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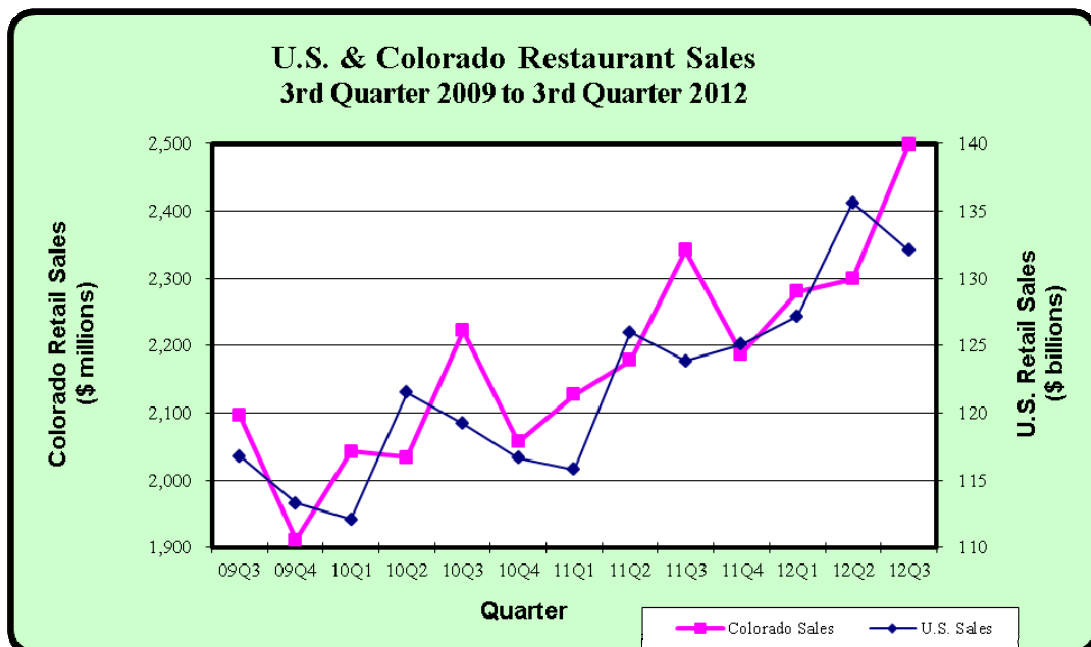
Colorado Restaurant Sales Selected Counties

Third Quarter of 2012

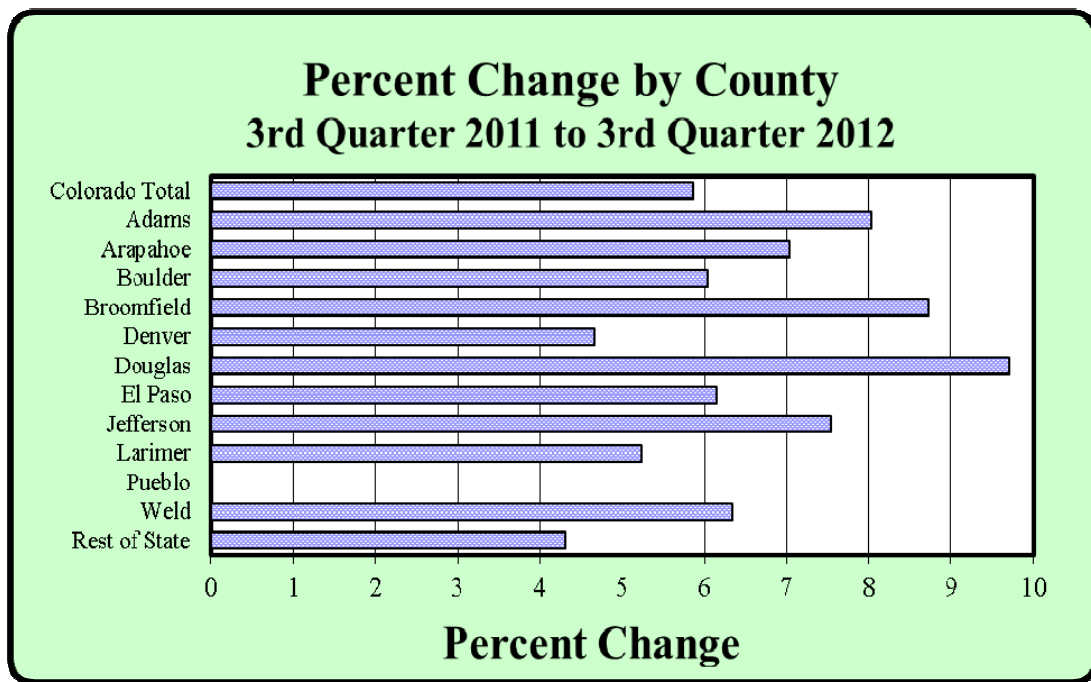
This issue presents data on third quarter 2012 Colorado restaurant retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro counties and the counties of El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, Weld, and sales by restaurants in the rest of the state. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States, as a whole, are also shown for the same time period. Data in this report represent sales by businesses whose primary activity is food preparation for on-premises consumption.

Colorado restaurant industry sales in the third quarter of 2012 increased 5.9 percent, to about \$2.3 billion, over the third quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 6.6 percent, to \$132.1 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, all counties but one showed positive growth. Leading was Douglas County and Broomfield County with increases of 9.7% and 8.7%, respectively. Pueblo County was the only county that showed no change in sales. Increases in sales for the selected counties ranged from Denver County's 4.7% and the 9.7% increase in Douglas County.

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



County	Retail Sales 2011Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2012Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$145,489	\$157,170	8.0%
Arapahoe	251,768	269,507	7.0%
Boulder	152,071	161,249	6.0%
Broomfield	26,487	28,796	8.7%
Denver	473,339	495,364	4.7%
Douglas	122,633	134,537	9.7%
El Paso	238,584	253,247	6.1%
Jefferson	233,904	251,549	7.5%
Larimer	147,472	155,199	5.2%
Pueblo	55,784	55,764	0.0%
Weld	63,751	67,792	6.3%
Rest of State	449,258	343,169	4.3%
Total	2,360,539	2,498,799	5.9%



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