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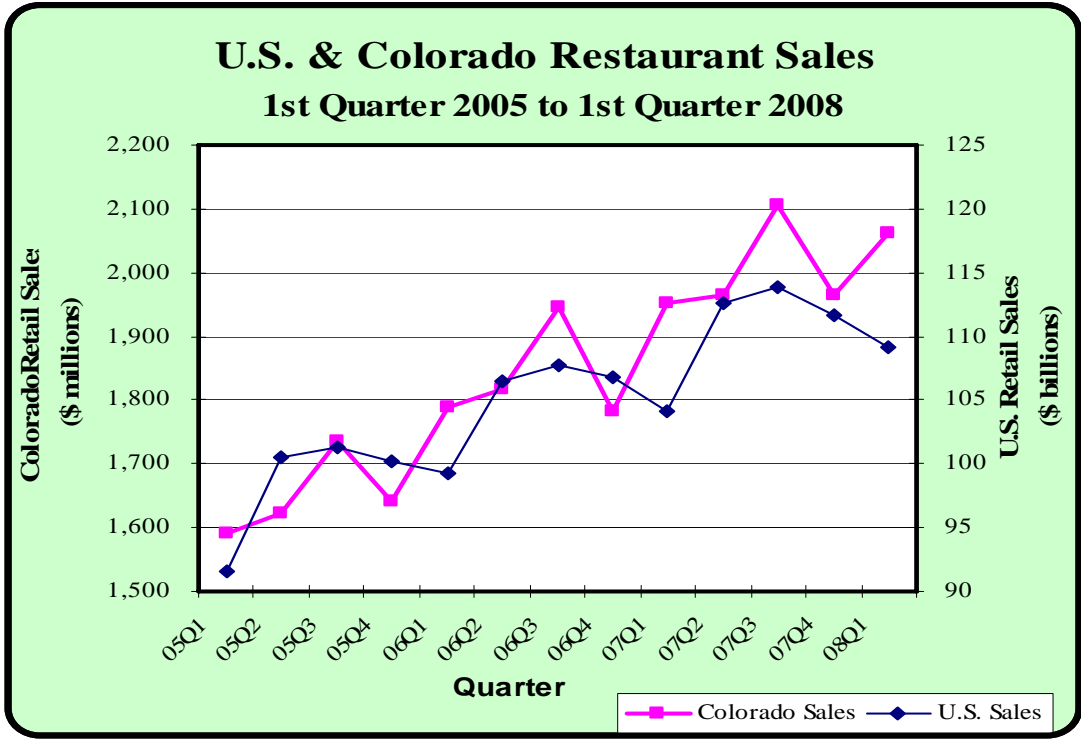
**Colorado Restaurant Sales**  
**Selected Counties**

**First Quarter 2008**

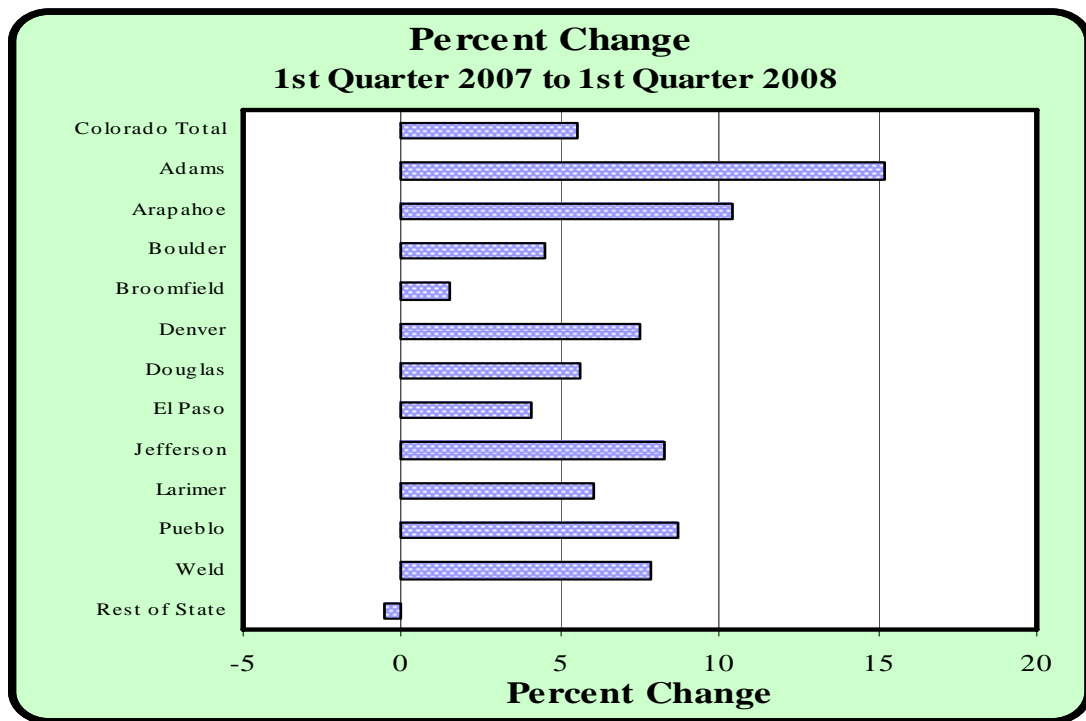
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the first quarter 2008. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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-premises consumption.

The data show that Colorado restaurant industry sales in the first quarter 2008 increased 5.5 percent, to about \$2.06 billion, over first quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 4.7 percent, to \$109.1 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Adams County showed the largest increase at 15.2 percent. The reader should note the source of the national figures has been changed to unadjusted Census Bureau retail sales.

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



<b>County</b>	<b>Retail Sales 2008Q1 \$000s</b>	<b>Retail Sales 2007Q1 \$000s</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Adams	\$124,613	\$108,159	15.2%
Arapahoe	216,042	195,743	10.4
Boulder	121,876	116,649	4.5
Broomfield	28,049	27,624	1.5
Denver	370,050	344,335	7.5
Douglas	101,651	96,247	5.6
El Paso	189,378	181,962	4.1
Jefferson	203,936	188,294	8.3
Larimer	107,593	101,440	6.1
Pueblo	50,333	46,563	8.7
Weld	54,536	50,563	7.9
Rest of State	492,791	495,386	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,060,848</b>	<b>\$1,952,694</b>	<b>5.5%</b>



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