



Colorado Restaurant Sales

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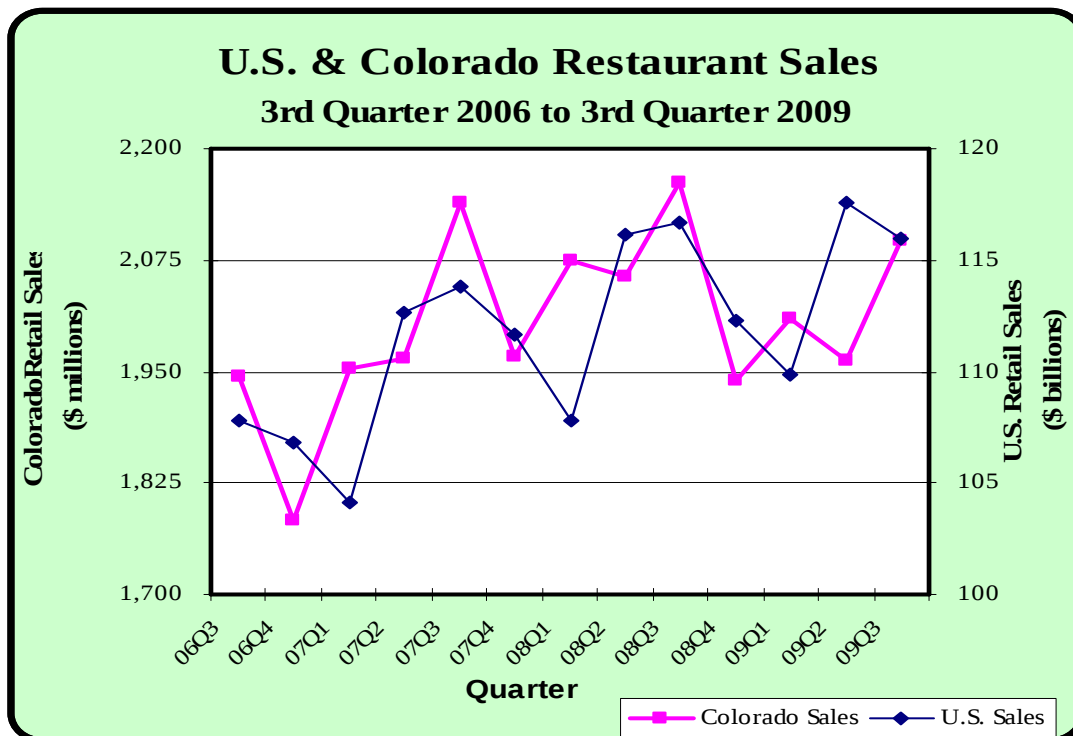
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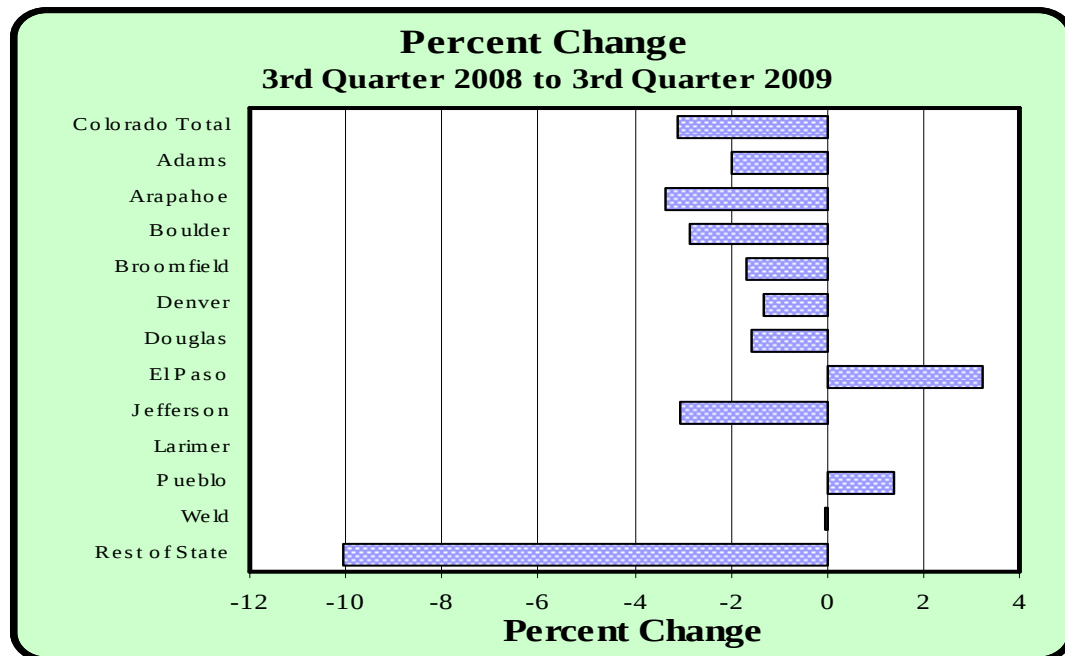
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2009. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 2009 decreased 3.1 percent, to about \$2.1 billion, over third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States decreased 0.6 percent, to \$116.0 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, El Paso County showed the largest increase at 3.3 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 2009Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$131,400	\$134,083	-2.0%
Arapahoe	217,084	229,593	-3.3
Boulder	131,708	135,604	-2.9
Broomfield	25,001	25,431	-1.7
Denver	406,164	411,629	-1.3
Douglas	105,105	106,766	-1.6
El Paso	218,626	211,731	3.3
Jefferson	209,553	216,185	-3.1
Larimer	128,246	128,242	0.0
Pueblo	54,269	53,528	1.4
Weld	57,487	57,514	0.0
Rest of State	411,535	457,582	-10.1
Total	\$2,096,179	\$2,162,888	-3.1%



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