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Income at constant 2019 prices: results for December 2024**Table A – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of income**

Type of income	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Food sales	-4,9	1,9	-4,2	0,6	2,8	-1,8
Bar sales	-4,5	11,5	-8,6	-6,3	3,1	-12,1
Other income	-20,1	-18,7	-23,4	-18,8	-13,2	-26,6
Total	-5,4	2,1	-5,4	-0,8	2,3	-4,0

Measured in real terms (constant 2019 prices), total income generated by the food and beverages industry decreased by 4,0% in December 2024 compared with December 2023. The highest negative annual growth rates were recorded for 'other' income (-26,6%) and bar sales (-12,1%) – see Table A.

Table B – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of enterprise

Type of enterprise	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	-9,0	0,3	-6,9	-5,6	-5,2	-11,5
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	-5,1	2,6	-4,6	2,6	10,4	3,5
Catering services	8,6	7,9	-1,7	8,4	8,3	8,2
Total	-5,4	2,1	-5,4	-0,8	2,3	-4,0

In December 2024, the only negative contributor to the 4,0% year-on-year decrease was restaurants and coffee shops (-11,5% and contributing -6,1 percentage points). The largest positive contributor was takeaway and fast-food outlets (3,5% and contributing 1,3 percentage points) – see Table B and Table 6.

Table C – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of enterprise

Type of enterprise	Oct – Dec 2023 (R million)	Weight (%)	Oct – Dec 2024 (R million)	% change between Oct – Dec 2023 and Oct – Dec 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	11 290,3	51,0	10 407,3	-7,8	-4,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	8 407,8	38,0	8 859,3	5,4	2,1
Catering services	2 428,3	11,0	2 629,6	8,3	0,9
Total	22 126,4	100,0	21 896,2	-1,0	-1,0

Total income decreased by 1,0% in the fourth quarter of 2024 compared with the fourth quarter of 2023. The only negative contributor to this decrease was restaurants and coffee shops (-7,8% and contributing -4,0 percentage points). The main positive contributor was takeaway and fast-food outlets (5,4% and contributing 2,1 percentage points) – see Table C.

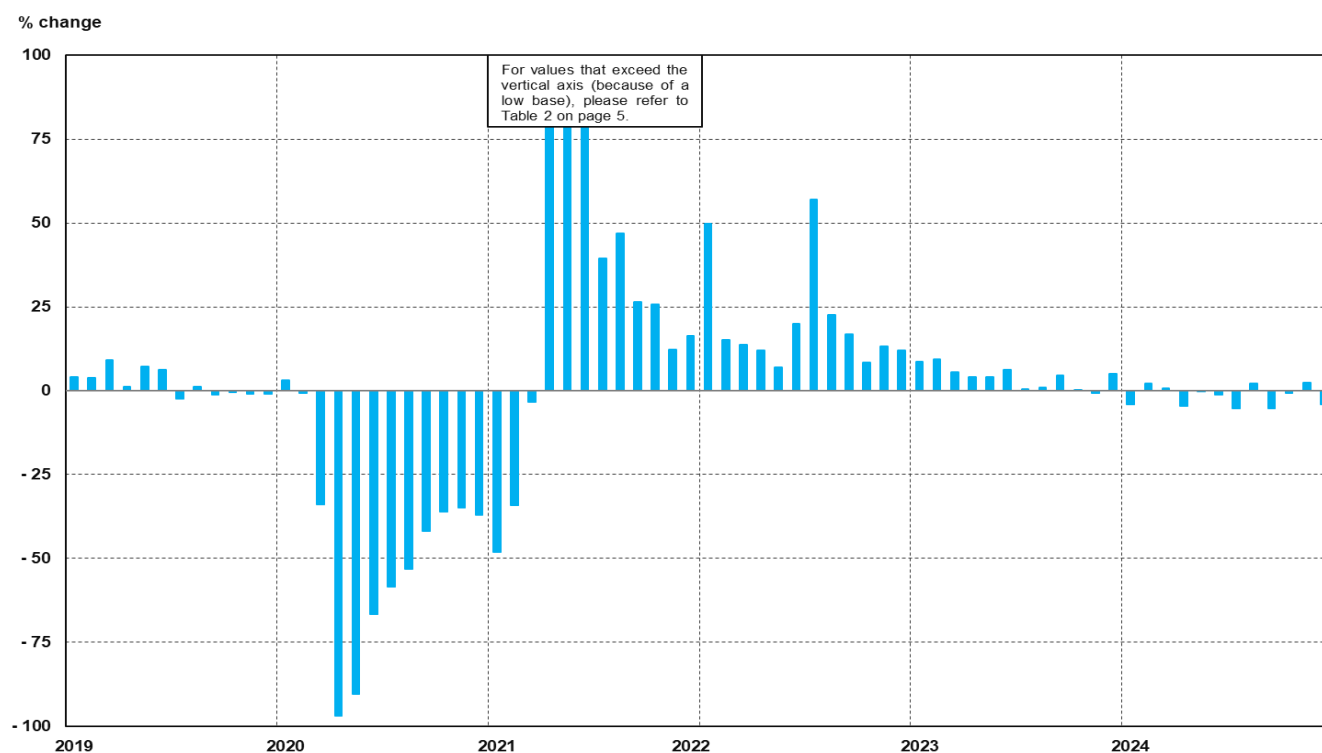
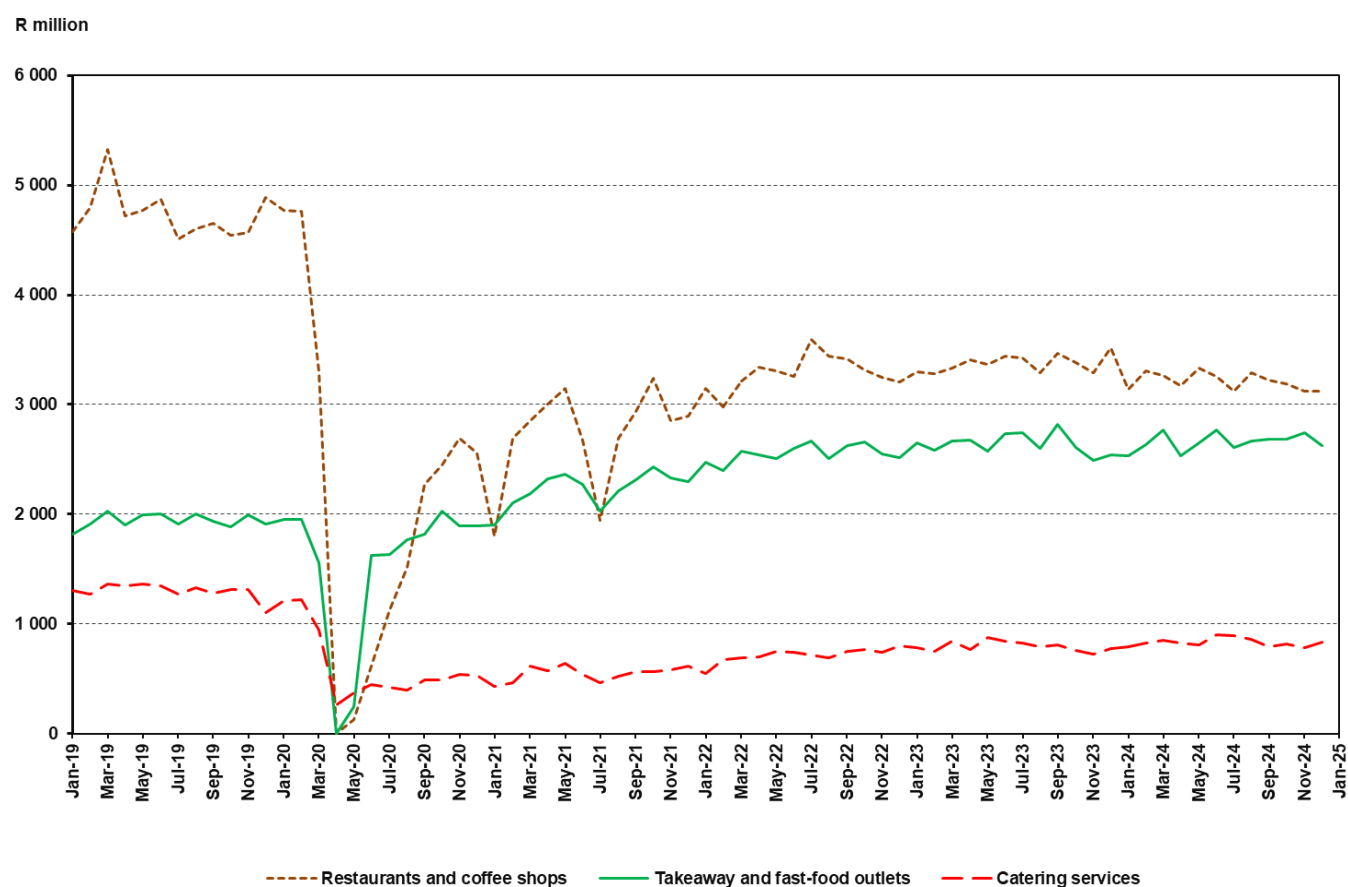
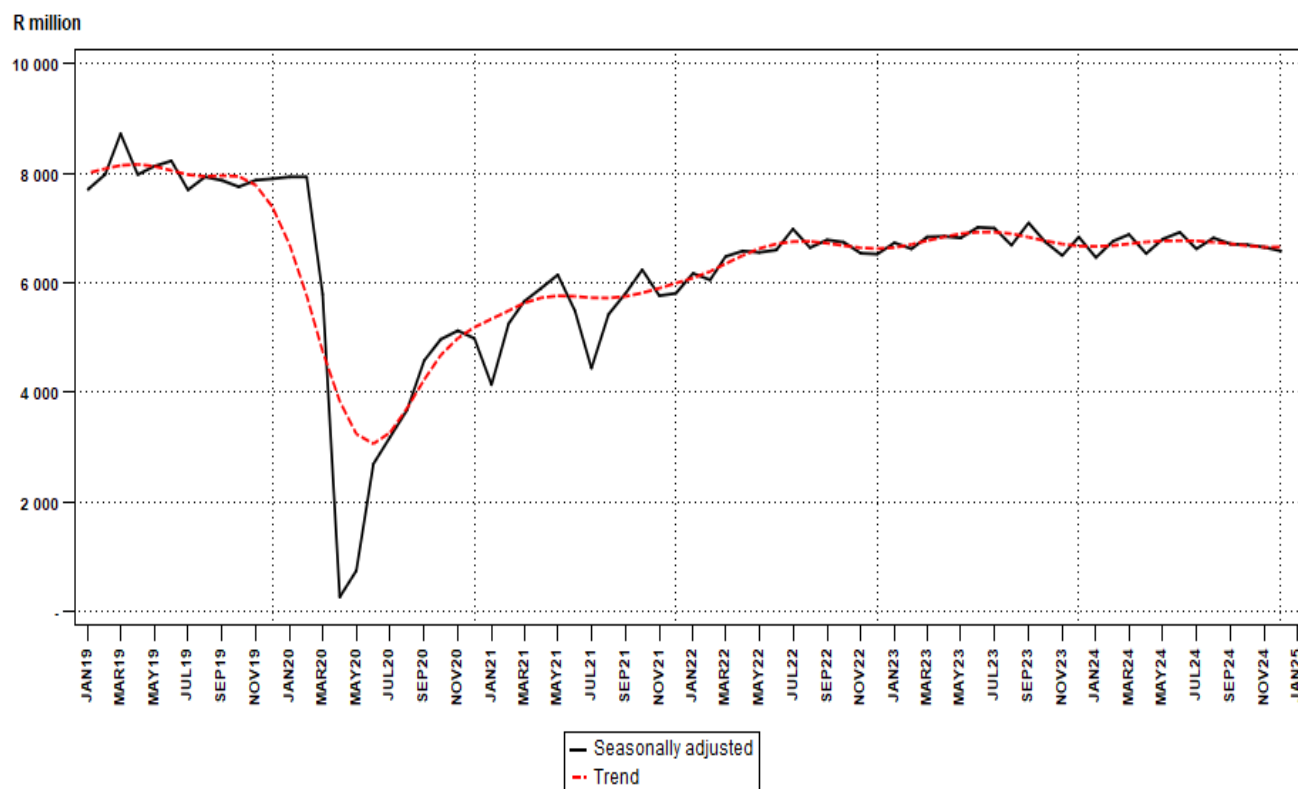
Figure 1 – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices: year-on-year percentage change**Figure 2 – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of enterprise, seasonally adjusted**

Figure 3 – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices

Seasonally adjusted income for the food and beverages industry decreased by 1,0% in December 2024 compared with November 2024. This followed month-on-month changes of -0,6% in November 2024 and -0,2% in October 2024 – see Table 3 and Table 7.


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Tables

Table 1 – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices (R million)

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	7 455,4	7 684,0	3 989,0	5 977,2	6 497,7	6 226,5
Feb	7 523,1	7 471,6	4 912,2	5 654,5	6 181,4	6 319,0
Mar	8 809,6	5 818,9	5 624,7	6 394,7	6 754,7	6 800,8
Apr	7 692,8	246,1	5 663,5	6 346,6	6 603,3	6 295,9
May	7 649,3	723,3	5 870,8	6 282,8	6 544,9	6 529,9
Jun	7 567,9	2 517,6	5 091,5	6 106,0	6 482,0	6 404,4
Jul	7 527,7	3 133,2	4 365,5	6 851,9	6 879,1	6 508,8
Aug	7 832,4	3 674,0	5 398,8	6 615,7	6 672,3	6 814,9
Sep	7 714,6	4 482,1	5 670,0	6 619,5	6 922,0	6 550,5
Oct	7 836,4	5 005,1	6 288,8	6 817,7	6 828,7	6 776,1
Nov	8 375,3	5 447,1	6 118,5	6 934,7	6 879,7	7 039,6
Dec	9 748,7	6 141,5	7 148,0	8 009,1	8 418,0	8 080,5
Total	95 733,2	52 344,5	66 141,3	78 610,4	81 663,8	80 346,9

Table 2 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 year-to-date
Jan	3,1	-48,1	49,8	8,7	-4,2	-4,2
Feb	-0,7	-34,3	15,1	9,3	2,2	-1,1
Mar	-33,9	-3,3	13,7	5,6	0,7	-0,5
Apr	-96,8	2 201,3	12,1	4,0	-4,7	-1,5
May	-90,5	711,7	7,0	4,2	-0,2	-1,3
Jun	-66,7	102,2	19,9	6,2	-1,2	-1,2
Jul	-58,4	39,3	57,0	0,4	-5,4	-1,9
Aug	-53,1	46,9	22,5	0,9	2,1	-1,4
Sep	-41,9	26,5	16,7	4,6	-5,4	-1,8
Oct	-36,1	25,6	8,4	0,2	-0,8	-1,7
Nov	-35,0	12,3	13,3	-0,8	2,3	-1,3
Dec	-37,0	16,4	12,0	5,1	-4,0	-1,6
Total	-45,3	26,4	18,9	3,9	-1,6	

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	4 137,4	6 169,6	6 728,0	6 458,7	-17,0	6,3	3,2	-5,5
Feb	5 253,4	6 050,5	6 617,0	6 758,1	27,0	-1,9	-1,6	4,6
Mar	5 657,1	6 477,1	6 833,8	6 880,0	7,7	7,1	3,3	1,8
Apr	5 899,6	6 578,1	6 845,9	6 531,5	4,3	1,6	0,2	-5,1
May	6 143,3	6 553,2	6 816,5	6 794,8	4,1	-0,4	-0,4	4,0
Jun	5 489,0	6 596,3	7 011,3	6 920,3	-10,7	0,7	2,9	1,8
Jul	4 439,3	6 979,9	6 994,9	6 616,7	-19,1	5,8	-0,2	-4,4
Aug	5 423,2	6 639,1	6 683,5	6 816,8	22,2	-4,9	-4,5	3,0
Sep	5 807,9	6 780,9	7 091,4	6 706,8	7,1	2,1	6,1	-1,6
Oct	6 236,3	6 739,0	6 746,3	6 690,2	7,4	-0,6	-4,9	-0,2
Nov	5 762,4	6 537,0	6 495,2	6 648,0	-7,6	-3,0	-3,7	-0,6
Dec	5 805,7	6 522,0	6 833,2	6 578,8	0,8	-0,2	5,2	-1,0

Table 4 – Food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	2 365,7	2 484,4	2 451,9	2 521,4	2 529,4	3 076,1
	Bar sales	537,3	599,2	570,4	543,1	617,0	700,9
	Other income	127,5	133,0	119,9	123,0	135,4	161,0
	Total	3 030,5	3 216,6	3 142,2	3 187,5	3 281,8	3 938,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	2 575,6	2 672,8	2 578,1	2 676,3	2 861,0	3 222,6
	Bar sales	21,1	22,8	23,3	22,6	23,5	26,8
	Other income	9,0	8,4	8,7	8,7	8,9	8,9
	Total	2 605,7	2 704,0	2 610,1	2 707,6	2 893,4	3 258,3
Catering services	Food sales	683,4	689,5	622,6	701,4	664,0	629,1
	Bar sales	125,3	146,8	117,0	122,6	141,8	199,0
	Other income	63,9	58,0	58,6	57,0	58,6	56,1
	Total	872,6	894,3	798,2	881,0	864,4	884,2
Total industry	Food sales	5 624,7	5 846,7	5 652,6	5 899,1	6 054,4	6 927,8
	Bar sales	683,7	768,8	710,7	688,3	782,3	926,7
	Other income	200,4	199,4	187,2	188,7	202,9	226,0
	Total	6 508,8	6 814,9	6 550,5	6 776,1	7 039,6	8 080,5

Table 5 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of enterprise

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	-9,4	-1,2	-5,4	-4,3	-5,8	-8,6
	Bar sales	-1,6	13,4	-7,8	-7,7	-0,1	-18,0
	Other income	-26,3	-19,0	-27,1	-20,3	-13,9	-30,0
	Total	-9,0	0,3	-6,9	-5,6	-5,2	-11,5
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	-5,0	2,8	-4,4	2,9	10,7	3,8
	Bar sales	-16,9	-1,7	-11,4	-13,4	-11,3	-18,3
	Other income	-16,7	-27,6	-28,1	-18,7	-1,1	-20,5
	Total	-5,1	2,6	-4,6	2,6	10,4	3,5
Catering services	Food sales	15,5	11,0	1,8	12,2	7,8	7,7
	Bar sales	-13,2	6,5	-12,1	2,1	23,3	19,6
	Other income	-4,9	-16,4	-13,6	-15,4	-13,2	-15,9
	Total	8,6	7,9	-1,7	8,4	8,3	8,2
Total industry	Food sales	-4,9	1,9	-4,2	0,6	2,8	-1,8
	Bar sales	-4,5	11,5	-8,6	-6,3	3,1	-12,1
	Other income	-20,1	-18,7	-23,4	-18,8	-13,2	-26,6
	Total	-5,4	2,1	-5,4	-0,8	2,3	-4,0

Table 6 – Contribution of each type of enterprise to the year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices (percentage points)

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	-3,6	-0,5	-2,0	-1,7	-2,3	-3,5
	Bar sales	-0,1	1,1	-0,7	-0,7	0,0	-1,8
	Other income	-0,7	-0,5	-0,6	-0,5	-0,3	-0,8
	Total	-4,3	0,1	-3,3	-2,8	-2,6	-6,1
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	-2,0	1,1	-1,7	1,1	4,0	1,4
	Bar sales	-0,1	0,0	0,0	-0,1	0,0	-0,1
	Other income	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Total	-2,1	1,0	-1,8	1,0	4,0	1,3
Catering services	Food sales	1,3	1,0	0,2	1,1	0,7	0,5
	Bar sales	-0,3	0,1	-0,2	0,0	0,4	0,4
	Other income	0,0	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1
	Total	1,0	1,0	-0,2	1,0	1,0	0,8
Total industry	Food sales	-4,2	1,6	-3,6	0,5	2,4	-1,5
	Bar sales	-0,5	1,2	-1,0	-0,7	0,3	-1,5
	Other income	-0,7	-0,7	-0,8	-0,6	-0,4	-1,0
	Total	-5,4	2,1	-5,4	-0,8	2,3	-4,0

Table 7 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at constant 2019 prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Month-on-month % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	2 535,0	2 507,2	2 523,4	2 429,2	2 463,5	1,4
	Bar sales	615,6	592,6	547,9	571,7	536,2	-6,2
	Other income	140,9	126,6	121,2	118,2	120,7	2,1
	Total	3 291,5	3 226,5	3 192,6	3 119,1	3 120,4	0,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	2 639,9	2 655,8	2 651,2	2 715,7	2 593,0	-4,5
	Bar sales	22,3	23,1	21,8	22,3	22,5	0,9
	Other income	8,4	8,7	8,7	8,9	8,9	0,0
	Total	2 670,6	2 687,6	2 681,7	2 746,9	2 624,4	-4,5
Catering services	Food sales	646,2	614,2	641,9	596,5	625,1	4,8
	Bar sales	151,7	121,2	119,3	133,3	157,6	18,2
	Other income	56,7	57,3	54,8	52,2	51,3	-1,7
	Total	854,7	792,8	816,0	781,9	834,0	6,7
Total industry	Food sales	5 821,1	5 777,3	5 816,5	5 741,4	5 681,6	-1,0
	Bar sales	789,7	736,9	689,0	727,3	716,2	-1,5
	Other income	206,0	192,7	184,8	179,3	181,0	0,9
	Total	6 816,8	6 706,8	6 690,2	6 648,0	6 578,8	-1,0

Table 8 – Food and beverages income at current prices (R million)

Month	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	7 337,9	7 879,8	4 117,4	6 523,3	7 602,6	7 802,8
Feb	7 408,1	7 695,0	5 088,9	6 201,2	7 262,7	7 929,1
Mar	8 704,4	6 005,5	5 847,0	7 036,3	7 981,5	8 542,3
Apr	7 608,5	252,9	5 931,3	7 006,5	7 814,3	7 940,2
May	7 603,9	739,1	6 171,9	7 003,8	7 849,7	8 303,8
Jun	7 556,5	2 572,4	5 368,3	6 883,0	7 821,0	8 151,1
Jul	7 527,8	3 203,2	4 629,2	7 753,6	8 325,3	8 316,2
Aug	7 840,4	3 753,6	5 755,3	7 539,8	8 144,3	8 726,8
Sep	7 784,2	4 581,2	6 049,9	7 544,3	8 478,0	8 396,3
Oct	7 905,8	5 106,3	6 766,0	7 826,0	8 395,0	8 725,5
Nov	8 518,0	5 568,6	6 611,5	8 010,6	8 517,7	9 151,0
Dec	9 936,7	6 325,8	7 741,2	9 323,2	10 431,5	10 524,3
Total	95 732,2	53 683,4	70 077,9	88 651,6	98 623,6	102 509,4

Table 9 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at current prices

Month	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2024 year-to-date
Jan	7,4	-47,7	58,4	16,5	2,6	2,6
Feb	3,9	-33,9	21,9	17,1	9,2	5,8
Mar	-31,0	-2,6	20,3	13,4	7,0	6,2
Apr	-96,7	2 245,3	18,1	11,5	1,6	5,1
May	-90,3	735,1	13,5	12,1	5,8	5,2
Jun	-66,0	108,7	28,2	13,6	4,2	5,0
Jul	-57,4	44,5	67,5	7,4	-0,1	4,3
Aug	-52,1	53,3	31,0	8,0	7,2	4,6
Sep	-41,1	32,1	24,7	12,4	-1,0	4,0
Oct	-35,4	32,5	15,7	7,3	3,9	4,0
Nov	-34,6	18,7	21,2	6,3	7,4	4,3
Dec	-36,3	22,4	20,4	11,9	0,9	3,9
Total	-43,9	30,5	26,5	11,2	3,9	

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at current prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	4 270,4	6 722,1	7 853,9	8 073,3	-16,5	7,5	3,9	-4,3
Feb	5 437,9	6 624,9	7 757,6	8 458,0	27,3	-1,4	-1,2	4,8
Mar	5 862,5	7 170,1	8 141,6	8 561,6	7,8	8,2	4,9	1,2
Apr	6 183,2	7 213,5	8 035,5	8 320,9	5,5	0,6	-1,3	-2,8
May	6 474,6	7 324,0	8 191,0	8 657,5	4,7	1,5	1,9	4,0
Jun	5 758,9	7 384,9	8 388,4	8 722,6	-11,1	0,8	2,4	0,8
Jul	4 709,3	7 900,2	8 465,2	8 452,6	-18,2	7,0	0,9	-3,1
Aug	5 814,4	7 616,4	8 220,8	8 799,5	23,5	-3,6	-2,9	4,1
Sep	6 165,1	7 685,7	8 637,0	8 551,2	6,0	0,9	5,1	-2,8
Oct	6 751,1	7 789,6	8 353,1	8 677,9	9,5	1,4	-3,3	1,5
Nov	6 265,9	7 602,9	8 097,3	8 703,7	-7,2	-2,4	-3,1	0,3
Dec	6 255,4	7 556,8	8 433,7	8 536,7	-0,2	-0,6	4,2	-1,9

Table 11 – Food and beverages income at current prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	3 037,6	3 192,5	3 153,2	3 255,1	3 298,3	4 020,5
	Bar sales	659,3	747,2	712,4	684,3	783,0	889,5
	Other income	162,3	170,1	153,3	158,1	175,7	209,2
	Total	3 859,2	4 109,8	4 018,9	4 097,5	4 257,0	5 119,2
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	3 307,1	3 434,5	3 315,5	3 455,1	3 730,8	4 212,0
	Bar sales	25,9	28,4	29,1	28,5	29,8	34,0
	Other income	11,4	10,8	11,1	11,2	11,6	11,5
	Total	3 344,4	3 473,7	3 355,7	3 494,8	3 772,2	4 257,5
Catering services	Food sales	877,5	886,0	800,7	905,5	865,8	822,2
	Bar sales	153,8	183,1	146,1	154,5	179,9	252,5
	Other income	81,3	74,2	74,9	73,2	76,1	72,9
	Total	1 112,6	1 143,3	1 021,7	1 133,2	1 121,8	1 147,6
Total industry	Food sales	7 222,2	7 513,0	7 269,4	7 615,7	7 894,9	9 054,7
	Bar sales	839,0	958,7	887,6	867,3	992,7	1 176,0
	Other income	255,0	255,1	239,3	242,5	263,4	293,6
	Total	8 316,2	8 726,8	8 396,3	8 725,5	9 151,0	10 524,3

Table 12 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at current prices by type of enterprise

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	-4,0	3,8	-0,9	0,2	-1,2	-4,1
	Bar sales	0,9	17,7	-4,1	-3,1	5,6	-13,4
	Other income	-22,3	-15,1	-23,8	-16,6	-9,5	-26,5
	Total	-4,1	5,1	-2,6	-1,1	-0,4	-7,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	0,7	8,0	0,1	7,7	16,1	9,0
	Bar sales	-14,8	1,8	-7,9	-9,2	-6,3	-13,7
	Other income	-13,0	-23,4	-25,0	-14,5	4,5	-16,7
	Total	0,5	7,8	-0,1	7,5	15,9	8,6
Catering services	Food sales	22,4	16,6	6,6	17,5	13,1	13,0
	Bar sales	-10,9	10,6	-8,6	7,1	30,3	26,3
	Other income	0,0	-12,4	-9,7	-11,5	-8,8	-11,6
	Total	14,6	13,2	2,8	13,6	13,7	13,7
Total industry	Food sales	0,8	7,1	0,3	5,4	7,9	3,1
	Bar sales	-2,0	15,8	-5,0	-1,7	8,9	-7,1
	Other income	-16,0	-14,7	-19,9	-15,0	-8,8	-22,9
	Total	-0,1	7,2	-1,0	3,9	7,4	0,9

Table 13 – Contribution of each type of enterprise to the year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at current prices (percentage points)

		Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	-1,5	1,4	-0,3	0,1	-0,5	-1,6
	Bar sales	0,1	1,4	-0,4	-0,3	0,5	-1,3
	Other income	-0,6	-0,4	-0,6	-0,4	-0,2	-0,7
	Total	-2,0	2,4	-1,3	-0,6	-0,2	-3,7
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	0,3	3,1	0,0	2,9	6,1	3,3
	Bar sales	-0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,1
	Other income	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Total	0,2	3,1	0,0	2,9	6,1	3,2
Catering services	Food sales	1,9	1,5	0,6	1,6	1,2	0,9
	Bar sales	-0,2	0,2	-0,2	0,1	0,5	0,5
	Other income	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
	Total	1,7	1,6	0,3	1,6	1,6	1,3
Total industry	Food sales	0,7	6,1	0,3	4,6	6,8	2,6
	Bar sales	-0,2	1,6	-0,6	-0,2	1,0	-0,9
	Other income	-0,6	-0,5	-0,7	-0,5	-0,3	-0,8
	Total	-0,1	7,2	-1,0	3,9	7,4	0,9

Table 14 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at current prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Month-on-month % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	3 267,6	3 237,1	3 266,5	3 165,7	3 199,0	1,1
	Bar sales	756,5	726,6	692,4	720,8	681,7	-5,4
	Other income	180,4	162,1	160,1	156,2	159,5	2,1
	Total	4 204,5	4 125,8	4 119,1	4 042,6	4 040,3	-0,1
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	3 448,8	3 383,0	3 446,3	3 598,2	3 359,0	-6,6
	Bar sales	27,8	28,9	27,4	28,3	28,6	1,1
	Other income	10,3	10,2	10,5	11,2	9,6	-14,3
	Total	3 487,0	3 422,1	3 484,3	3 637,6	3 397,2	-6,6
Catering services	Food sales	845,7	780,3	854,0	786,8	829,8	5,5
	Bar sales	188,1	149,2	149,2	168,5	201,7	19,7
	Other income	74,2	73,9	71,4	68,1	67,7	-0,6
	Total	1 108,0	1 003,4	1 074,6	1 023,4	1 099,2	7,4
Total industry	Food sales	7 562,1	7 400,4	7 566,8	7 550,8	7 387,8	-2,2
	Bar sales	972,4	904,8	869,0	917,5	912,0	-0,6
	Other income	264,9	246,1	242,1	235,4	236,9	0,6
	Total	8 799,5	8 551,2	8 677,9	8 703,7	8 536,7	-1,9

Explanatory notes

Introduction	The results presented in this publication are derived from the monthly survey of the food and beverages industry. This survey is based on a sample drawn from the 2024 statistical business register (SBR) that contains businesses registered for value-added tax (VAT).
Purpose of the survey	The food and beverages survey is a monthly survey covering a sample of public and private enterprises involved in the preparation of meals and drinks for immediate consumption in South Africa. The purpose of this survey is to monitor trends in the food and beverages industry. The results of the food and beverages survey are used to compile estimates of the tourism satellite accounts (TSA) and the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used to develop and monitor government policy. These statistics are also used in the analysis of comparative business and industry performance.
Scope of the survey	This survey covers the following tax registered private and public enterprises, that are mainly engaged in providing food and beverages for immediate consumption: • restaurants and coffee shops; • takeaway and fast-food outlets; and • catering services.
Classification by industry	The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at five-digit SIC level.
Collection rate	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on food and beverages for December 2024 was 84,0%. The revised collection rate for November 2024 was 86,0%.
Statistical unit	The statistical unit for which information is compiled and published is an enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its income activities. The statistical units are derived from and linked to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) administrative data.
Revised figures	Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Dec-24	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents New sample	Aug-05–Jun-25
Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-25
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four- to five-year intervals		

Rounding-off of figures	Where figures have been rounded off, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals.
Historical data	Historical food and beverages data are available on the Stats SA website. To access the data electronically, use the following link: Click to download historical data.

Estimates of total food and beverages income within 95% confidence limits – December 2024

	Lower limit (R million)	Income (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total income	9 385,7	10 524,3	11 663,1	5,5

Non-sampling errors Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

Constant prices Food and beverages income at constant prices by type of enterprise and by type of income is estimated by deflating income at current prices using the relevant components of the consumer price index for restaurants.

Year-on-year percentage change The year-on-year percentage change in a variable for any given period is the change between that period and the corresponding period of the previous year, expressed as a percentage of the latter.

Contribution (percentage points) The contribution (percentage points) to the annual percentage change for any given period is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each type of enterprise by its corresponding weight, divided by 100. The weight is the percentage contribution of each type of enterprise to total income in the corresponding period of the previous year. The same result is given by $T \times [\Delta C / \Delta T]$, where T = change in the total, ΔC = change in the component (in rands), and ΔT = change in the total (in rands).

Glossary

Enterprise A legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its activities.

Industry It is a group of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the *System of National Accounts* (SNA) in the same way as in the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.

Income from food sales Refers to income from the sale of meals and non-alcoholic drinks.

Income from bar sales Refers to income from liquor sales.

Other income Includes all income not earned from bar or food sales.

Symbols and abbreviations	GDP	Gross domestic product
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical Business Register
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	TSA	Tourism satellite accounts
	VAT	Value-added tax
	*	Revised figures

Restaurants and coffee shops Enterprises involved in the sale and provision of meals and drinks, ordered from a menu, prepared on the premises for immediate consumption and with provided seating.

Takeaway and fast-food outlets Enterprises involved in the sale and provision of meals and drinks, ordered from a menu, prepared on the premises for takeaway purposes in a packaged format, at a stand or in a location, with or without provided seating.

Catering services

Enterprises involved in the sale and supply of meals and drinks prepared on the premises on a contract basis and brought to other premises chosen by the person ordering them, to be served for immediate consumption to guests or customers. Catering services also include bars, taverns, other drinking places, ice-cream parlours, etc.

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