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## Colorado Motor Vehicle Sales

## Selected Counties

## Second Quarter of 2012

This issue presents data on second quarter 2012 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. 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 12.4 percent to $\$ 3.6$ billion in the second quarter of 2012 over the same period in the previous year. Nationally, sales of motor vehicles increased by 31.2 percent over the same period last year to about $\$ 230.5$ billion. During this period in 2012, all but one of the selected counties experienced growth over the prior year. Mesa County was the only county that showed a decrease in sales with a $7.7 \%$ decrease in sales. Douglas County led with a $26.9 \%$ increase in sales. Arapahoe and Jefferson counties showed increases in the double-digits in comparison to the prior year with increases of over $18.1 \%$ and $18.7 \%$, respectively.


| County | Retail Sales <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 1 Q 2}$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 0 0 0 s}$ | Retail Sales <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 2 Q 2}$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 0 0 0 s}$ | Percentage <br> Change |
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| Adams | $\$ 410,532$ | $\$ 472,399$ | $15.1 \%$ |
| Arapahoe | 619,123 | 731,368 | $18.1 \%$ |
| Boulder | 163,277 | 181,713 | $11.3 \%$ |
| Broomfield | 36,984 | 41,033 | $10.9 \%$ |
| Denver | 308,349 | 333,121 | $8.0 \%$ |
| Douglas | 105,964 | 134,489 | $26.9 \%$ |
| El Paso | 427,489 | 474,968 | $11.1 \%$ |
| Fremont | 12,926 | 13,075 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Garfield | 43,098 | 46,001 | $6.7 \%$ |
| Jefferson | 299,753 | 355,719 | $18.7 \%$ |
| La Plata | 28,807 | 31,464 | $9.2 \%$ |
| Larimer | 186,875 | 212,024 | $13.5 \%$ |
| Mesa | 114,870 | 105,977 | $-7.7 \%$ |
| Pueblo | 81,983 | 87,626 | $6.9 \%$ |
| Weld | 178,796 | 223,582 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Rest of State | $\$ 3,241,655$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 , 1 7 5}$ | $12.0 \%$ |
| Total |  | $\mathbf{1 2 , 4 \%}$ |  |



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