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## Colorado Building Material Sales Selected Counties

## Second Quarter of 2014

This issue presents data on Colorado building material sales for second quarter 2014. 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. The types of retailers included in this report are home centers, paint and wall-covering stores, hardware stores, and specialized building material dealers. The period shown in this report is the second quarter of 2014 compared to the second quarter of 2013.

The graph below shows national versus Colorado retail sales. Nationally, sales of building materials increased 4.1 percent to $\$ 77.3$ billion in second quarter 2014 compared to $\$ 74.2$ billion in second quarter 2013. Colorado's retail sales of building materials increased 10.6 percent to $\$ 1.58$ billion in second quarter 2014, compared to $\$ 1.43$ billion in second quarter 2013.

Overall the annual change in Colorado building material sales in the selected counties was positive. The three counties with the largest increases in building materials sales were Denver County ( +28.6 percent), Larimer County ( +18.6 percent), and Weld County ( +16.8 percent).


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

| County | Retail Sales <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 Q 2}$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 0 0 0 s}$ | Retail Sales <br> $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 Q 2}$ <br> $\mathbf{\$ 0 0 0 s}$ | Percent <br> Change |
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| Adams | 140,535 | 138,016 | $-1.8 \%$ |
| Arapahoe | 159,127 | 167,913 | $5.5 \%$ |
| Boulder | 72,421 | 81,188 | $12.1 \%$ |
| Broomfield | 12,519 | 12,948 | $3.4 \%$ |
| Denver | 216,469 | 278,416 | $28.6 \%$ |
| Douglas | 165,665 | 92,737 | $0.1 \%$ |
| El Paso | 11,686 | 167,153 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Fremont | 20,636 | 11,717 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Garfield | 138,006 | 147,815 | $9.6 \%$ |
| Jefferson | 21,928 | 22,982 | $7.1 \%$ |
| La Plata | 102,386 | 121,409 | $4.8 \%$ |
| Larimer | 41,471 | 42,710 | $18.6 \%$ |
| Mesa | 33,395 | 35,496 | $3.0 \%$ |
| Pueblo | 65,142 | 76,067 | $6.3 \%$ |
| Weld | $1,294,132$ | $1,419,168$ | $16.8 \%$ |
| Selected Counties Total | $1,428,261$ | $1,580,298$ | $9.7 \%$ |
| State Total |  | $10.6 \%$ |  |

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Percent Change by County \& State Total
2nd Quarter 2013 to 2nd Quarter 2014


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