



Colorado Restaurant Sales Third Quarter 2006

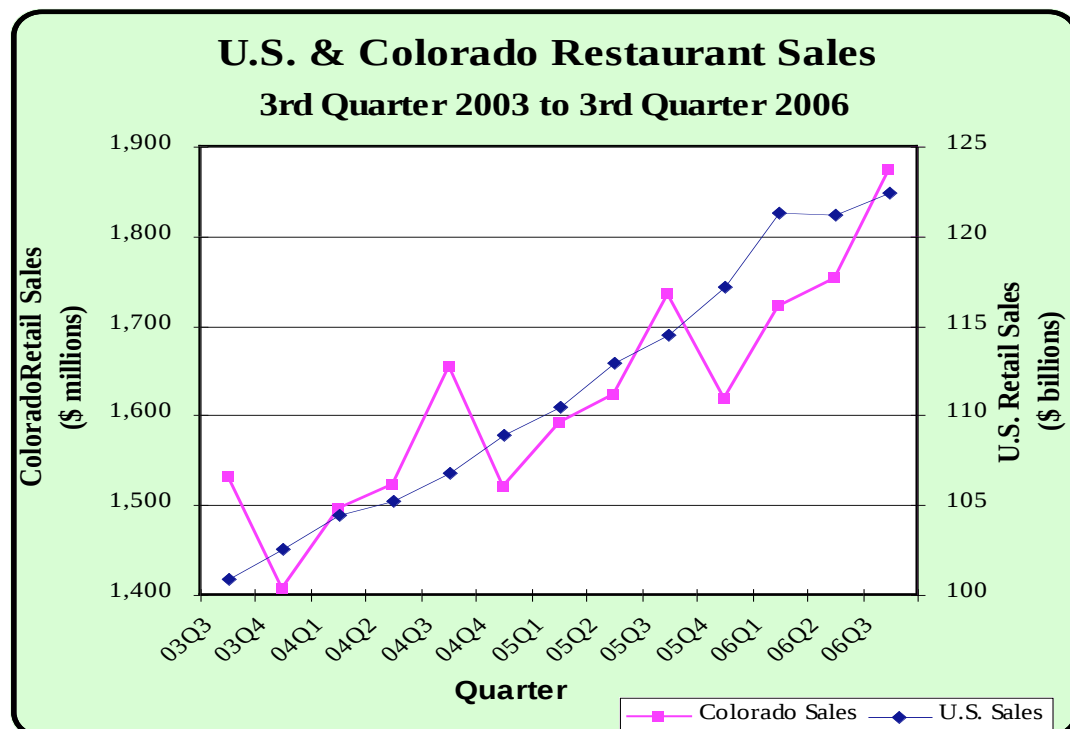
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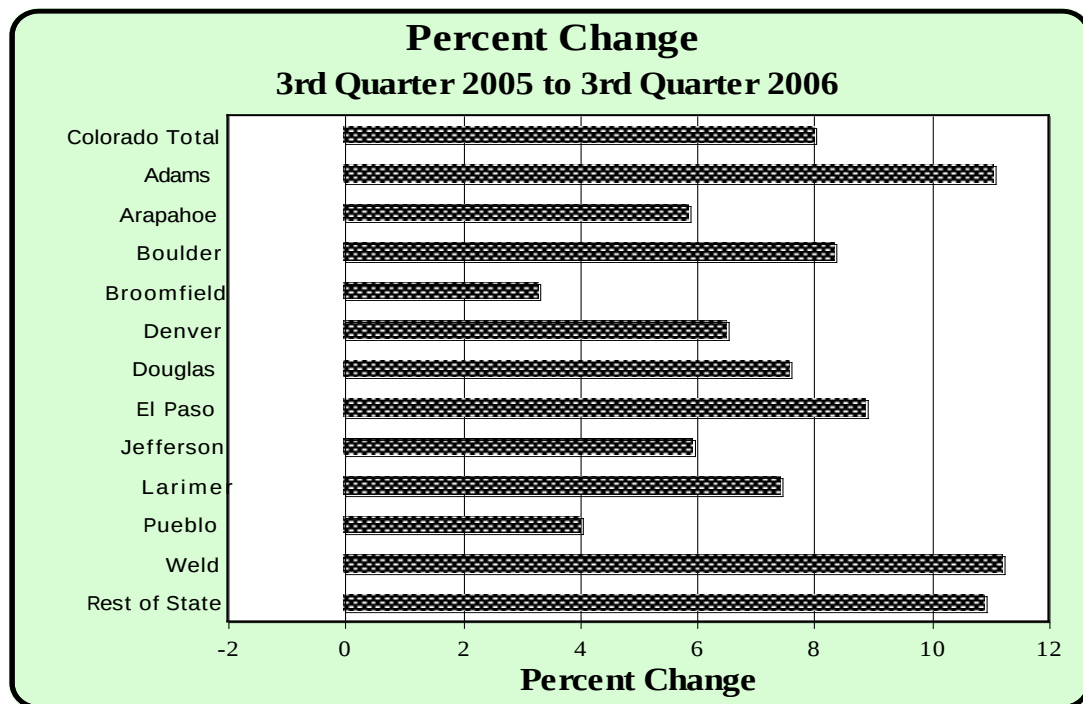
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2006. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 2006 increased 8.0 percent, to about \$1.87 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 6.9 percent, to \$122.4 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, all the counties studied showed positive increases over last year. Counties comprising the “rest of state” category, Adams County, and Weld County all saw increases in double digits.

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



County	Retail Sales 2006Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2005Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$112,561	\$101,322	11.1%
Arapahoe	195,914	185,006	5.9
Boulder	116,175	107,195	8.4
Broomfield	27,305	26,430	3.3
Denver	343,291	322,269	6.5
Douglas	96,202	89,396	7.6
El Paso	194,293	178,433	8.9
Jefferson	195,589	184,570	6.0
Larimer	112,241	104,450	7.5
Pueblo	46,605	44,790	4.1
Weld	51,970	46,716	11.2
Rest of State	382,082	344,426	10.9
Total	\$1,874,229	\$1,735,003	8.0%



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