



Colorado Restaurant Sales First Quarter 2005

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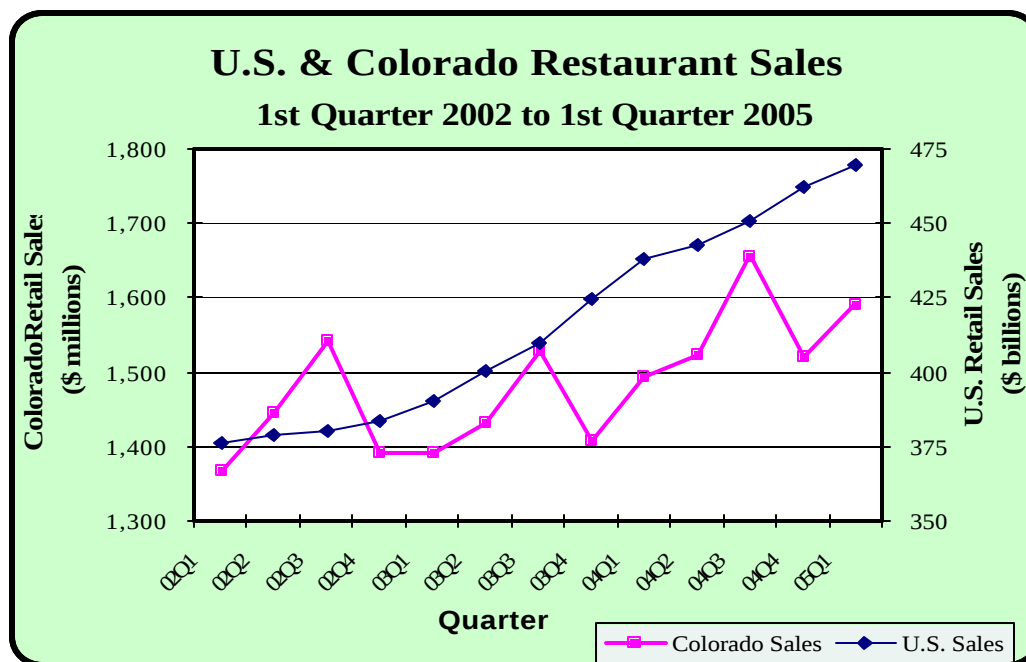
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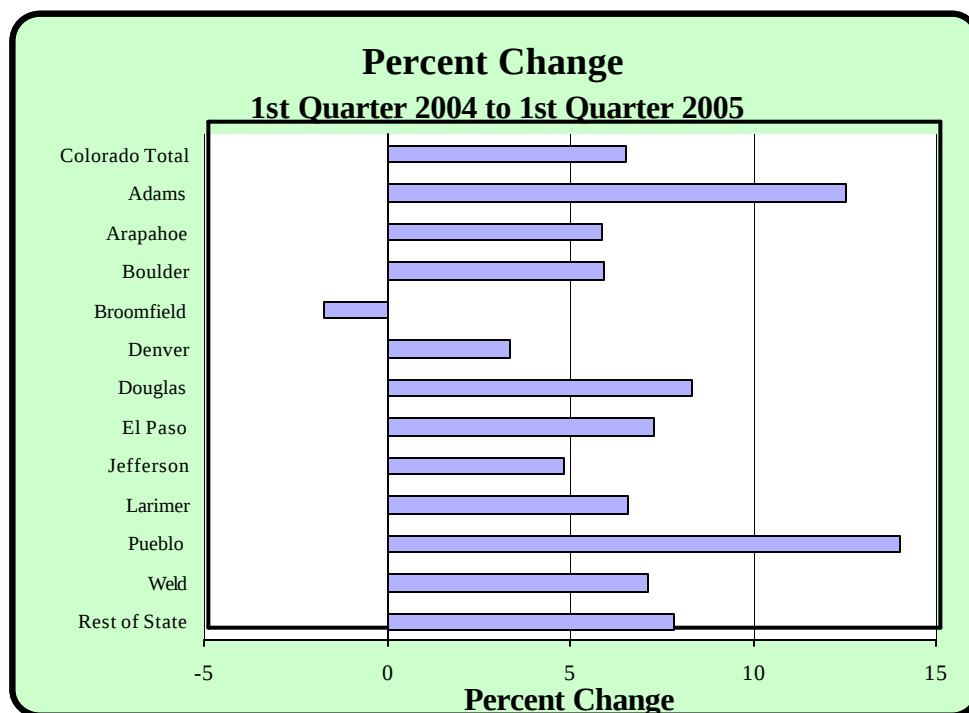
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the first quarter 2005. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 first quarter 2005 increased 6.5 percent, to about \$1.59 billion, over first quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 7.3 percent, to \$469.6 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Pueblo County experienced the largest increase at 14.0 percent. Only Broomfield County showed a decrease (-1.7 percent) over last year.

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



County	Retail Sales 2005Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2004Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$95,419	\$84,793	12.5%
Arapahoe	172,047	162,508	5.9
Boulder	94,897	89,577	5.9
Broomfield	25,342	25,789	-1.7
Denver	282,484	273,267	3.4
Douglas	75,380	69,585	8.3
El Paso	159,251	148,404	7.3
Jefferson	161,104	153,667	4.8
Larimer	86,556	81,195	6.6
Pueblo	40,298	35,336	14.0
Weld	41,652	38,870	7.2
Rest of State	358,145	332,174	7.8
Total	\$1,592,574	\$1,495,167	6.5%



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