



Colorado Restaurant Sales Third Quarter 2005

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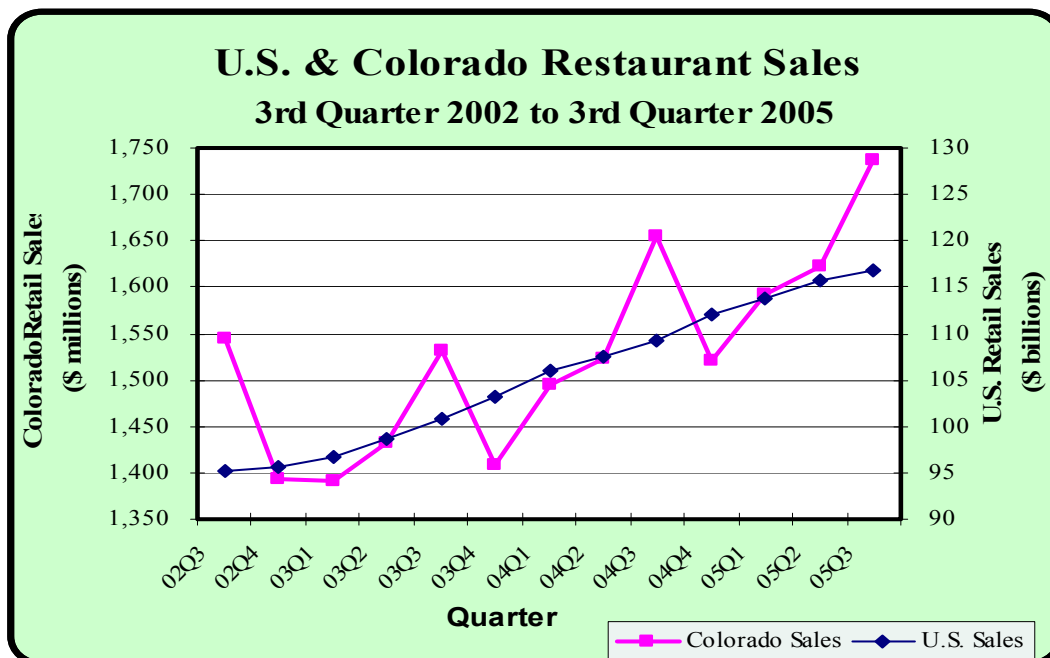
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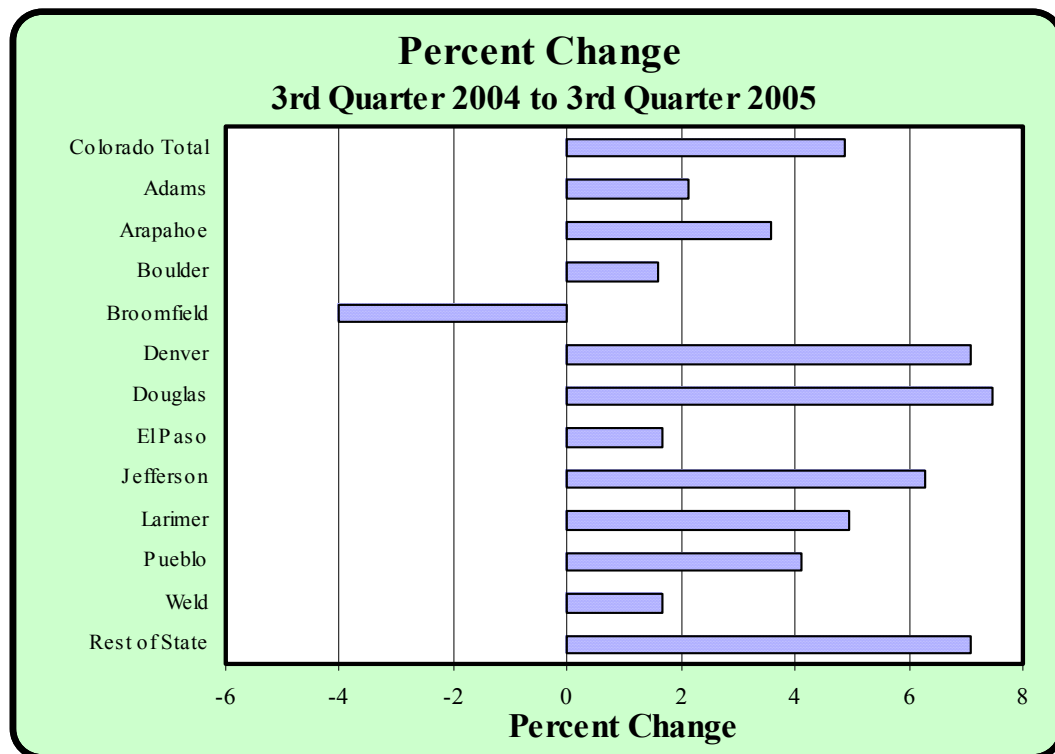
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2005. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 third quarter 2005 increased 4.9 percent, to about \$1.74 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 6.8 percent, to \$116.7 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Douglas County experienced the largest increase at 7.5 percent. Only Broomfield County showed a decrease (-4.0 percent) over last year.

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



County	Retail Sales 2005Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2004Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$101,322	\$99,197	2.1%
Arapahoe	185,006	178,623	3.6
Boulder	107,195	105,519	1.6
Broomfield	26,430	27,537	-4.0
Denver	322,269	301,002	7.1
Douglas	89,396	83,188	7.5
El Paso	178,433	175,493	1.7
Jefferson	184,570	173,654	6.3
Larimer	105,175	100,200	5.0
Pueblo	44,790	43,017	4.1
Weld	46,716	45,955	1.7
Rest of State	345,006	322,146	7.1
Total	\$1,736,308	\$1,655,531	4.9%



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