



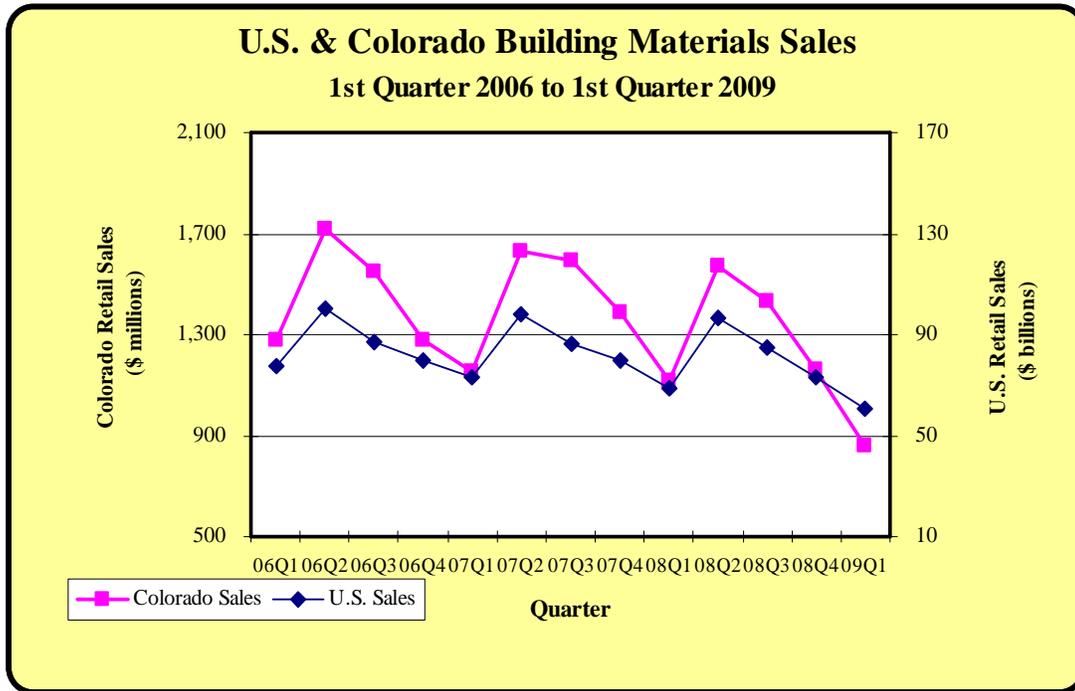
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Colorado Building Material Sales
Selected Counties
First Quarter 2009

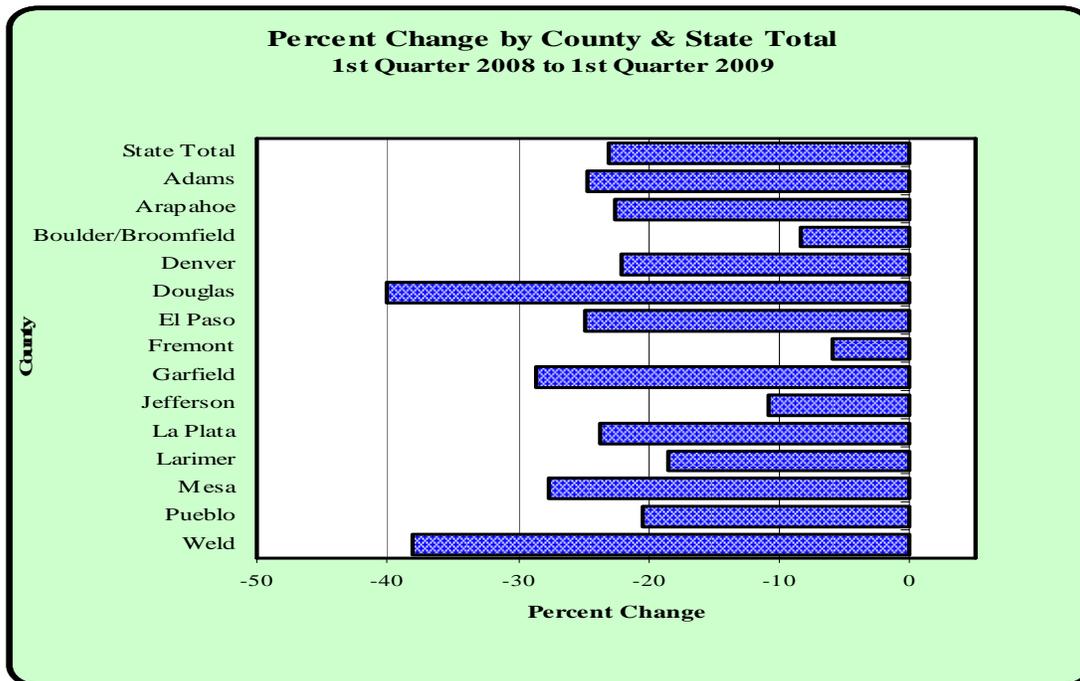
This issue presents data on Colorado building materials sales for the first quarter 2009. This report shows retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro area counties and for the counties of El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. Broomfield County's sales are combined 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 first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008.

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 decreased 11.5 percent to \$60.8 billion in the first quarter 2009 over the first quarter 2008. Colorado's retail sales of building materials excluding nurseries were \$818.3 million in first quarter 2009, 23.1 percent below the same quarter from a year ago. The reader should also note the source of the national figures has been changed to unadjusted Census Bureau retail sales.

Sales in the counties comprising this report decreased 22.7 percent over last year. All 14 counties studied showed decreases over last year. Douglas County's sales dropped 40 percent.



County	Retail Sales 2009Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q1 \$000s	Percent Change
Adams	\$74,561	\$98,916	-24.6%
Arapahoe	90,429	116,764	-22.6
Boulder/Broomfield	51,903	56,643	-8.4
Denver	131,559	168,845	-22.1
Douglas	41,935	69,903	-40.0
El Paso	81,407	108,455	-24.9
Fremont	7,374	7,837	-5.9
Garfield	14,810	20,756	-28.6
Jefferson	77,707	87,215	-10.9
La Plata	12,375	16,225	-23.7
Larimer	57,300	70,281	-18.5
Mesa	30,100	41,599	-27.6
Pueblo	22,928	28,807	-20.4
Weld	20,491	33,127	-38.1
Selected Counties Total	\$714,880	\$925,372	-22.7%
State Total	\$818,260	\$1,064,448	-23.1%



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