



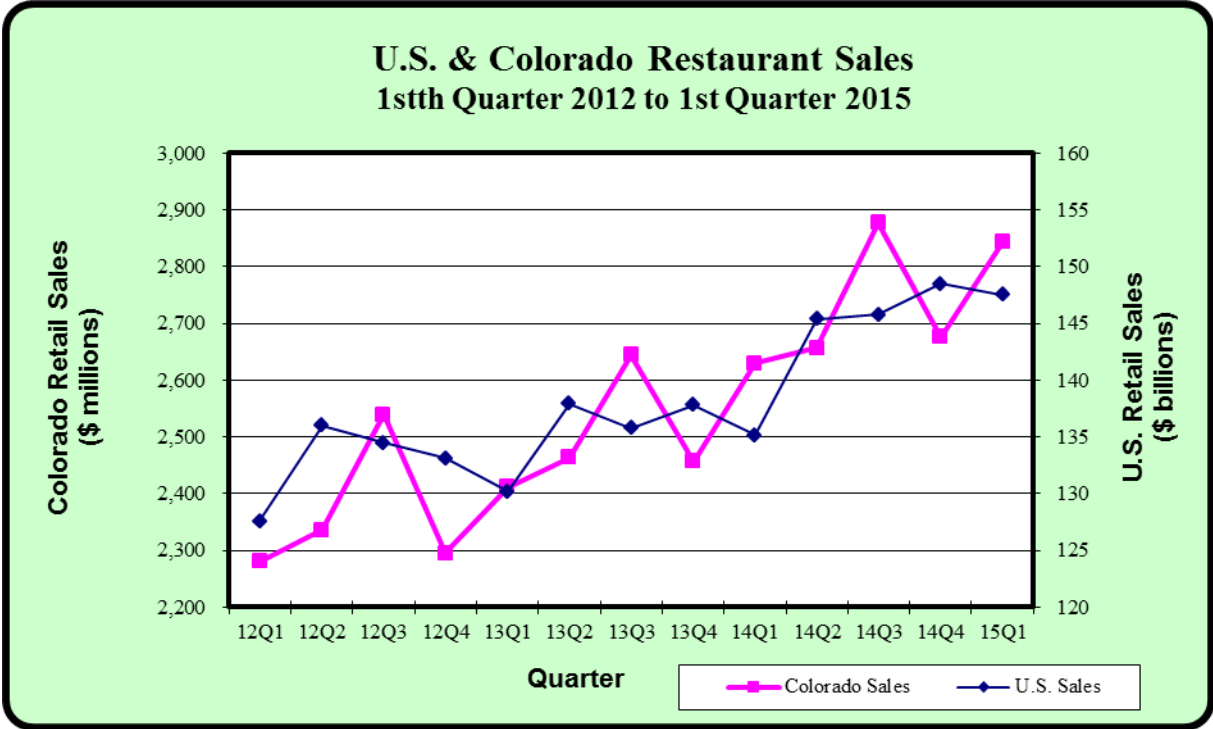
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## Colorado Restaurant Sales Selected Counties

### First Quarter of 2015

This issue presents data on first quarter 2015 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.

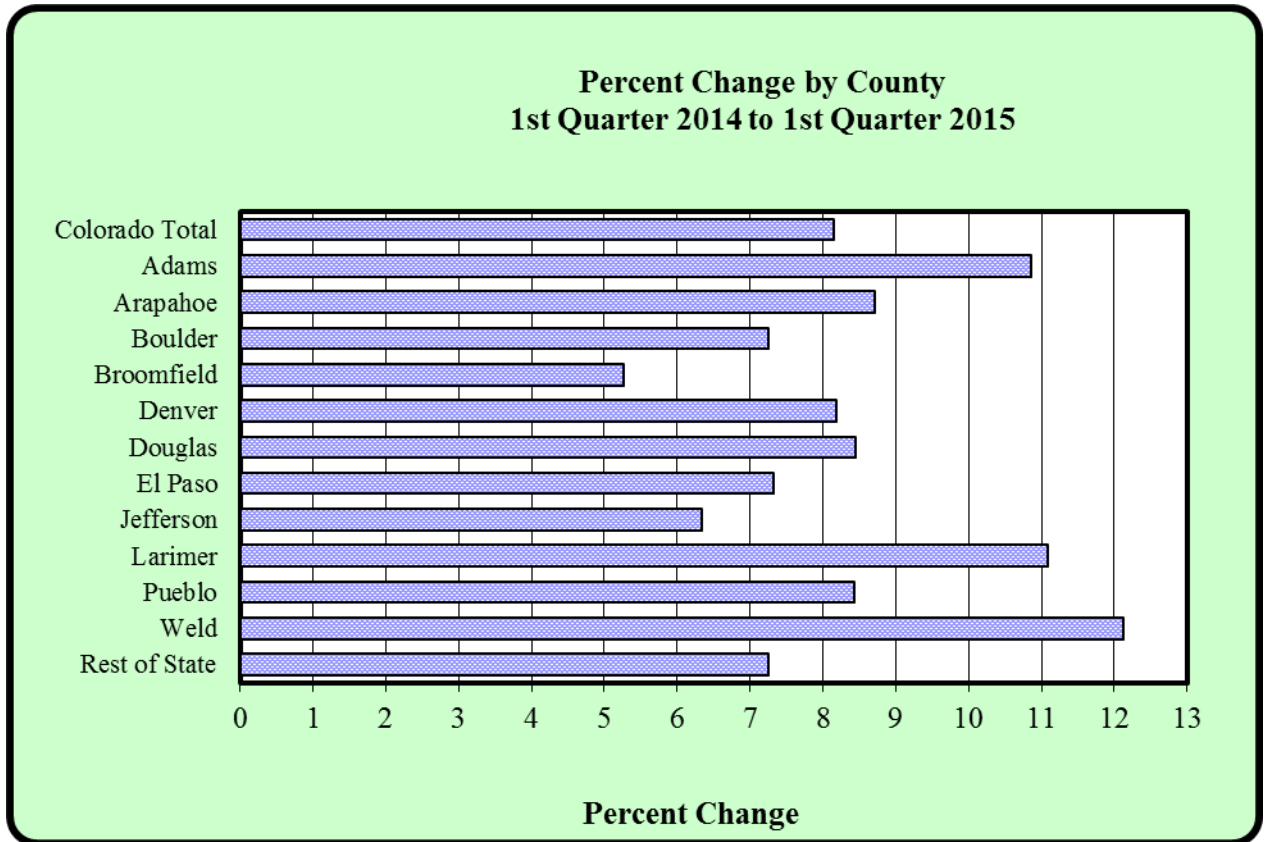
Colorado restaurant industry sales in the first quarter of 2015 increased 8.1 percent over the first quarter of 2014, to \$2.843 billion. Sales for the entire United States increased 9.1 percent to \$147.5 billion over the same period. As shown on the next page, all the selected counties showed moderate, positive growth. Leading was Weld County with an increase of 12.1 percent. The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S. for the last three years.



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

County	Retail Sales 2014Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2015Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$162,456	\$180,094	10.9%
Arapahoe	278,535	302,780	8.7%
Boulder	151,050	161,989	7.2%
Broomfield	27,817	29,282	5.3%
Denver	538,768	582,847	8.2%
Douglas	128,372	139,199	8.4%
El Paso	241,446	259,094	7.3%
Jefferson	238,064	253,156	6.3%
Larimer	141,469	157,152	11.1%
Pueblo	55,410	60,077	8.4%
Weld	71,356	80,006	12.1%
Rest of State	594,574	637,687	7.3%
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,629,316</b>	<b>\$2,843,363</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

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