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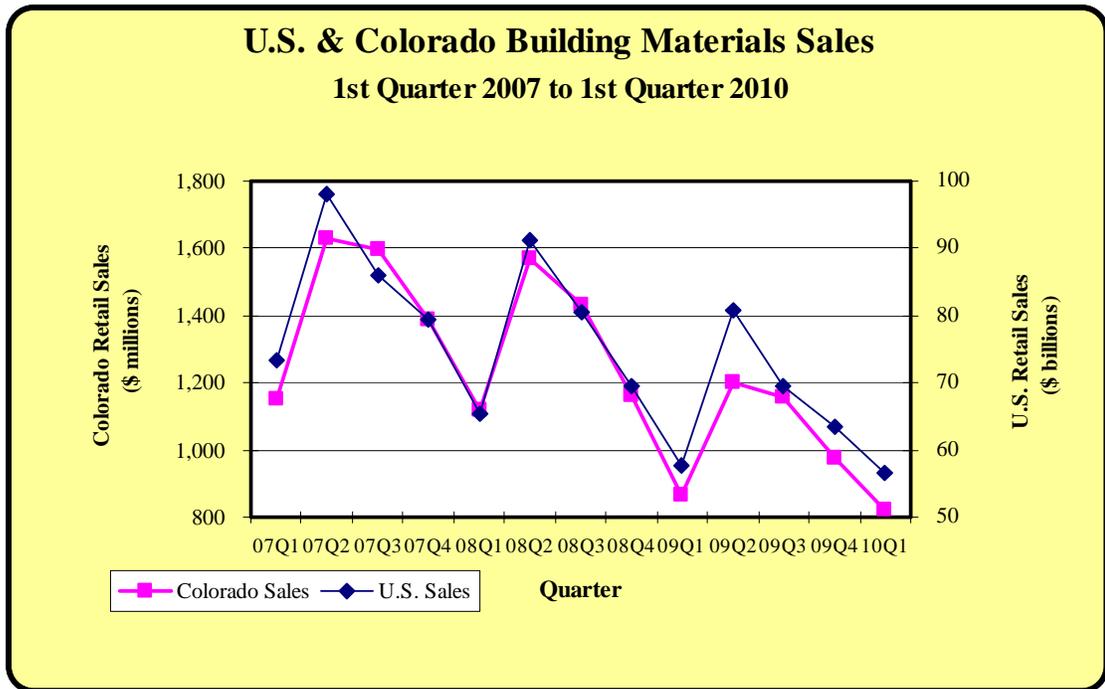
Colorado Building Material Sales
Selected Counties

First Quarter 2010

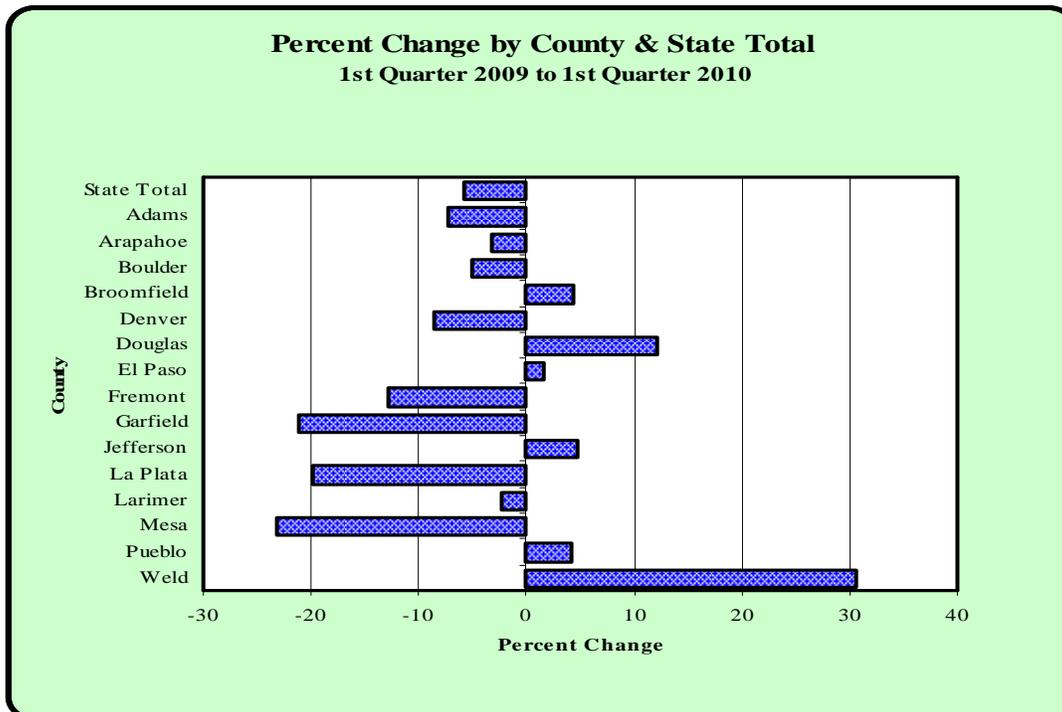
This issue presents data on Colorado building materials sales for the first quarter 2010. This report shows retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro area counties and for the counties of El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. The types of retailers included in the 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 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009.

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 2.0 percent to \$56.5 billion in the first quarter 2010 over the first quarter 2009. Colorado's retail sales of building materials excluding nurseries were \$771.1 million in first quarter 2010, 5.8 percent below the same quarter from a year ago.

Sales in the counties comprising this report decreased 2.7 percent over last year. Weld and Douglas counties showed a double-digit increase over last year. Broomfield, Jefferson, Pueblo, and El Paso counties showed a single digit increase over last year.



County	Retail Sales 2010Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2009Q1 \$000s	Percent Change
Adams	\$69,078	\$74,561	-7.4%
Arapahoe	87,547	90,429	-3.2
Boulder	42,092	44,379	-5.2
Broomfield	7,845	7,524	4.3
Denver	120,342	131,559	-8.5
Douglas	47,037	41,935	12.2
El Paso	82,689	81,407	1.6
Fremont	6,425	7,374	-12.9
Garfield	11,673	14,810	-21.2
Jefferson	81,459	77,824	4.7
La Plata	9,908	12,375	-19.9
Larimer	55,998	57,300	-2.3
Mesa	23,101	30,100	-23.3
Pueblo	23,872	22,928	4.1
Weld	26,768	20,491	30.6
Selected Counties Total	\$695,834	\$714,997	-2.7%
State Total	\$771,050	\$818,377	-5.8%



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