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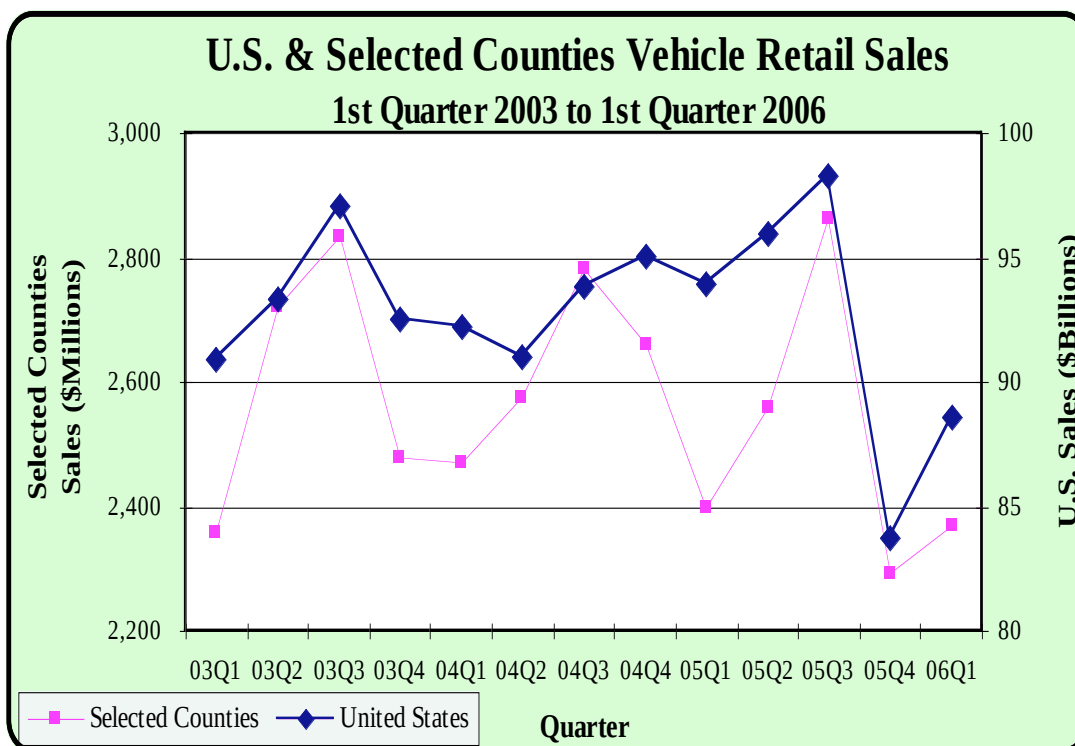
Colorado Motor Vehicle Sales

Selected Counties

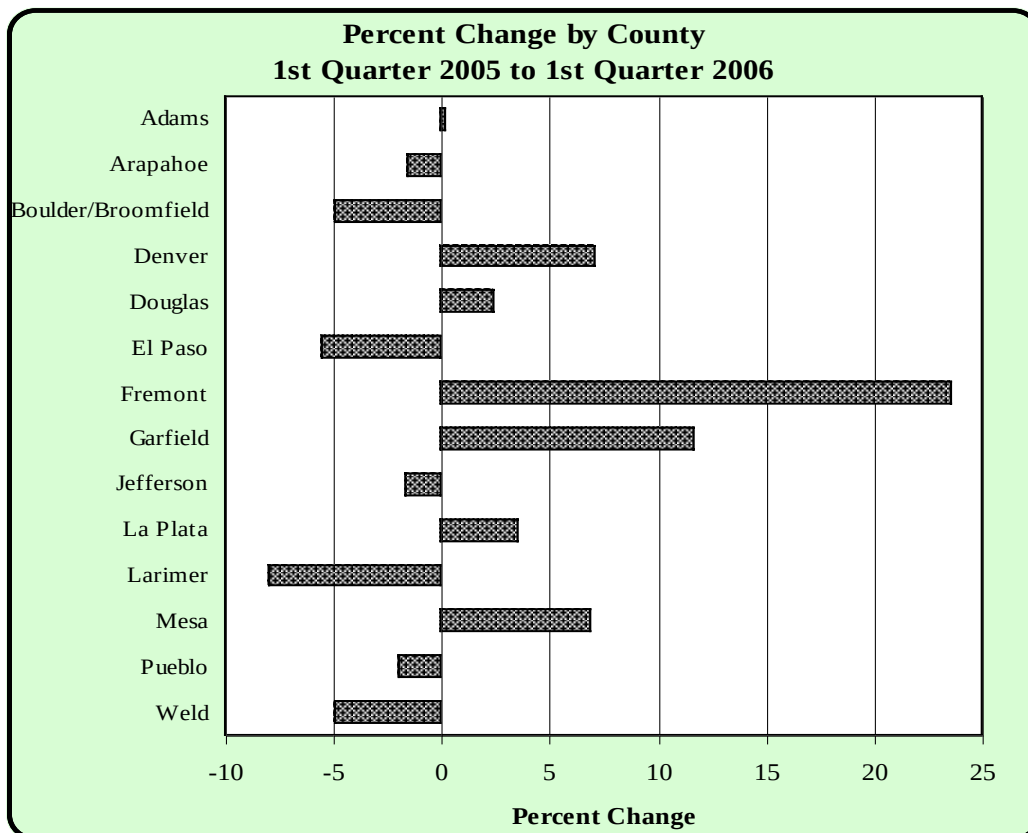
First Quarter 2006

This issue presents data on first quarter 2006 motor vehicle retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro counties and the counties of El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, Weld, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, and Mesa. Broomfield County's sales are combined with those in Boulder County. In addition, the graph below compares sales of new and used cars and trucks for the United States as a whole to total sales of the counties listed above for the same period.

Sales of motor vehicles in the counties reviewed increased 3.2 percent to \$2.4 billion in first quarter 2006 compared to fourth quarter 2005. The data also show that sales of motor vehicles in the counties reviewed decreased 1.2 percent in first quarter 2006 over first quarter 2005. Nationally, sales of motor vehicles decreased 5.8 percent over last year to about \$88.6 billion. As shown on the next page, Fremont County experienced a 23.6 percent increase. Larimer County posted the largest decrease at -8.0 percent compared to last year.



County	Retail Sales 2006Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2005Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$223,313	\$222,924	0.2%
Arapahoe	599,291	608,928	-1.6
Boulder/Broomfield	171,998	180,904	-4.9
Denver	235,960	220,427	7.0
Douglas	80,646	78,739	2.4
El Paso	293,615	310,627	-5.5
Fremont	10,976	8,880	23.6
Garfield	42,028	37,647	11.6
Jefferson	284,797	289,489	-1.6
La Plata	23,591	22,777	3.6
Larimer	125,641	136,533	-8.0
Mesa	90,297	84,449	6.9
Pueblo	65,938	67,259	-2.0
Weld	120,644	126,812	-4.9
Total	\$2,368,736	\$2,396,395	-1.2%



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