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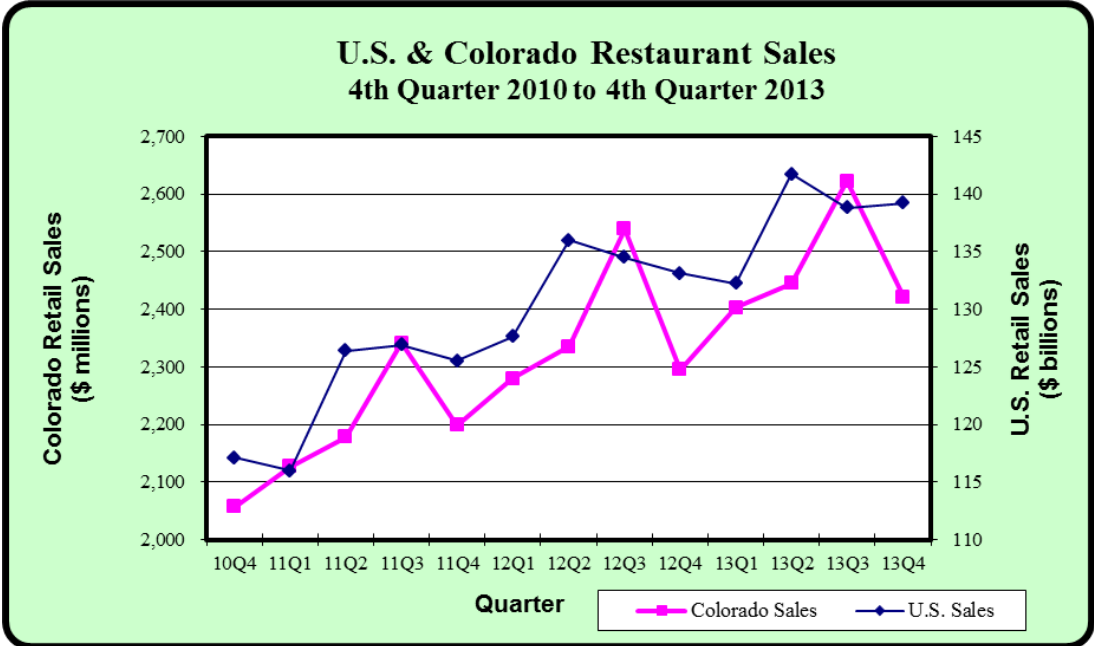
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

Fourth Quarter of 2013

This issue presents data on fourth quarter 2013 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 fourth quarter of 2013 increased 5.5 percent to about \$2.42 billion, over the fourth quarter of 2012. Sales for the entire United States increased 4.6 percent to \$139.2 billion over the same period. As shown on the next page, all the selected counties showed moderate, positive growth. All of the percent increases are in the single digits. Leading was Weld County with an increase of 9.2 percent followed by Adams and Denver Counties, both of which increased 8.1 percent.

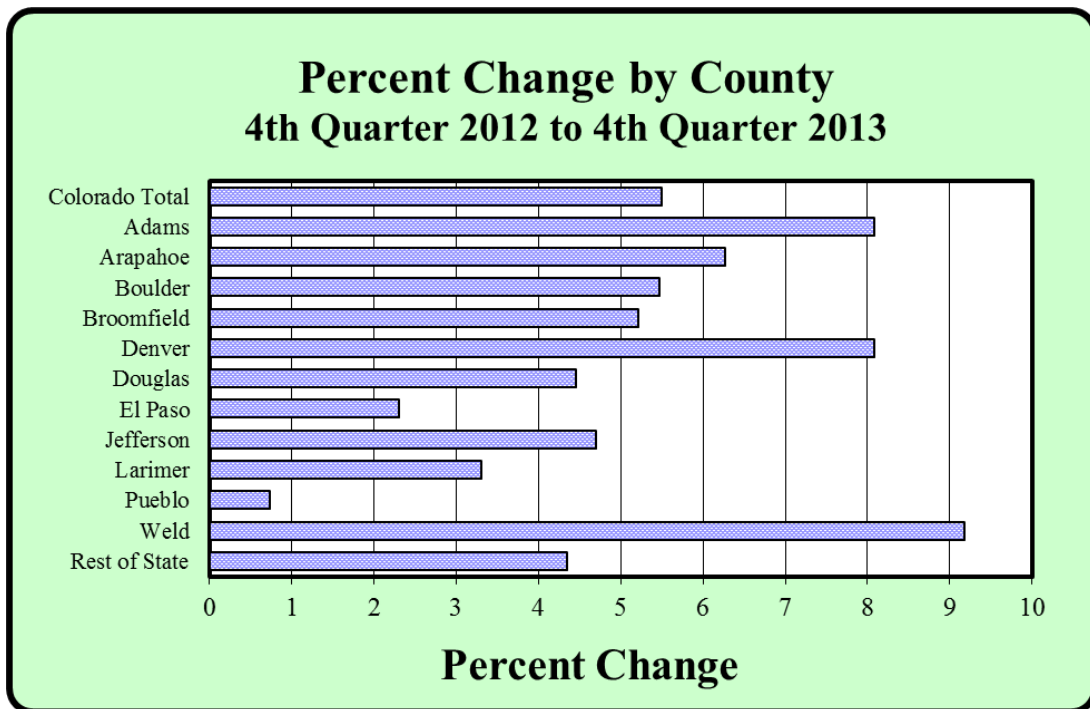
The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S.



Sources: Census Bureau: Monthly Retail Trade Report; Colorado Department of Revenue: State Sales Tax Returns

County	Retail Sales 2012Q4 \$000s	Retail Sales 2013Q4 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$147,128	\$159,009	8.1%
Arapahoe	261,495	277,877	6.3%
Boulder	148,968	157,111	5.5%
Broomfield	28,365	29,841	5.2%
Denver	485,932	525,152	8.1%
Douglas	130,155	135,948	4.5%
El Paso	237,465	242,933	2.3%
Jefferson	230,233	241,031	4.7%
Larimer	141,001	145,663	3.3%
Pueblo	52,926	53,311	0.7%
Weld	66,184	72,258	9.2%
Rest of State	365,226	381,078	4.3%
Total	\$2,295,077	\$2,421,211	5.5%

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