



Colorado Restaurant Sales 2004 Third Quarter

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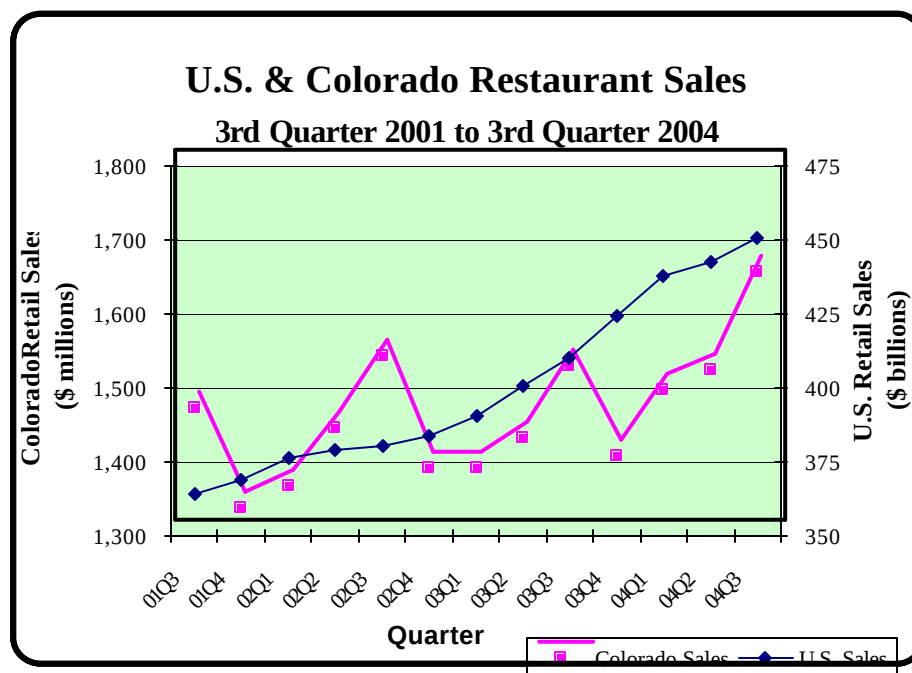
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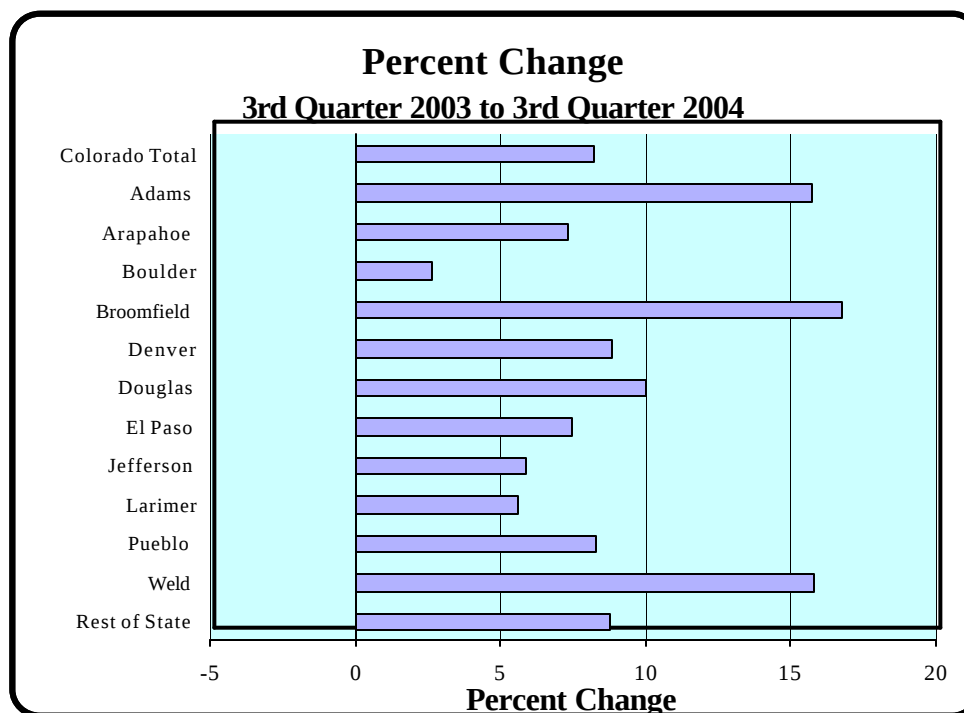
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2004. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 2004 increased 8.3 percent, to about \$1.66 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 10.4 percent, to \$442.4 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Broomfield County experienced the largest increase at 16.8 percent. All of the counties reviewed showed an increase over last year.

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



COUNTY	RETAIL SALES 2004Q3 \$000s	RETAIL SALES 2003Q3 \$000s	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
Adams	\$99,197	\$85,724	15.7%
Arapahoe	179,957	167,630	7.4
Boulder	105,519	102,303	3.1
Broomfield	27,537	23,585	16.8
Denver	301,002	276,549	8.8
Douglas	83,188	75,602	10.0
El Paso	175,493	163,312	7.5
Jefferson	173,924	164,292	5.9
Larimer	100,200	94,883	5.6
Pueblo	43,017	39,726	8.3
Weld	45,955	39,689	15.8
Rest of State	322,890	296,877	8.8
TOTAL	\$1,657,879	\$1,530,172	8.3%



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