

Colorado Building Materials Sales

Selected Counties

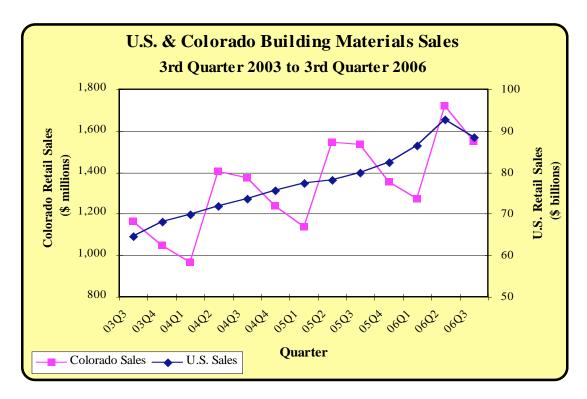
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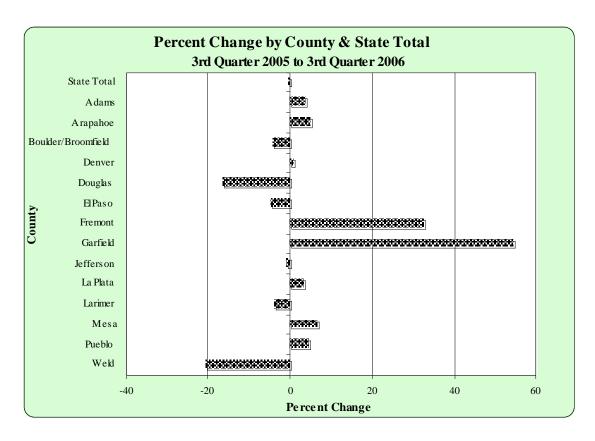
This issue presents data on Colorado building materials sales for the third quarter 2006. This report shows retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro area counties and for the counties of El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. Broomfield County's sales are combined with those in Boulder County. The types of retailers included in the chart on the next page are home centers, paint and wallcovering stores, hardware stores, and specialized building material dealers. The period shown in this report is the third quarter of 2006 compared to the third quarter of 2005.

The graph below shows national versus Colorado retail sales. It is important to note that both the national and Colorado data in this graph include sales by outdoor equipment stores and nurseries as well as the categories listed in the above paragraph. Nationally, sales of building materials increased 6.3 percent to \$87.5 billion in the third quarter 2006 over the third quarter 2005. Colorado's retail sales of \$1,548.5 million in third quarter 2006 were 0.9 percent above the same quarter from a year ago.

Sales in the counties comprising this report decreased 1.0 percent over last year. The largest gain in the second quarter 2006 over the same quarter last year occurred in Garfield County (+54.9 percent). Weld County experienced the largest decrease at -20.5 percent.



County	Retail Sales 2006Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2005Q3 \$000s	Percent Change
Adams	\$148,205	\$142,670	3.9%
Arapahoe	135,431	128,900	5.1
Boulder/Broomfield	85,618	89,151	-4.0
Denver	209,522	207,540	1.0
Douglas	91,400	109,193	-16.3
El Paso	149,077	155,890	-4.4
Fremont	11,551	8,702	32.7
Garfield	24,195	15,624	54.9
Jefferson	112,530	113,173	-0.6
La Plata	22,253	21,482	3.6
Larimer	93,429	96,933	-3.6
Mesa	52,565	49,197	6.8
Pueblo	37,220	35,505	4.8
Weld	46,332	58,265	-20.5
Selected Counties Total	\$1,219,329	\$1,232,223	-1.0%
State Total	\$1,460,047	\$1,466,232	-0.4%



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