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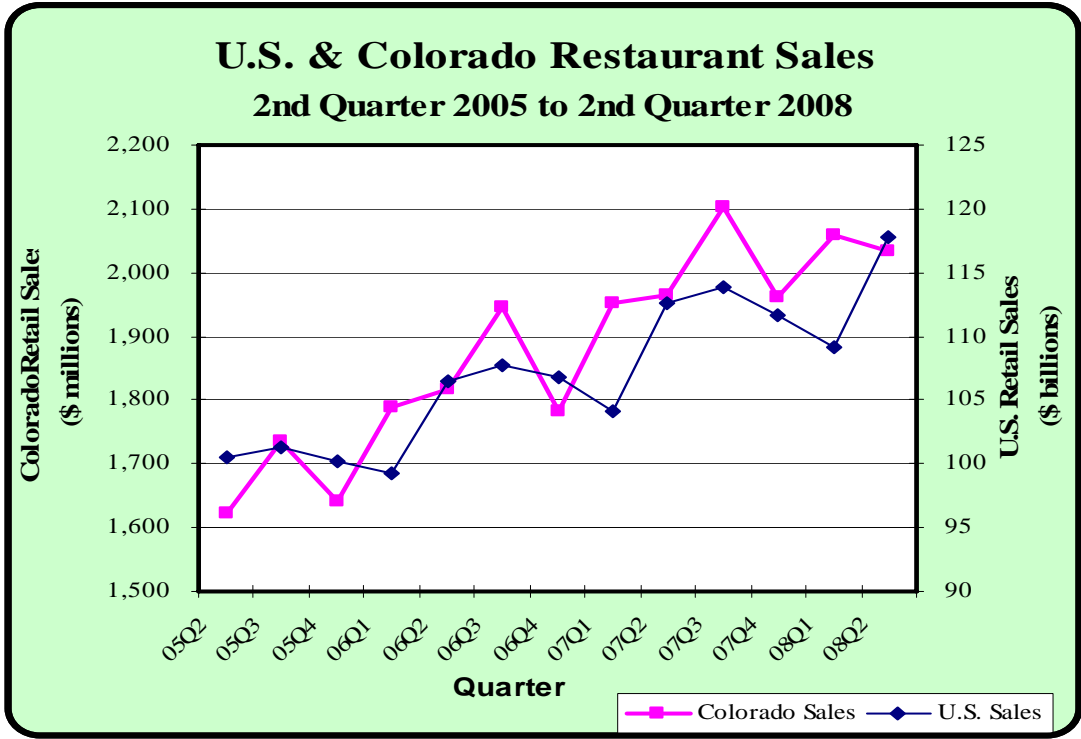
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

Second Quarter 2008

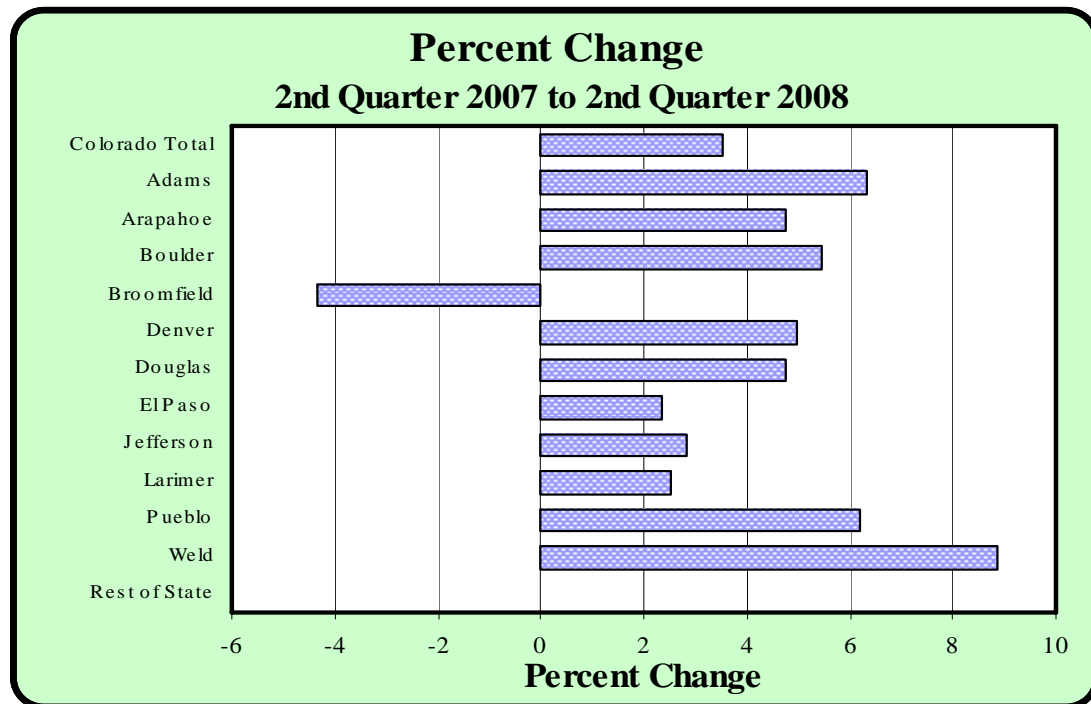
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the second quarter 2008. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 second quarter 2008 increased 3.5 percent, to about \$2.03 billion, over second quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 4.6 percent, to \$117.8 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Weld County showed the largest increase at 8.8 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.



County	Retail Sales 2008Q2 \$000s	Retail Sales 2007Q2 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$135,745	\$127,691	6.3%
Arapahoe	224,650	214,449	4.8
Boulder	132,942	126,047	5.5
Broomfield	27,480	28,730	-4.4
Denver	402,898	383,869	5.0
Douglas	107,273	102,390	4.8
El Paso	206,647	201,898	2.4
Jefferson	215,301	209,416	2.8
Larimer	119,457	116,517	2.5
Pueblo	52,942	49,857	6.2
Weld	59,283	54,465	8.8
Rest of State	349,442	349,417	0.0
Total	\$2,034,060	\$1,964,747	3.5%



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