



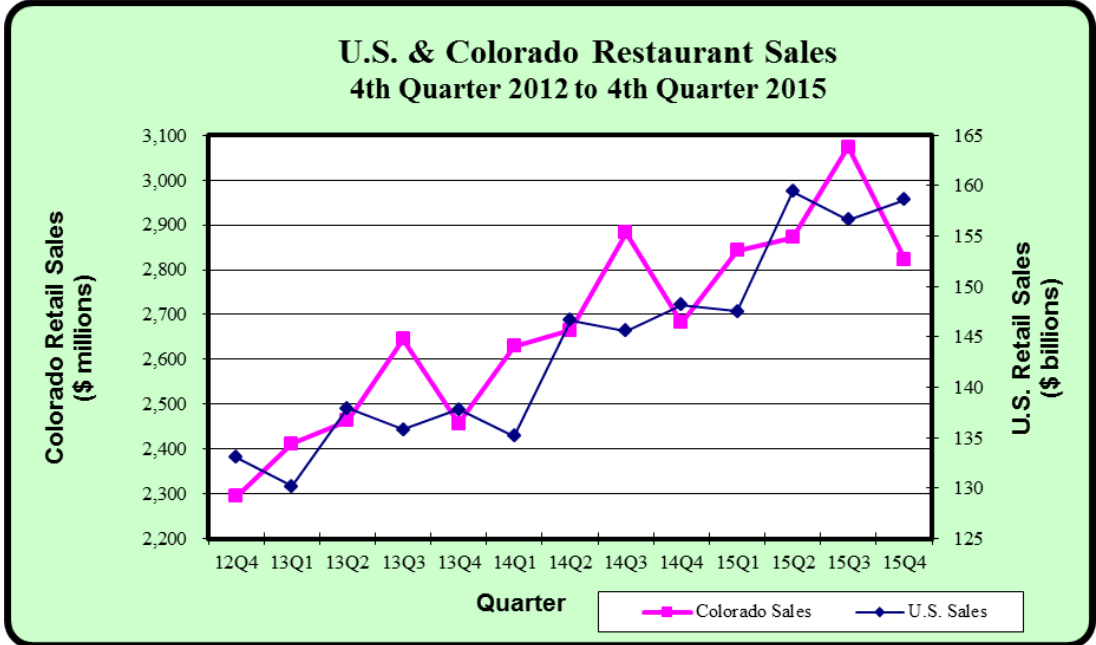
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Colorado Restaurant Sales Selected Counties

Fourth Quarter of 2015

This issue presents data on the fourth quarter 2015 (October – December) 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.

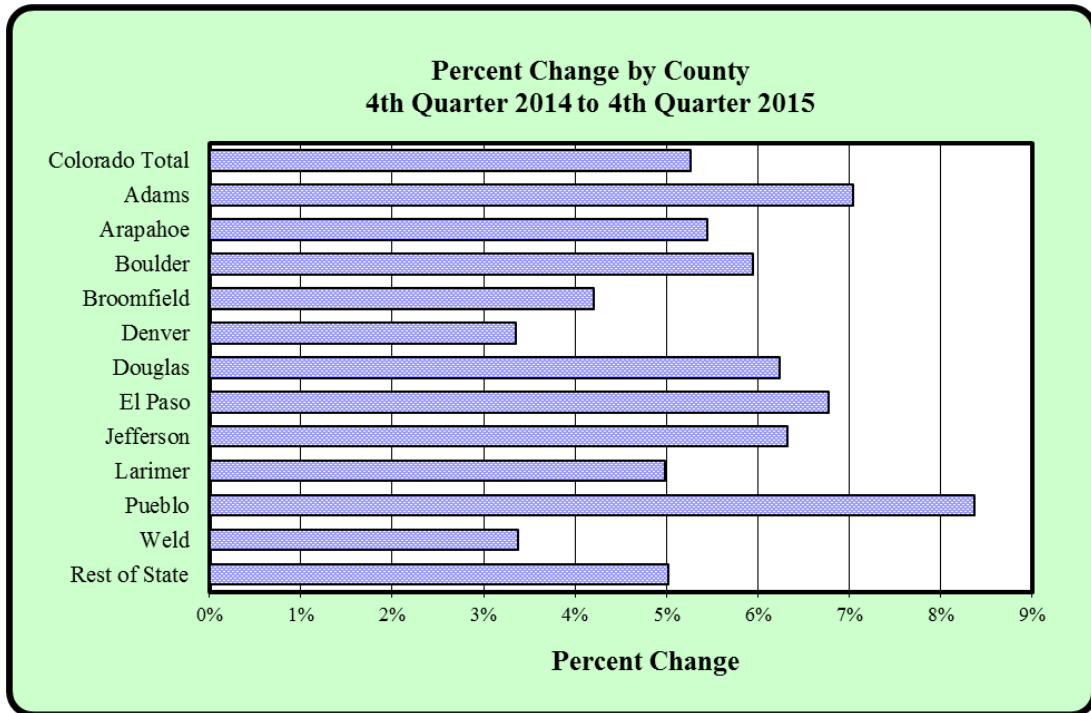
Colorado restaurant industry sales in the fourth quarter of 2015 increased 5.3 percent from the fourth quarter of 2014, to \$2.82 billion. Sales for the entire United States increased 7.0 percent to \$158.6 billion over the same period. As shown on the next page, all the selected counties showed moderate, positive growth. Leading was Pueblo County with an increase of 8.4 percent. The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S. for the last three years.



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

County	Retail Sales 2014Q4 \$000s	Retail Sales 2015Q4 \$000s	Percentage Change
ADAMS	\$176,393	\$188,809	7.0%
ARAPAHOE	306,247	322,913	5.4%
BOULDER	170,710	180,862	5.9%
BROOMFIELD	32,169	33,521	4.2%
DENVER	595,912	615,849	3.3%
DOUGLAS	146,766	155,909	6.2%
EL PASO	265,385	283,356	6.8%
JEFFERSON	257,983	274,296	6.3%
LARIMER	162,914	171,024	5.0%
PUEBLO	57,857	62,699	8.4%
WELD	81,377	84,119	3.4%
Rest of State	428,725	450,209	5.0%
STATE TOTAL	\$2,682,441	\$2,823,566	5.3%

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