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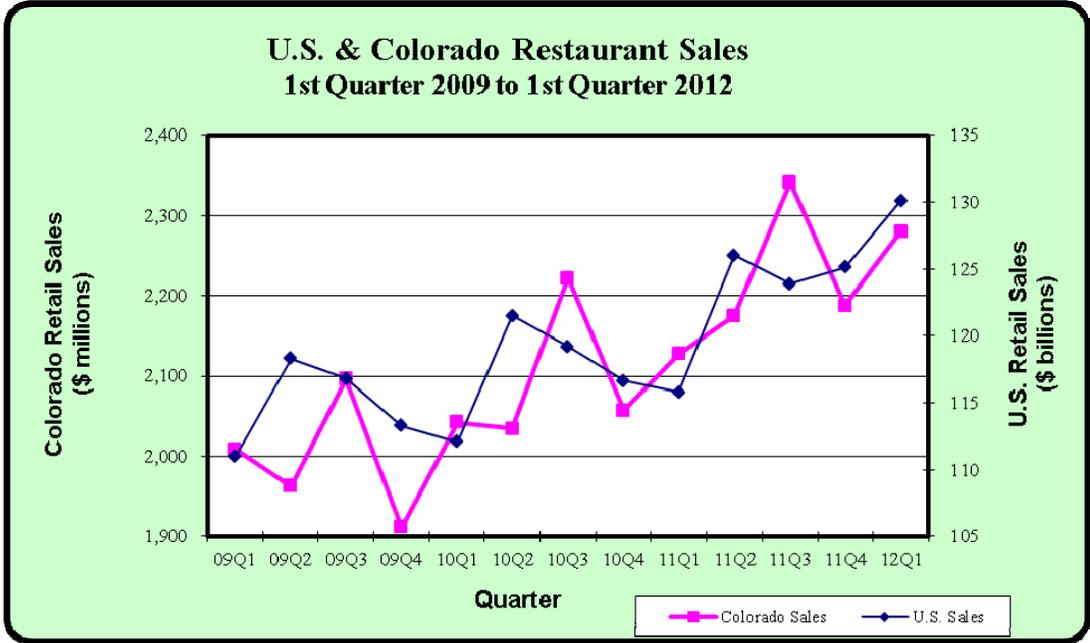
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

First Quarter of 2012

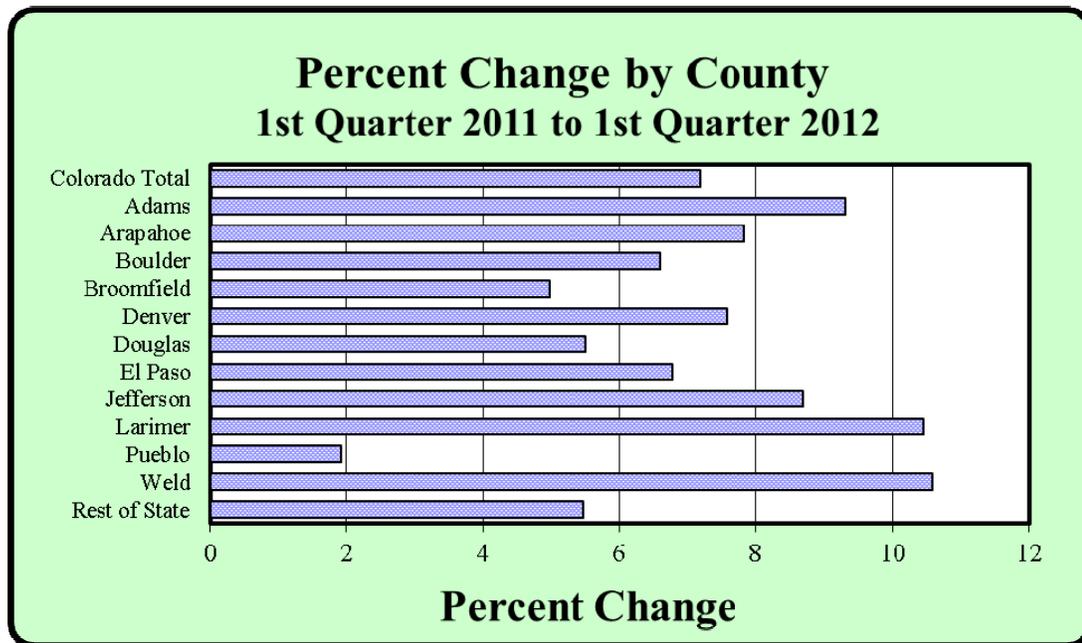
This issue presents data on first quarter 2012 Colorado restaurant retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro counties and the counties of El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, Weld, and sales by restaurants in the rest of the state. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States, as a whole, are also shown for the same time period. Data in this report represent sales by businesses whose primary activity is food preparation for on-premises consumption.

Colorado restaurant industry sales in the first quarter of 2012 increased 7.2 percent, to about \$2.28 billion, over the first quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 12.3 percent, to \$130.1 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, all counties showed positive growth, with Weld County and Larimer County leading with increases of 10.6% and 10.5%, respectively. Across the state all counties showed increases in sales between Pueblo County's 1.9% to the 10.6% increase in Weld County.

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



County	Retail Sales 2011Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2012Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$130,882	\$143,055	9.3%
Arapahoe	230,058	248,048	7.8%
Boulder	126,427	134,763	6.6%
Broomfield	25,004	26,247	5.0%
Denver	417,831	449,440	7.6%
Douglas	105,789	111,607	5.5%
El Paso	207,906	221,994	6.8%
Jefferson	196,811	213,913	8.7%
Larimer	115,557	127,636	10.5%
Pueblo	52,097	53,095	1.9%
Weld	55,796	61,700	10.6%
Rest of State	463,111	488,436	5.5%
Total	2,127,268	2,279,936	7.2%



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