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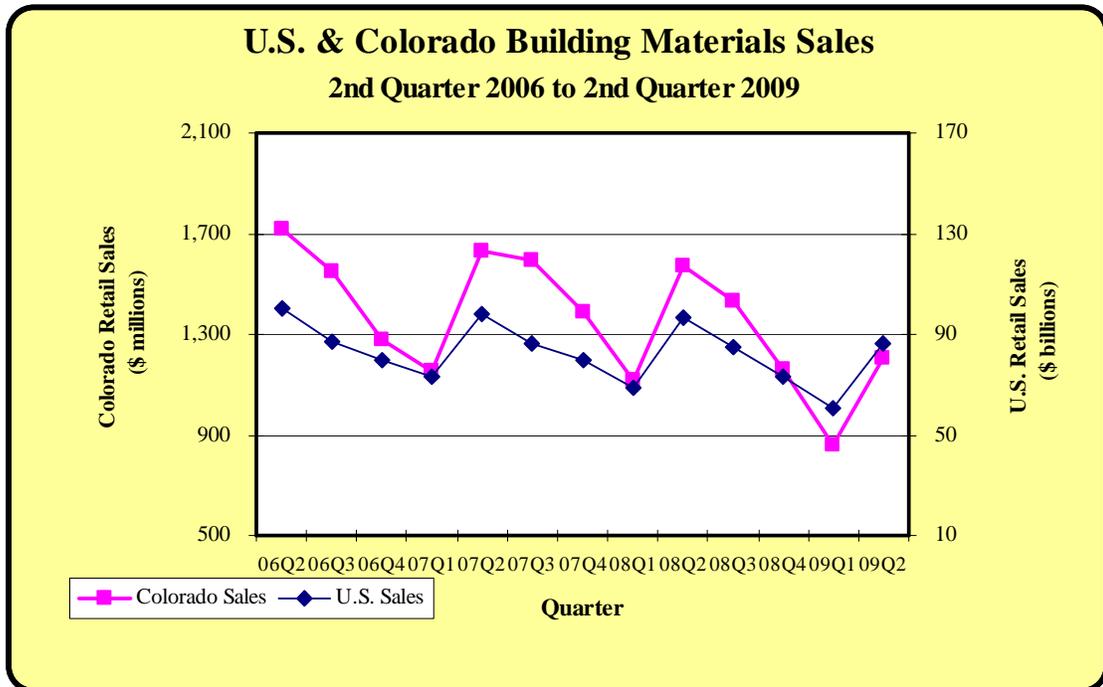
**Colorado Building Material Sales**  
**Selected Counties**

**Second Quarter 2009**

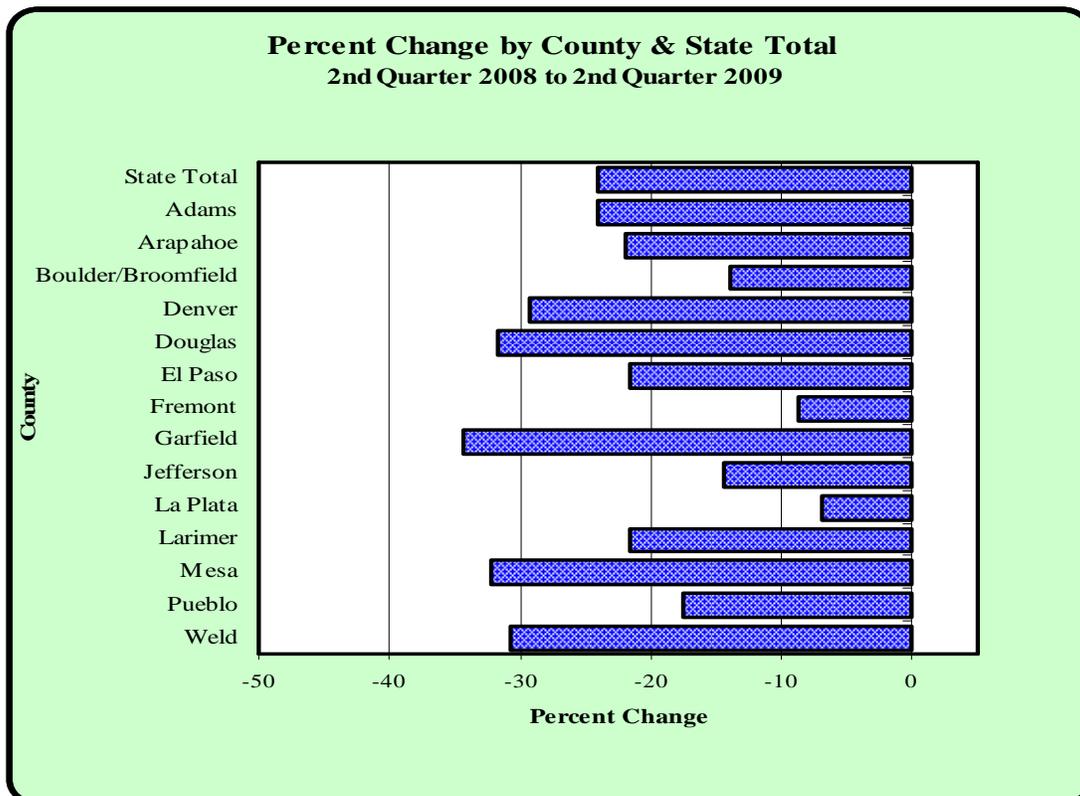
This issue presents data on Colorado building materials sales for the second quarter 2009. This report shows retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro area counties and for the counties of El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. Broomfield County's sales are combined 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 second quarter of 2009 compared to the second 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 11.0 percent to \$86.1 billion in the second quarter 2009 over the second quarter 2008. Colorado's retail sales of building materials excluding nurseries were \$1090.7 million in second quarter 2009, 24.0 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 23.3 percent over last year. All 14 counties studied showed decreases over last year. Only Fremont and La Plata counties showed a single digit decrease in sales.



County	Retail Sales 2009Q2 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q2 \$000s	Percent Change
Adams	\$96,370	\$126,958	-24.1%
Arapahoe	125,525	160,767	-21.9
Boulder/Broomfield	75,517	79,668	-13.9
Denver	144,167	204,036	-29.3
Douglas	65,173	95,525	-31.8
El Paso	114,996	146,560	-21.5
Fremont	9,450	10,360	-8.8
Garfield	21,190	32,259	-34.3
Jefferson	109,203	127,540	-14.4
La Plata	19,037	20,467	-7.0
Larimer	76,820	97,932	-21.6
Mesa	40,244	59,338	-32.2
Pueblo	32,550	39,504	-17.6
Weld	30,743	44,348	-30.7
<b>Selected Counties Total</b>	<b>\$960,986</b>	<b>\$1,253,338</b>	<b>-23.3%</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$1,090,675</b>	<b>\$1,435,690</b>	<b>-24.0%</b>



This report is available electronically as a .pdf file on the Department of Revenue's website at <http://www.colorado.gov/revenue> under Library, Statistical Studies and Reports, Colorado Selected Retail Sales Reports. It is also available as a Word document. If you would like to receive the report in Word, please contact the Office of Research and Analysis at 303-866-5777 or send an e-mail to [ora@spike.dor.state.co.us](mailto:ora@spike.dor.state.co.us).