



Colorado Restaurant Sales Fourth Quarter 2005

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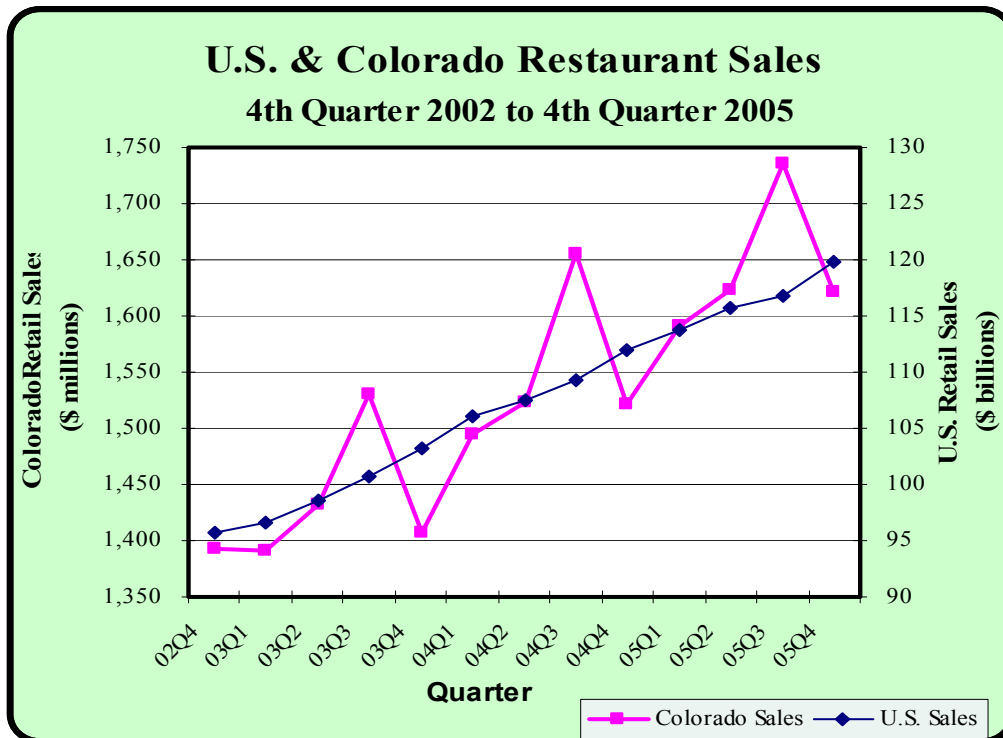
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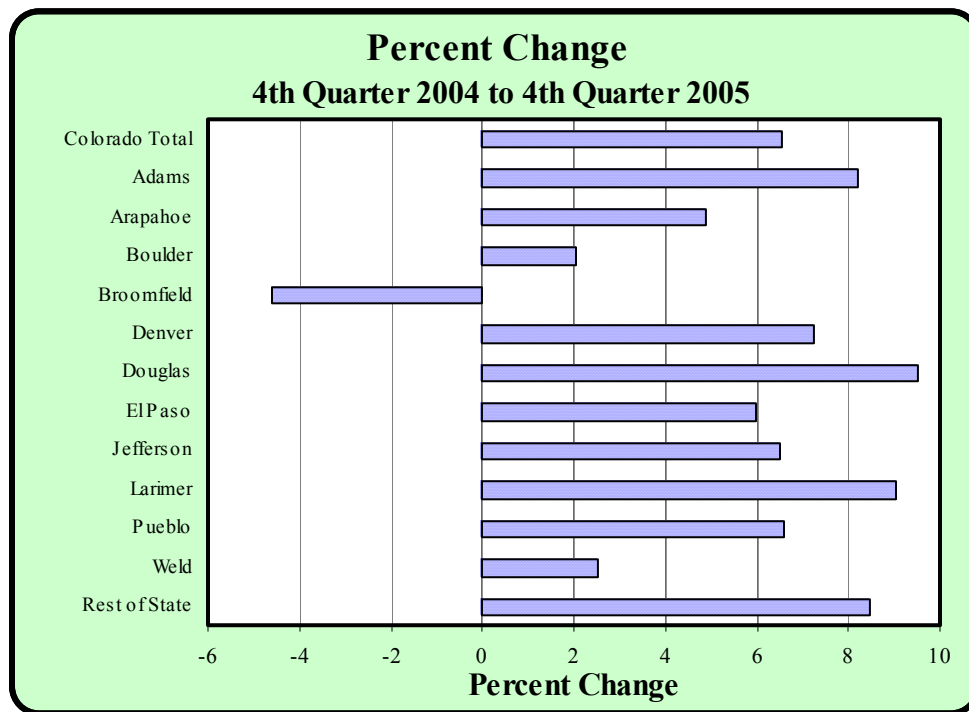
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the fourth quarter 2005. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 fourth quarter 2005 increased 6.5 percent, to about \$1.62 billion, over fourth quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 7.0 percent, to \$119.8 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Douglas County experienced the largest increase at 9.5 percent. Only Broomfield County showed a decrease (-4.6 percent) over last year.

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



County	Retail Sales 2005Q4 \$000s	Retail Sales 2004Q4 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$98,561	\$91,086	8.2%
Arapahoe	181,942	173,480	4.9
Boulder	101,731	99,707	2.0
Broomfield	26,794	28,082	-4.6
Denver	309,376	288,528	7.2
Douglas	84,430	77,084	9.5
El Paso	168,798	159,253	6.0
Jefferson	177,744	166,891	6.5
Larimer	96,529	88,515	9.1
Pueblo	40,585	38,074	6.6
Weld	44,648	43,546	2.5
Rest of State	289,997	267,399	8.5
Total	\$1,621,136	\$1,521,644	6.5%



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