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Income at constant 2015 prices: results for May 2020

Table A – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices by type of income

Type of income	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Food sales	1,9	3,1	2,9	-28,9	-94,6	-87,3
Bar sales	-10,9	0,9	-0,7	-41,0	-100,0	-100,0
Other income	-5,2	-9,8	-26,3	-44,9	-82,6	-80,0
Total	0,8	2,6	1,9	-30,2	-94,6	-87,9

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March 2020 have had an extensive impact on economic activity. Measured in real terms (constant 2015 prices), total income generated by the food and beverages industry decreased by 87,9% in May 2020 compared with May 2019. The largest decreases were recorded for:

- bar sales (-100,0%); and
- food sales (-87,3%) – see Table A.

Table B – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices by type of enterprise

Type of enterprise	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Restaurants and coffee shops	2,7	4,1	3,7	-34,1	-100,0	-98,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	1,5	7,5	4,1	-24,9	-100,0	-85,7
Catering services	-9,3	-12,9	-8,9	-26,3	-64,9	-59,8
Total	0,8	2,6	1,9	-30,2	-94,6	-87,9

In May 2020, the main contributors to the 87,9% year-on-year decrease were:

- restaurants and coffee shops (-98,0% and contributing -49,8 percentage points); and
- takeaway and fast-food outlets (-85,7% and contributing -28,9 percentage points) – see Tables B and 6.

Table C – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices for the latest three months by type of enterprise

Type of enterprise	Mar – May 2019 (R million)	Weight	Mar – May 2020 (R million)	% change between Mar – May 2019 and Mar – May 2020	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	7 503,7	52,9	1 912,8	-74,5	-39,4
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	4 535,2	32,0	1 394,3	-69,3	-22,2
Catering services	2 140,6	15,1	1 076,5	-49,7	-7,5
Total	14 179,5	100,0	4 383,6	-69,1	-69,1

Total income decreased by 69,1% in the three months ended May 2020 compared with the three months ended May 2019. The main contributors to this decrease were:

- restaurants and coffee shops (-74,5% and contributing -39,4 percentage points); and
- takeaway and fast-food outlets (-69,3% and contributing -22,2 percentage points) – see Table C.

Figure 1 – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices: year-on-year percentage change

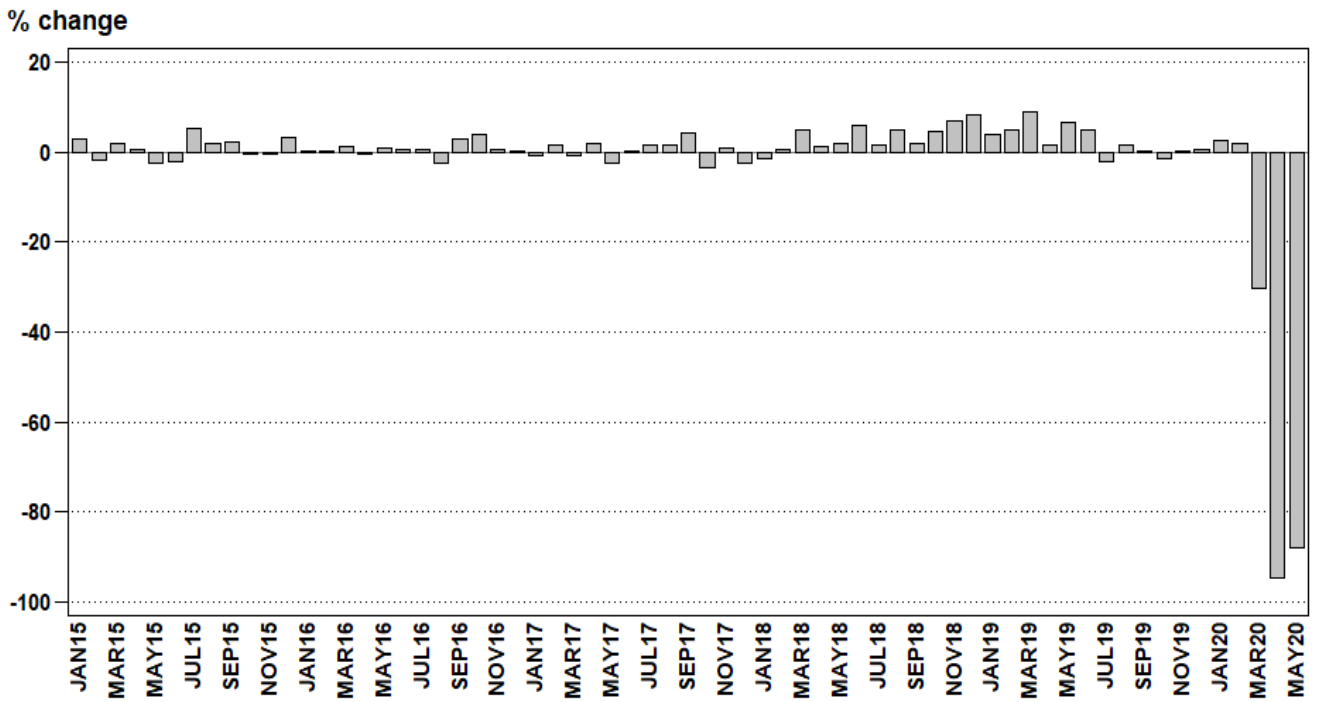


Figure 2 – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices: year-on-year percentage change by type of enterprise

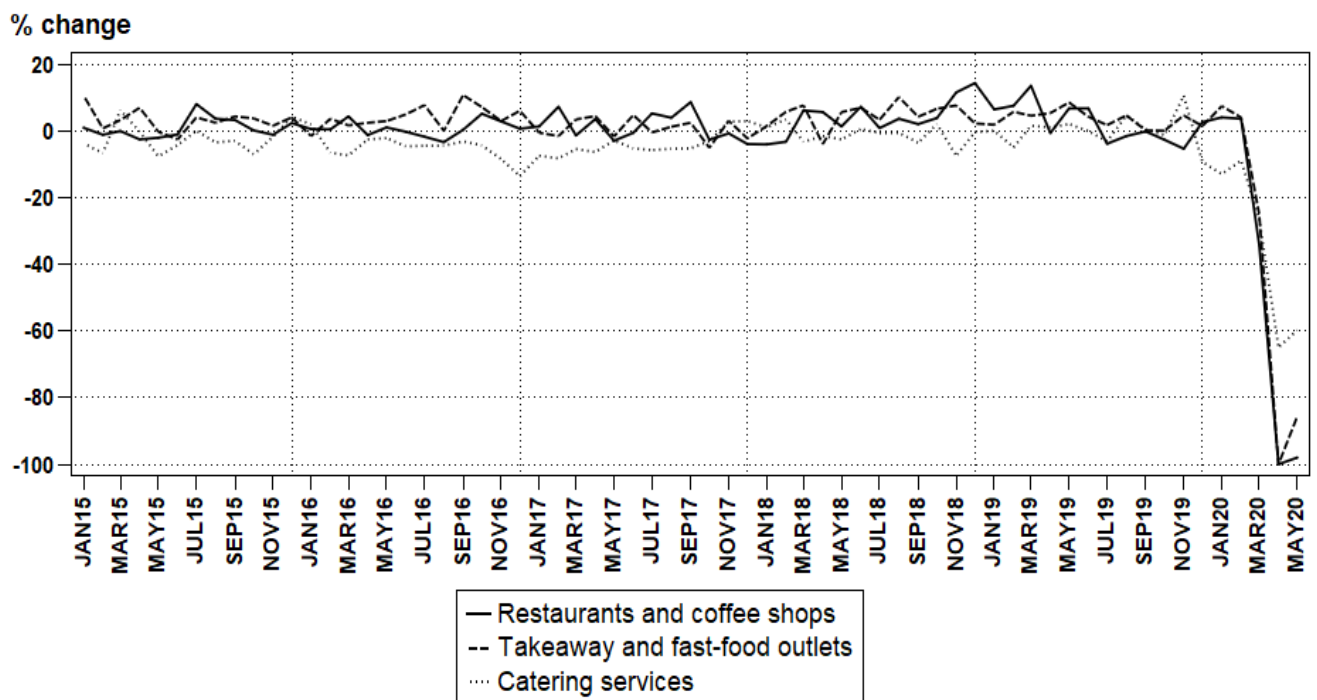
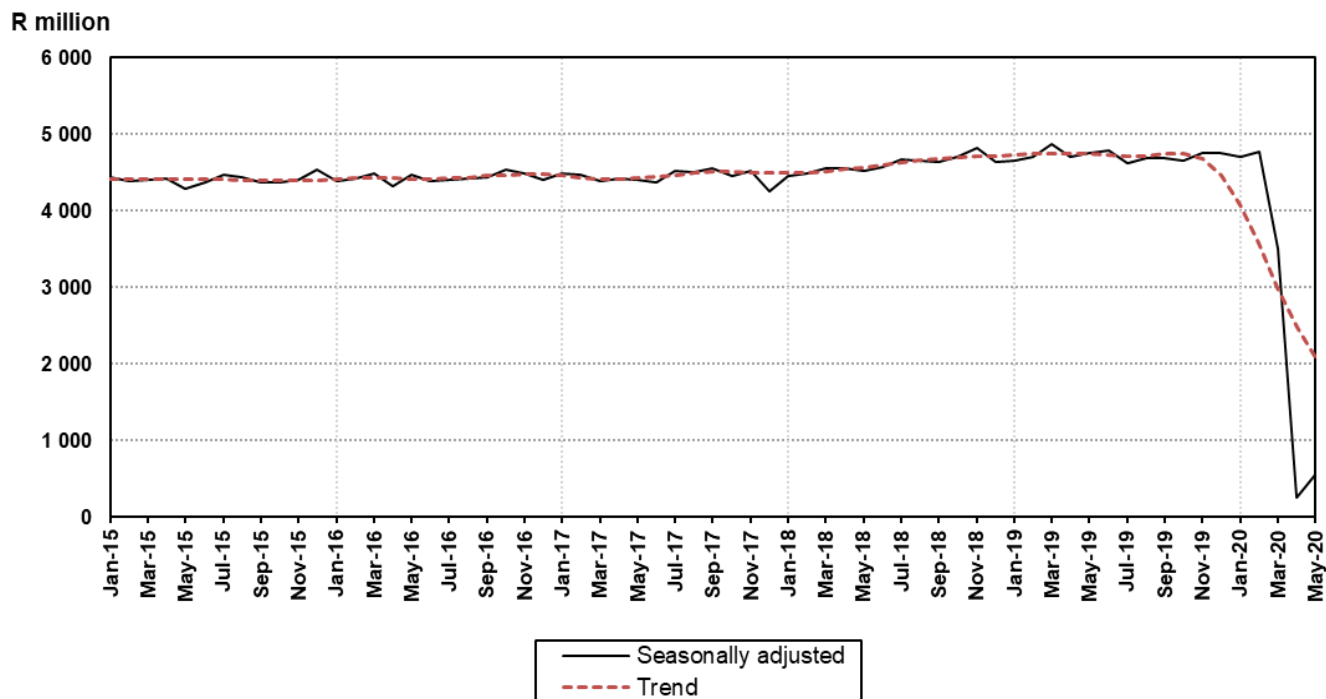


Figure 3 – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices



Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income increased by 118,1% in May 2020 compared with April 2020. This followed month-on-month changes of -92,8% in April 2020 and -26,4% in March 2020 – see Tables 3 and 7.

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Tables

Table 1 – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices (R million)

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 1/
Jan	4 304,6	4 311,5	4 284,0	4 219,1	4 388,8	4 503,2
Feb	4 091,5	4 094,4	4 168,9	4 190,4	4 397,3	4 480,5
Mar	4 466,4	4 525,9	4 500,0	4 728,5	5 148,3	3 594,9
Apr	4 280,1	4 268,9	4 360,4	4 421,3	4 486,9	241,1
May	4 229,2	4 277,5	4 172,7	4 261,7	4 544,3	547,6
Jun	3 985,3	4 009,2	4 024,0	4 269,7	4 479,7	
Jul	4 404,8	4 436,7	4 509,1	4 575,6	4 490,7	
Aug	4 430,0	4 320,9	4 386,7	4 609,7	4 678,1	
Sep	4 214,1	4 335,1	4 518,8	4 604,8	4 607,9	
Oct	4 470,2	4 655,2	4 495,2	4 696,3	4 623,8	
Nov	4 578,0	4 615,1	4 664,4	4 996,8	5 008,7	
Dec	5 410,4	5 424,3	5 292,4	5 727,9	5 772,1	
Total	52 864,6	53 274,7	53 376,6	55 301,8	56 626,6	

1/ Figures for the latest four months are preliminary.

Table 2 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices

Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020 year-to-date
Jan	0,2	-0,6	-1,5	4,0	2,6	2,6
Feb	0,1	1,8	0,5	4,9	1,9	2,2
Mar	1,3	-0,6	5,1	8,9	-30,2	-9,7
Apr	-0,3	2,1	1,4	1,5	-94,6	-30,4
May	1,1	-2,5	2,1	6,6	-87,9	-41,8
Jun	0,6	0,4	6,1	4,9		
Jul	0,7	1,6	1,5	-1,9		
Aug	-2,5	1,5	5,1	1,5		
Sep	2,9	4,2	1,9	0,1		
Oct	4,1	-3,4	4,5	-1,5		
Nov	0,8	1,1	7,1	0,2		
Dec	0,3	-2,4	8,2	0,8		
Total	0,8	0,2	3,6	2,4		

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
Jan	4 480,4	4 461,3	4 654,9	4 707,6	1,6	4,9	0,3	-1,0
Feb	4 476,5	4 494,3	4 712,8	4 766,4	-0,1	0,7	1,2	1,2
Mar	4 385,3	4 550,9	4 876,2	3 508,9	-2,0	1,3	3,5	-26,4
Apr	4 427,6	4 559,9	4 710,7	252,6	1,0	0,2	-3,4	-92,8
May	4 410,7	4 519,4	4 747,2	550,8	-0,4	-0,9	0,8	118,1
Jun	4 370,7	4 569,8	4 787,9		-0,9	1,1	0,9	
Jul	4 518,6	4 664,9	4 616,6		3,4	2,1	-3,6	
Aug	4 503,9	4 655,5	4 680,6		-0,3	-0,2	1,4	
Sep	4 562,6	4 634,1	4 690,1		1,3	-0,5	0,2	
Oct	4 459,4	4 710,9	4 649,0		-2,3	1,7	-0,9	
Nov	4 526,4	4 821,0	4 757,3		1,5	2,3	2,3	
Dec	4 252,4	4 642,4	4 753,3		-6,1	-3,7	-0,1	

Table 4 – Food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20 1/	Mar-20 1/	Apr-20 1/	May-20 1/
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	2 888,5	2 185,4	2 188,4	1 706,0	0,0	45,8
	Bar sales	306,3	242,0	235,6	140,8	0,0	0,0
	Other income	49,6	34,8	21,6	20,1	0,0	0,1
	Total	3 244,4	2 462,2	2 445,6	1 866,9	0,0	45,9
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	1 855,3	1 455,4	1 416,0	1 169,5	0,0	218,0
	Bar sales	8,1	7,1	6,8	5,6	0,0	0,0
	Other income	1,4	1,2	0,9	0,8	0,0	0,4
	Total	1 864,8	1 463,7	1 423,7	1 175,9	0,0	218,4
Catering services	Food sales	519,5	441,4	469,9	433,1	218,8	261,3
	Bar sales	61,5	72,8	77,1	67,9	0,0	0,0
	Other income	81,9	63,1	64,2	51,1	22,3	22,0
	Total	662,9	577,3	611,2	552,1	241,1	283,3
Total industry	Food sales	5 263,3	4 082,2	4 074,3	3 308,6	218,8	525,1
	Bar sales	375,9	321,9	319,5	214,3	0,0	0,0
	Other income	132,9	99,1	86,7	72,0	22,3	22,5
	Total	5 772,1	4 503,2	4 480,5	3 594,9	241,1	547,6

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Table 5 – Year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices by type of enterprise

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	3,6	4,6	5,3	-32,2	-100,0	-97,8
	Bar sales	-4,9	-2,7	-4,5	-48,8	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	2,5	32,8	-36,1	-53,3	-100,0	-99,7
	Total	2,7	4,1	3,7	-34,1	-100,0	-98,0
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	1,4	7,4	4,1	-25,0	-100,0	-85,7
	Bar sales	9,5	20,3	13,3	-21,1	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	-6,7	0,0	-10,0	-33,3	-100,0	-66,7
	Total	1,5	7,5	4,1	-24,9	-100,0	-85,7
Catering services	Food sales	-5,1	-14,5	-9,5	-25,5	-58,6	-52,2
	Bar sales	-33,7	12,9	11,6	-16,4	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	-9,3	-23,5	-22,6	-40,9	-73,6	-73,0
	Total	-9,3	-12,9	-8,9	-26,3	-64,9	-59,8
Total industry	Food sales	1,9	3,1	2,9	-28,9	-94,6	-87,3
	Bar sales	-10,9	0,9	-0,7	-41,0	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	-5,2	-9,8	-26,3	-44,9	-82,6	-80,0
	Total	0,8	2,6	1,9	-30,2	-94,6	-87,9

Table 6 – Contribution of each type of enterprise to the year-on-year percentage change in food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices (percentage points)

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	1,7	2,2	2,5	-15,7	-46,6	-44,3
	Bar sales	-0,3	-0,2	-0,3	-2,6	-5,2	-4,8
	Other income	0,0	0,2	-0,3	-0,4	-0,9	-0,7
	Total	1,5	2,2	2,0	-18,8	-52,7	-49,8
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	0,5	2,3	1,3	-7,6	-31,8	-28,7
	Bar sales	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-0,2
	Other income	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Total	0,5	2,3	1,3	-7,6	-32,0	-28,9
Catering services	Food sales	-0,5	-1,7	-1,1	-2,9	-6,9	-6,3
	Bar sales	-0,5	0,2	0,2	-0,3	-1,6	-1,7
	Other income	-0,1	-0,4	-0,4	-0,7	-1,4	-1,3
	Total	-1,2	-2,0	-1,4	-3,8	-9,9	-9,3
Total industry	Food sales	1,7	2,8	2,7	-26,1	-85,3	-79,3
	Bar sales	-0,8	0,1	-0,1	-2,9	-7,0	-6,7
	Other income	-0,1	-0,2	-0,7	-1,1	-2,4	-2,0
	Total	0,8	2,6	1,9	-30,2	-94,6	-87,9

Table 7 – Seasonally adjusted food and beverages income at constant 2015 prices by type of enterprise (R million)

		Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Month-on-month % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	2 250,6	2 305,8	1 626,7	0,0	47,7	1/
	Bar sales	238,4	235,7	132,9	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	41,3	26,4	19,1	0,0	0,1	1/
	Total	2 530,3	2 567,9	1 778,6	0,0	47,8	1/
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	1 545,9	1 553,1	1 204,0	1,1	215,5	19 490,9
	Bar sales	7,4	7,5	5,5	0,4	0,4	0,0
	Other income	1,2	0,9	0,8	1,0	1,0	0,0
	Total	1 554,5	1 561,4	1 210,4	2,5	216,9	8 576,0
Catering services	Food sales	479,6	492,4	402,6	227,8	264,1	15,9
	Bar sales	80,2	80,5	66,2	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	63,1	64,2	51,1	22,3	22,0	-1,3
	Total	622,9	637,1	519,9	250,1	286,1	14,4
Total industry	Food sales	4 276,0	4 351,3	3 233,3	228,9	527,3	130,4
	Bar sales	326,0	323,6	204,5	0,4	0,4	0,0
	Other income	105,6	91,5	71,0	23,3	23,1	-0,9
	Total	4 707,6	4 766,4	3 508,9	252,6	550,8	118,1

1/ Changes from zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.

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

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 1/
Jan	4 192,0	4 453,6	4 740,8	4 958,3	5 448,1	5 822,9
Feb	3 990,0	4 254,7	4 627,6	4 939,4	5 458,9	5 823,1
Mar	4 366,4	4 729,9	5 004,0	5 588,7	6 417,3	4 685,9
Apr	4 208,7	4 484,3	4 870,1	5 323,3	5 598,6	313,5
May	4 214,1	4 559,0	4 699,0	5 153,4	5 692,0	707,9
Jun	3 994,0	4 310,5	4 548,7	5 181,4	5 638,0	
Jul	4 433,6	4 815,4	5 155,0	5 575,4	5 660,7	
Aug	4 478,1	4 694,6	5 040,8	5 618,5	5 904,8	
Sep	4 264,2	4 714,1	5 198,1	5 627,1	5 859,3	
Oct	4 537,1	5 075,1	5 189,2	5 743,8	5 882,2	
Nov	4 665,1	5 040,5	5 439,8	6 127,3	6 427,9	
Dec	5 521,2	5 962,4	6 170,6	7 023,2	7 427,8	
Total	52 864,5	57 094,1	60 683,7	66 859,8	71 415,6	

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

Month	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020 year-to-date
Jan	6,2	6,4	4,6	9,9	6,9	6,9
Feb	6,6	8,8	6,7	10,5	6,7	6,8
Mar	8,3	5,8	11,7	14,8	-27,0	-5,7
Apr	6,5	8,6	9,3	5,2	-94,4	-27,4
May	8,2	3,1	9,7	10,5	-87,6	-39,4
Jun	7,9	5,5	13,9	8,8		
Jul	8,6	7,1	8,2	1,5		
Aug	4,8	7,4	11,5	5,1		
Sep	10,6	10,3	8,3	4,1		
Oct	11,9	2,2	10,7	2,4		
Nov	8,0	7,9	12,6	4,9		
Dec	8,0	3,5	13,8	5,8		
Total	8,0	6,3	10,2	6,8		

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

Month	R million				Month-on-month % change			
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2017	2018	2019	2020
Jan	4 968,5	5 232,0	5 783,4	6 091,0	1,6	4,5	0,5	-1,5
Feb	4 966,4	5 294,3	5 847,0	6 215,2	0,0	1,2	1,1	2,0
Mar	4 870,5	5 402,4	6 106,6	4 565,2	-1,9	2,0	4,4	-26,5
Apr	4 988,9	5 507,9	5 882,2	345,8	2,4	2,0	-3,7	-92,4
May	4 943,5	5 450,4	5 919,1	711,0	-0,9	-1,0	0,6	105,6
Jun	4 919,5	5 520,7	6 008,2		-0,5	1,3	1,5	
Jul	5 136,3	5 648,6	5 764,9		4,4	2,3	-4,0	
Aug	5 153,4	5 645,7	5 910,7		0,3	-0,1	2,5	
Sep	5 256,6	5 676,6	5 955,6		2,0	0,5	0,8	
Oct	5 158,3	5 752,3	5 927,0		-1,9	1,3	-0,5	
Nov	5 250,4	5 891,3	6 094,4		1,8	2,4	2,8	
Dec	5 006,6	5 756,8	6 185,2		-4,6	-2,3	1,5	

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

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20 1/	Mar-20 1/	Apr-20 1/	May-20 1/
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	3 733,8	2 839,7	2 858,5	2 233,5	0,0	59,2
	Bar sales	370,1	294,2	287,0	171,6	0,0	0,0
	Other income	63,5	44,7	27,9	26,0	0,0	0,1
	Total	4 167,4	3 178,6	3 173,4	2 431,1	0,0	59,3
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	2 398,2	1 891,1	1 849,6	1 531,1	0,0	282,0
	Bar sales	9,8	8,6	8,3	6,8	0,0	0,0
	Other income	1,8	1,5	1,1	1,0	0,0	0,5
	Total	2 409,8	1 901,2	1 859,0	1 538,9	0,0	282,5
Catering services	Food sales	671,5	573,5	613,8	567,0	284,8	338,0
	Bar sales	74,3	88,5	93,9	82,8	0,0	0,0
	Other income	104,8	81,1	83,0	66,1	28,7	28,1
	Total	850,6	743,1	790,7	715,9	313,5	366,1
Total industry	Food sales	6 803,5	5 304,3	5 321,9	4 331,6	284,8	679,2
	Bar sales	454,2	391,3	389,2	261,2	0,0	0,0
	Other income	170,1	127,3	112,0	93,1	28,7	28,7
	Total	7 427,8	5 822,9	5 823,1	4 685,9	313,5	707,9

1/ Figures are preliminary.

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

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	8,8	9,0	10,3	-29,1	-100,0	-97,7
	Bar sales	-1,6	1,1	-1,0	-46,9	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	7,3	38,0	-33,3	-51,3	-100,0	-99,7
	Total	7,7	8,5	8,5	-31,0	-100,0	-97,9
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	6,5	11,9	9,1	-21,5	-100,0	-85,3
	Bar sales	14,0	24,6	18,6	-18,1	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	0,0	0,0	-8,3	-33,3	-100,0	-66,7
	Total	6,5	12,0	9,1	-21,5	-100,0	-85,3
Catering services	Food sales	-0,4	-10,9	-5,2	-22,1	-57,0	-50,8
	Bar sales	-31,3	17,2	15,8	-13,2	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	-5,1	-20,4	-19,0	-38,4	-72,7	-72,3
	Total	-4,7	-9,5	-4,9	-23,1	-63,3	-58,4
Total industry	Food sales	7,0	7,4	7,8	-25,7	-94,4	-86,9
	Bar sales	-7,8	4,8	3,0	-38,8	-100,0	-100,0
	Other income	-0,8	-6,3	-23,0	-42,6	-81,9	-79,5
	Total	5,8	6,9	6,7	-27,0	-94,4	-87,6

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)

		Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	4,3	4,3	4,9	-14,3	-46,8	-44,5
	Bar sales	-0,1	0,1	-0,1	-2,4	-4,9	-4,6
	Other income	0,1	0,2	-0,3	-0,4	-0,9	-0,7
	Total	4,3	4,6	4,6	-17,1	-52,6	-49,7
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	2,1	3,7	2,8	-6,6	-32,0	-28,7
	Bar sales	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	-0,2	-0,2
	Other income	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
	Total	2,1	3,7	2,8	-6,6	-32,2	-28,8
Catering services	Food sales	0,0	-1,3	-0,6	-2,5	-6,7	-6,1
	Bar sales	-0,5	0,2	0,2	-0,2	-1,5	-1,6
	Other income	-0,1	-0,4	-0,4	-0,6	-1,4	-1,3
	Total	-0,6	-1,4	-0,7	-3,3	-9,7	-9,0
Total industry	Food sales	6,3	6,7	7,1	-23,3	-85,5	-79,3
	Bar sales	-0,5	0,3	0,2	-2,6	-6,6	-6,3
	Other income	0,0	-0,2	-0,6	-1,1	-2,3	-2,0
	Total	5,8	6,9	6,7	-27,0	-94,4	-87,6

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

		Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Month-on-month % change
Restaurants and coffee shops	Food sales	2 920,5	3 022,5	2 128,8	0,0	61,7	1/
	Bar sales	289,9	286,9	165,0	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	52,9	33,9	24,7	0,0	0,1	1/
	Total	3 263,2	3 343,3	2 318,5	0,0	61,9	1/
Takeaway and fast-food outlets	Food sales	2 009,7	2 032,0	1 567,5	4,3	278,7	6 381,4
	Bar sales	9,0	9,5	7,1	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	1,6	1,1	1,0	0,0	0,5	1/
	Total	2 020,3	2 042,6	1 575,6	4,4	279,2	6 245,5
Catering services	Food sales	624,1	646,3	524,4	311,6	340,8	9,4
	Bar sales	97,8	98,7	81,2	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	85,6	84,4	65,6	29,9	29,2	-2,3
	Total	807,4	829,4	671,1	341,4	370,0	8,4
Total industry	Food sales	5 554,2	5 700,7	4 220,8	315,9	681,2	115,6
	Bar sales	396,7	395,1	253,2	0,0	0,0	1/
	Other income	140,1	119,4	91,2	29,9	29,8	-0,3
	Total	6 091,0	6 215,2	4 565,2	345,8	711,0	105,6

1/ Changes from zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.

Survey information

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 2019 business sampling frame (BSF) 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 beverage 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 *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (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 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (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 5-digit SIC level.

Collection rate

The preliminary collection rates for the survey on food and beverages for April and May 2020 were 78,4% and 76,2% respectively. The improved collection rates for February and March 2020 were 79,9% and 76,3% respectively.

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. Preliminary figures, as indicated in the relevant tables, are subject to change and when revised will not be indicated as such. Data are edited at the enterprise level.

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](#)

Past publications

Past food and beverages releases are available on the Stats SA website. To access the releases electronically, use the following link: [Click to download past releases](#)

Technical notes

Survey methodology and design

The survey was conducted by mail, fax and telephone.

A sample of 1 118 enterprises was drawn from a population of 9 851 enterprises using stratified simple random sampling in April 2019. The enterprises were first stratified at 5-digit level according to the SIC and then by size of enterprises. Large enterprises are completely enumerated. Turnover was used as the measure of size.

Class limits

The enterprises are divided into four size groups according to turnover. Large enterprises are enterprises with an annual turnover of R32,5 million and more. The cut-off points which define the size groups, namely large, medium, small and very small enterprises are given in Table D.

Table D – Measure of size classes (Rand)

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limits	Upper limits
Very small	4	574 434	12 750 000
Small	3	12 750 001	15 000 000
Medium	2	15 000 001	32 500 000
Large	1	32 500 001	

Sample weighting

For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-collection in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated stratum to form subgroup estimates. These procedures are in line with international best practice.

Seasonal adjustment

Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the US Bureau of the Census. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for food and beverages income is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: [Click to download seasonal adjustment food and beverages April 2018](#)

Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed; the methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.

Trend cycle

The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimates of the underlying trend cycle.

Reliability of estimates

Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, it may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the food and beverages industry in South Africa.

Relative standard error

One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate.

Table E – Estimate of total food and beverages industry income within 95% confidence limits – May 2020

	Lower limit (R million)	Income (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Total income	544,5	707,9	871,3	11,8

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.

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 <i>System of National Accounts</i> (SNA) in the same way as in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (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.														
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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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