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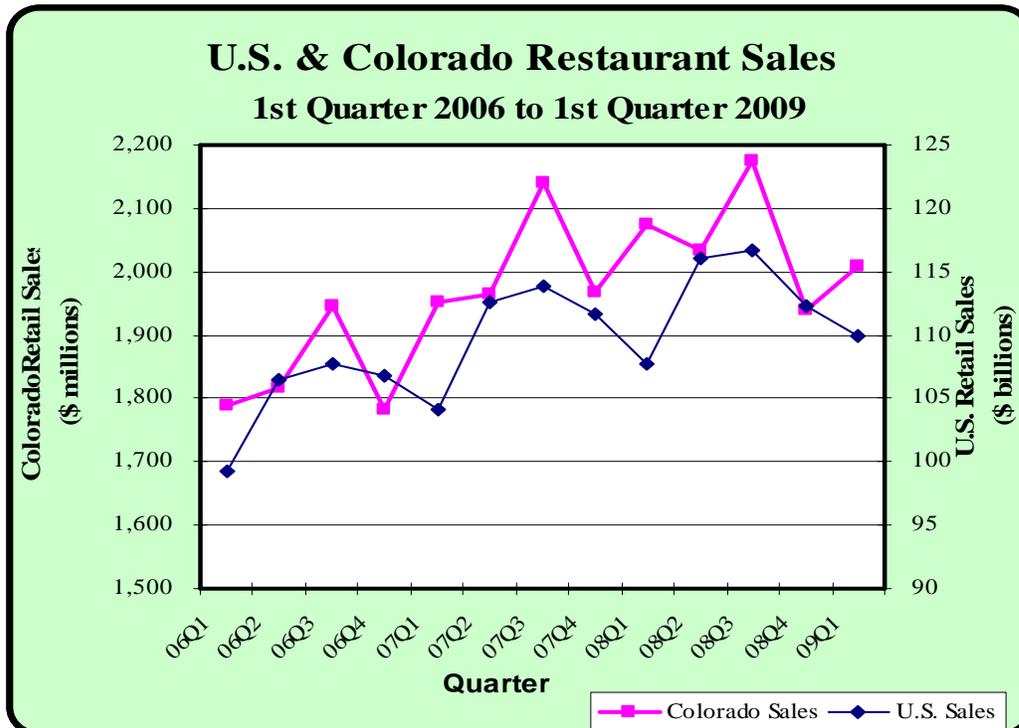
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

First Quarter 2009

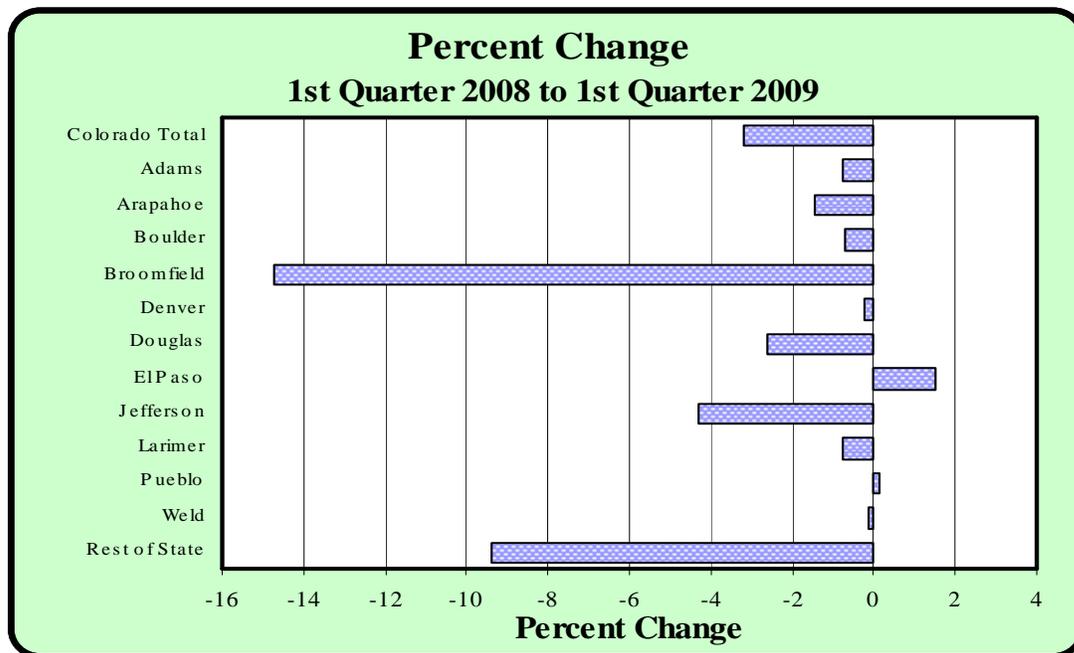
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the first quarter 2009. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 first quarter 2009 decreased 3.2 percent, to about \$2.01 billion, over first quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 1.94 percent, to \$109.9 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, Broomfield County showed the largest decrease at 14.7 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 2009Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$124,599	\$125,544	-0.8%
Arapahoe	211,252	214,348	-1.4
Boulder	116,774	117,603	-0.7
Broomfield	23,585	27,663	-14.7
Denver	373,555	374,341	-0.2
Douglas	98,147	100,792	-2.6
El Paso	192,861	189,965	1.5
Jefferson	194,081	202,796	-4.3
Larimer	107,775	108,580	-0.7
Pueblo	50,038	49,971	0.1
Weld	55,092	55,151	-0.1
Rest of State	460,844	508,593	-9.4
Total	\$2,008,603	\$2,075,346	-3.2%



This report is available electronically as a .pdf file on the Department of Revenue's website at <http://www.colorado.gov/revenue> under Library, Statistical Studies and Reports, Colorado Selected Retail Sales Reports. It is also available as a Word document. If you would like to receive the report in Word, please contact the Office of Research and Analysis at 303-866-5777 or send an e-mail to ora@spike.dor.state.co.us.