

## Colorado Restaurant Sales Third Quarter 2008

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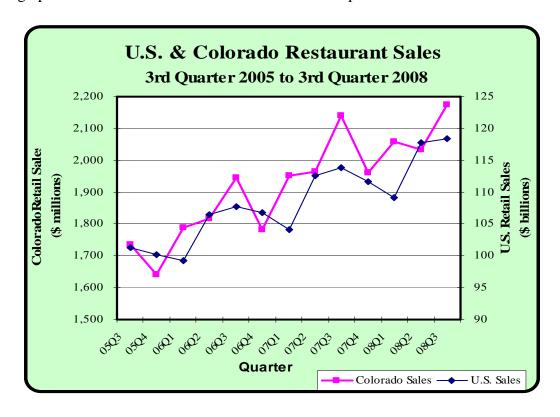
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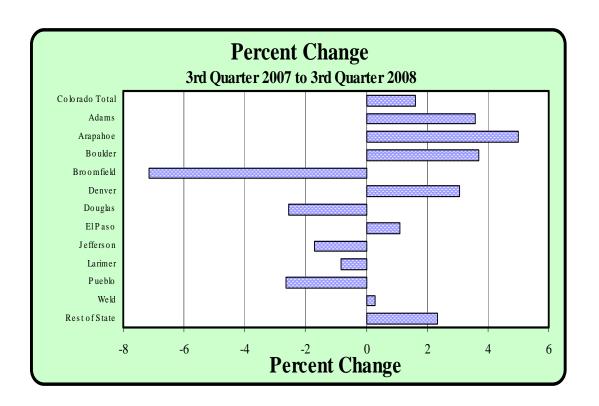
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2008. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 third quarter 2008 increased 1.6 percent, to about \$2.18 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 4 percent, to \$118.4 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Broomfield County showed the largest decrease at 7.2 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.



County	Retail Sales 2008Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2007Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$134,083	\$129,433	3.6%
Arapahoe	228,365	217,491	5.0
Boulder	136,710	131,825	3.7
Broomfield	25,431	27,390	-7.2
Denver	413,730	401,370	3.1
Douglas	107,365	110,195	-2.6
El Paso	213,027	210,694	1.1
Jefferson	218,237	222,006	-1.7
Larimer	128,386	129,485	-0.8
Pueblo	53,803	55,269	-2.7
Weld	58,414	58,246	0.3
Rest of State	457,515	447,089	2.3
Total	\$2,175,066	\$2,140,492	1.6%



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