

## Colorado Restaurant Sales Fourth Quarter 2009

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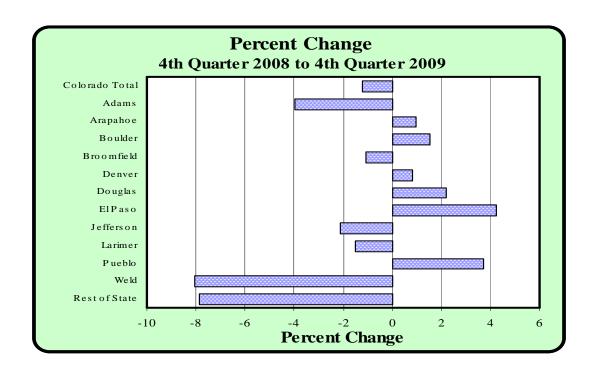
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the fourth quarter 2009. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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.

The data show that Colorado restaurant industry sales in the fourth quarter 2009 decreased 1.2 percent, to about \$1.9 billion, over fourth quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States of \$113.3 billion remained unchanged over the same period. As shown on the next page, El Paso County showed the largest increase at 4.3 percent. The reader should note the source of the national figures has been changed to unadjusted Census Bureau retail sales.

The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S.



County	Retail Sales 2009Q4 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q4 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$121,010	\$126,030	-4.0%
Arapahoe	216,130	214,071	1.0
Boulder	129,017	127,068	1.5
Broomfield	26,041	26,327	-1.1
Denver	383,774	380,716	0.8
Douglas	105,052	102,766	2.2
El Paso	202,217	193,980	4.2
Jefferson	193,921	198,073	-2.1
Larimer	112,326	114,022	-1.5
Pueblo	50,068	48,268	3.7
Weld	52,113	56,679	-8.1
Rest of State	319,880	347,108	-7.8
Total	\$1,911,550	\$1,935,110	-1.2%



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