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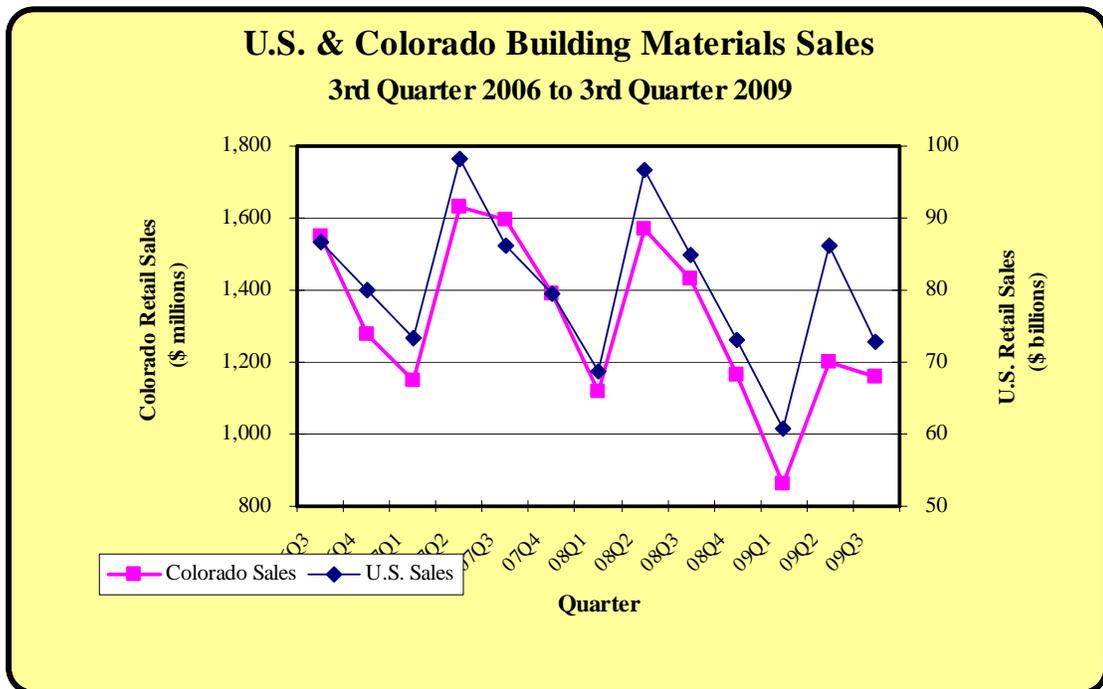
**Colorado Building Material Sales**  
**Selected Counties**

**Third Quarter 2009**

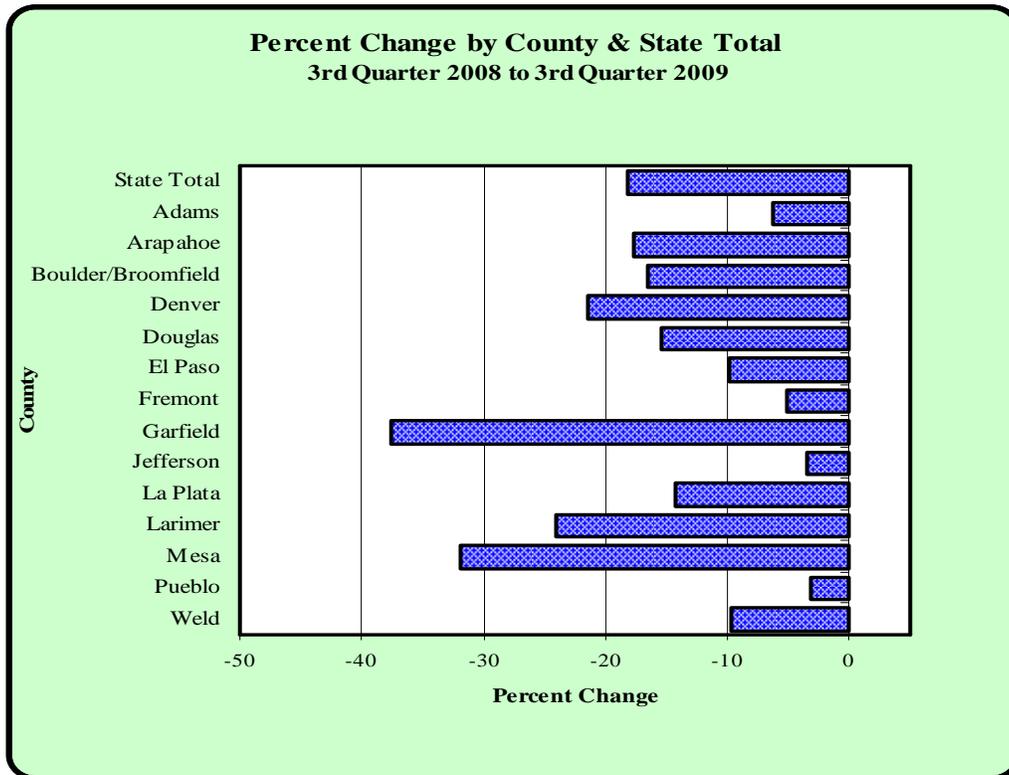
This issue presents data on Colorado building materials sales for the third quarter 2009. This report shows retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro area counties and for the counties of El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, La Plata, Larimer, Mesa, Pueblo, and Weld. Broomfield County's sales are combined 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 third quarter of 2009 compared to the third 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 14.0 percent to \$72.9 billion in the third quarter 2009 over the third quarter 2008. Colorado's retail sales of building materials excluding nurseries were \$1.085.9 million in third quarter 2009, 18.2 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 15.5 percent over last year. All 14 counties studied showed decreases over last year. Garfield and Mesa counties showed a decrease in sales over 30.0 percent.



County	Retail Sales 2009Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2008Q3 \$000s	Percent Change
Adams	\$112,054	\$119,471	-6.2%
Arapahoe	112,444	136,670	-17.7
Boulder/Broomfield	66,542	79,668	-16.5
Denver	162,676	207,279	-21.5
Douglas	57,481	67,911	-15.4
El Paso	110,195	122,336	-9.9
Fremont	9,063	9,551	-5.1
Garfield	18,362	29,444	-37.6
Jefferson	108,830	112,769	-3.5
La Plata	18,335	21,387	-14.3
Larimer	74,317	97,883	-24.1
Mesa	32,460	47,603	-31.8
Pueblo	33,354	34,450	-3.2
Weld	30,966	34,303	-9.7
<b>Selected Counties Total</b>	<b>\$947,080</b>	<b>\$1,120,725</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$1,085,939</b>	<b>\$1,327,385</b>	<b>-18.2%</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).