



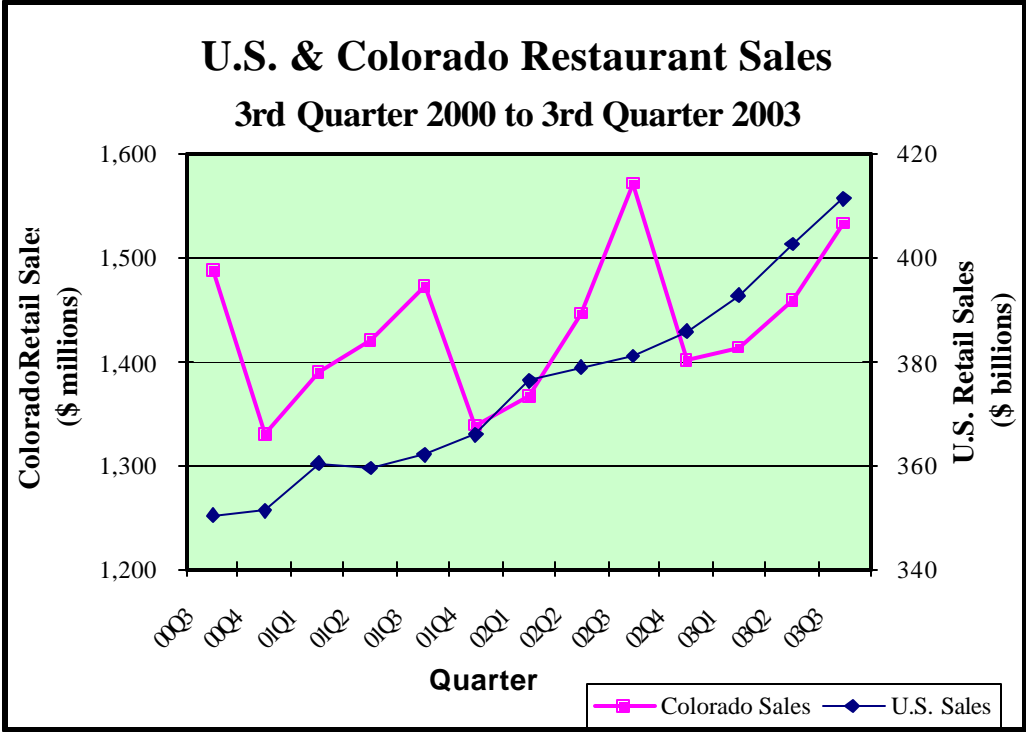
# Colorado Restaurant Sales 2003 Third Quarter

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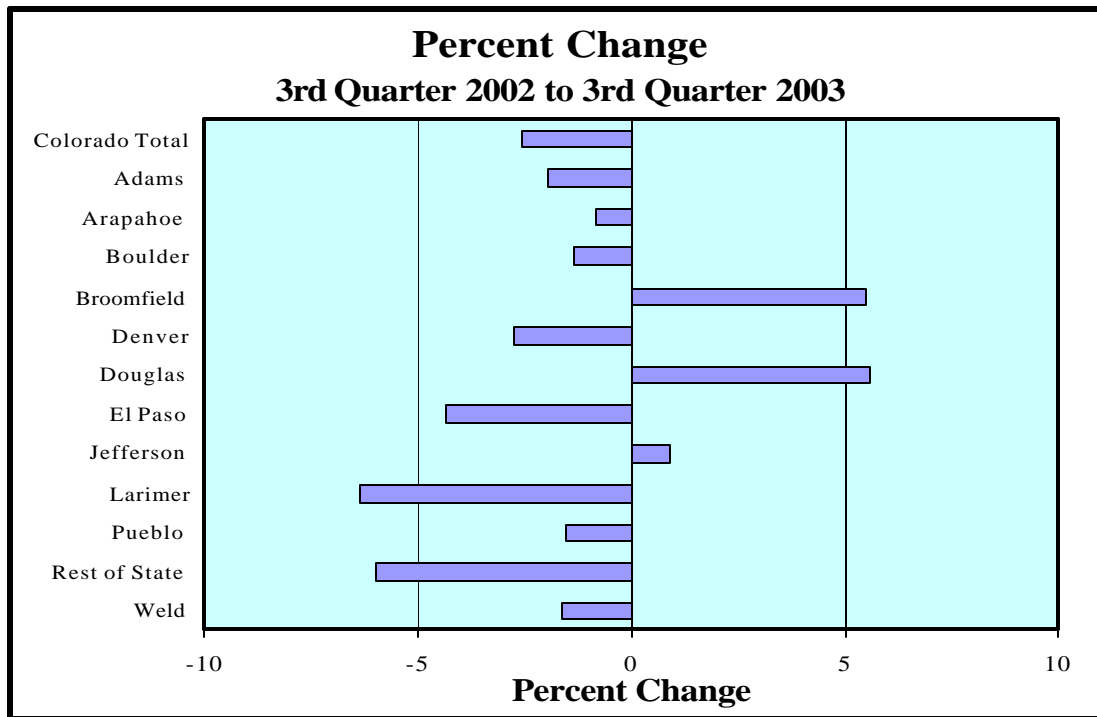
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2003. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States as a whole are also shown for the same time period. Data in this report represent sales by businesses whose primary activity is food preparation for on-premise consumption.

The data show that Colorado restaurant industry sales in the third quarter 2003 decreased 2.5 percent, to about \$1.53 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 7.9 percent, to \$411.2 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Larimer County experienced the largest decrease at -6.4 percent. Of the counties reviewed, Douglas County showed the largest increase over last year at 5.6 percent.

The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S.



COUNTY	RETAIL SALES 2003Q3 \$000s	RETAIL SALES 2002Q3 \$000s	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Adams	\$86,231	\$87,981	-2.0%
Arapahoe	168,149	169,598	-0.9
Boulder	102,813	104,203	-1.3
Broomfield	23,585	22,357	5.5
Denver	276,549	284,393	-2.8
Douglas	75,602	71,594	5.6
El Paso	163,312	170,805	-4.4
Jefferson	164,292	162,834	0.9
Larimer	94,883	101,345	-6.4
Pueblo	39,726	40,358	-1.6
Weld	39,689	40,360	-1.7
Rest of State	297,196	316,215	-6.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,532,028</b>	<b>\$1,572,043</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>



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