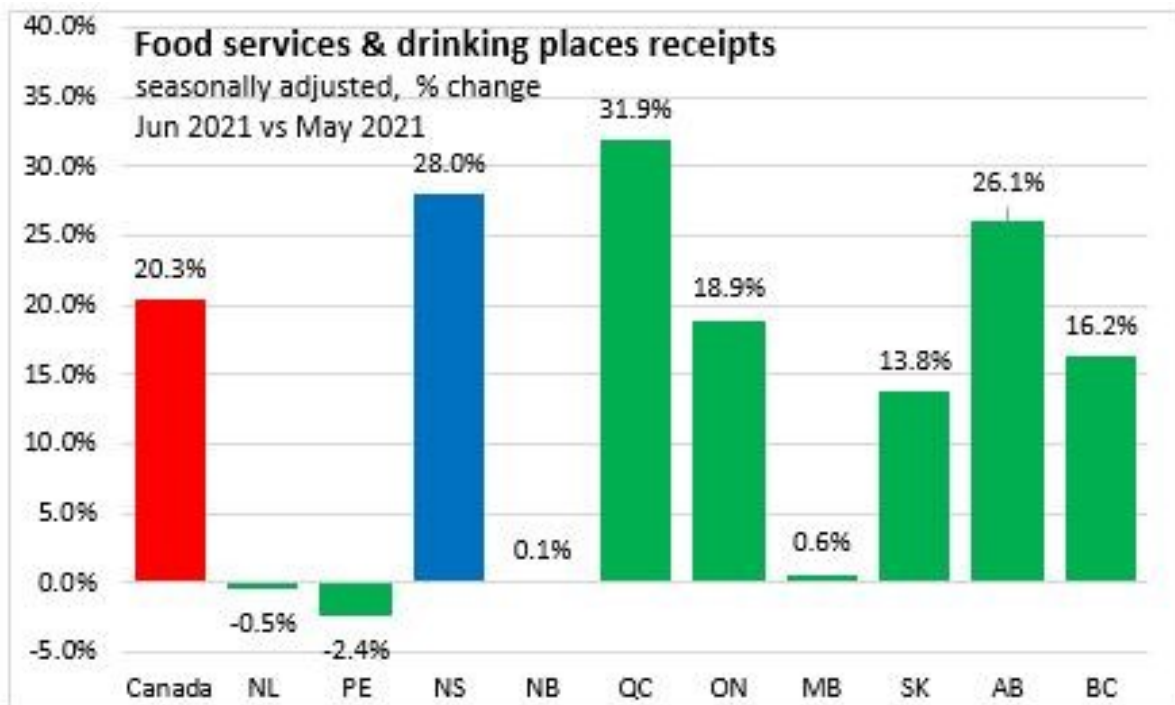
The Taste of Nova Scotia Awards launched in 2008 as a way to recognize and celebrate the culinary leaders in Nova Scotia; the people and products that are at the heart of Nova Scotia's great culinary experiences and successes. The Taste of Nova Scotia Awards are the only province-wide awards program that celebrates Nova Scotian culinary producers, developers, exporters, and servers, from Yarmouth to Cape Breton – and everywhere in between.

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Stats-Canada Data June 2021

FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES, JUNE 2021

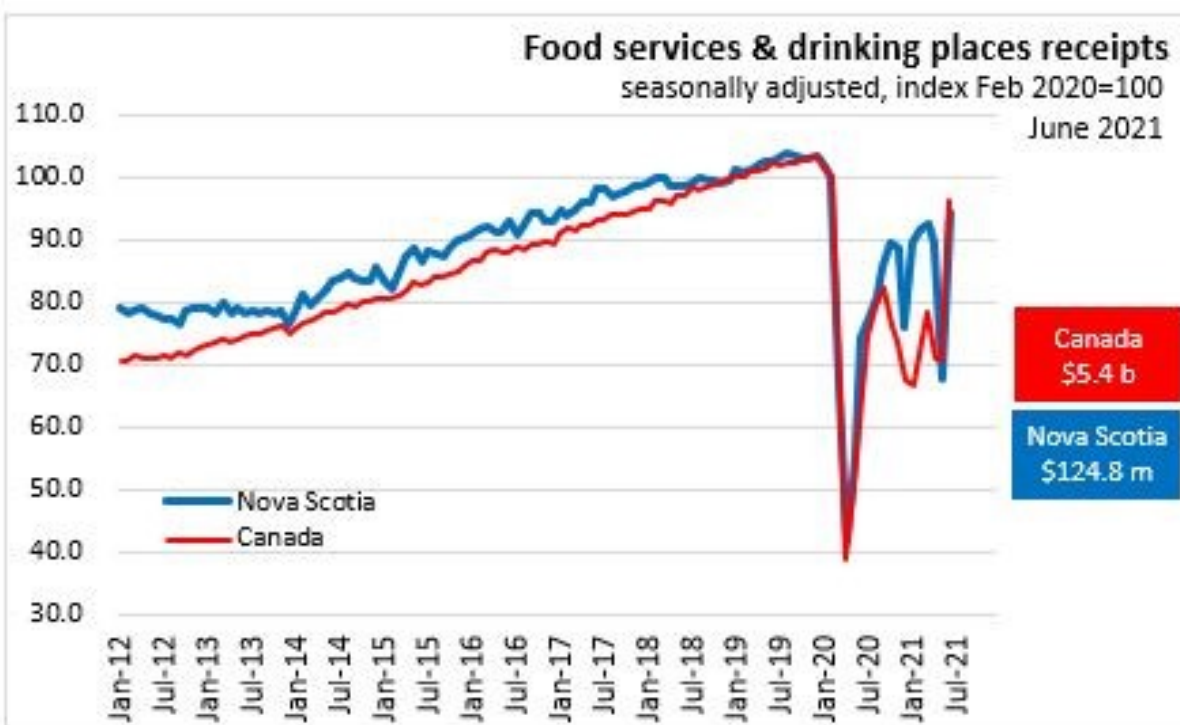
With June reference month results, year-over-year (Jun 2021 vs Jun 2020) and year-to-date (Jan-Jun 2021 vs Jan-Jun 2020) show rebounds in economic activity from the unprecedented declines observed in the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Month-over-Month (Jun 2021 vs May 2021, seasonally adjusted)



Nova Scotia imposed restrictions on dining in restaurants at the end of April 2021. These restrictions were eased part-way through June.

In June 2021, Nova Scotia food services and drinking places receipts increased 28.0% to \$124.8 million. Canada's food services and drinking places receipts increased 20.3% to \$5.4 billion. Eight provinces reported monthly increases in food services and drinking places, with Quebec (31.9%) reporting the largest gain, and Prince Edward Island (-2.4%) reporting the largest month over month decline in percentage terms.

Trends



Nova Scotia's food services and drinking places seasonally adjusted sales receipts declined sharply in March 2020 (-32.4%) and April 2020 (-38.2%). Steady and rapid gains were reported from May through October of 2020. Nova Scotia experienced a short reversal in November and December 2020, but began to recover again from January through March before declining in April and May as new restrictions were imposed on another wave of COVID-19 infections. These restrictions were eased in June 2021, contributing to the rebound.

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