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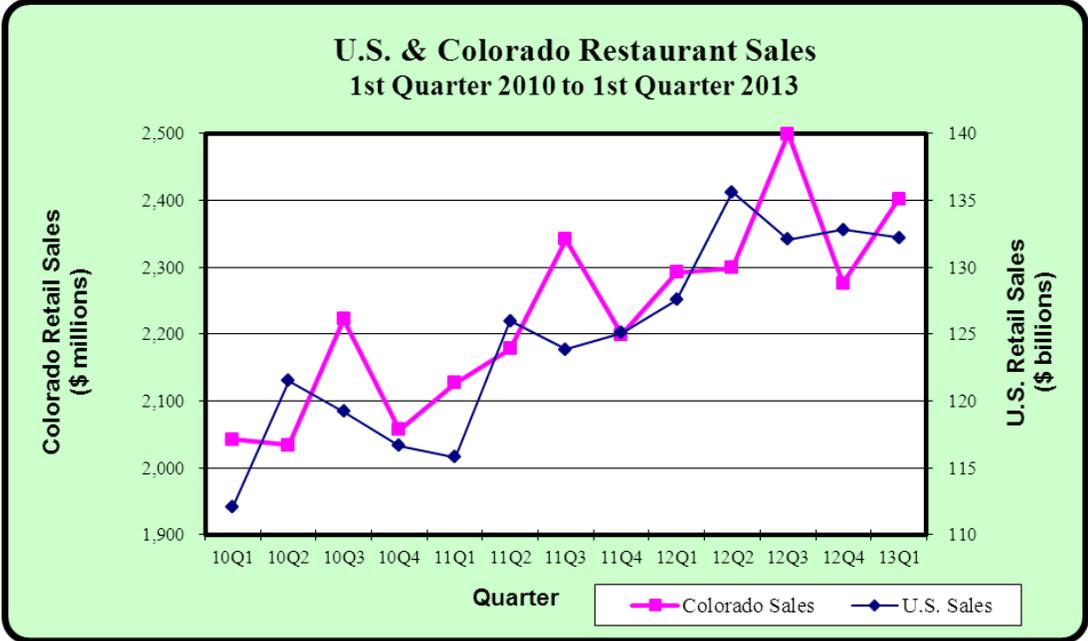
**Colorado Restaurant Sales**  
**Selected Counties**

**First Quarter of 2013**

This issue presents data on first quarter 2013 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 2013 increased 4.81 percent to about \$2.4 billion, over the first quarter of 2012. Sales for the entire United States increased 3.65 percent, to \$132.2 billion over the same period. As shown on the next page, all counties showed positive growth. Leading was Douglas County and Denver County with increases of 7.5 percent and 7 percent, respectively. Increases in sales for the selected counties ranged from Pueblo County's 0.1 percent to the 7.5 percent increase in Douglas County.

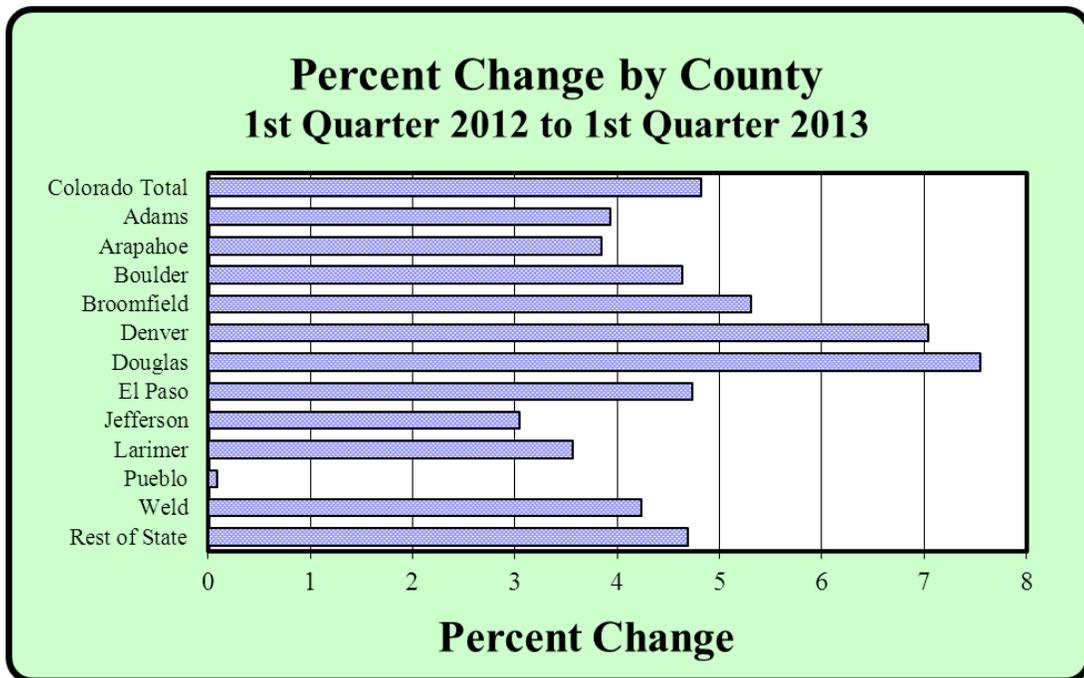
The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S.



Sources: Census Bureau: Monthly Retail Trade Report; Colorado Department of Revenue: State Sales Tax Returns

County	Retail Sales 2012Q1 \$000s	Retail Sales 2013Q1 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$ 143,165	\$ 148,784	3.9%
Arapahoe	247,357	256,862	3.8%
Boulder	135,310	141,572	4.6%
Broomfield	25,796	27,166	5.3%
Denver	449,467	481,067	7.0%
Douglas	111,649	120,066	7.5%
El Paso	223,453	234,014	4.7%
Jefferson	215,931	222,495	3.0%
Larimer	128,421	133,000	3.6%
Pueblo	53,631	53,676	0.1%
Weld	62,385	65,023	4.2%
Rest of State	495,520	518,726	4.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,292,086</b>	<b>\$ 2,402,449</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

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