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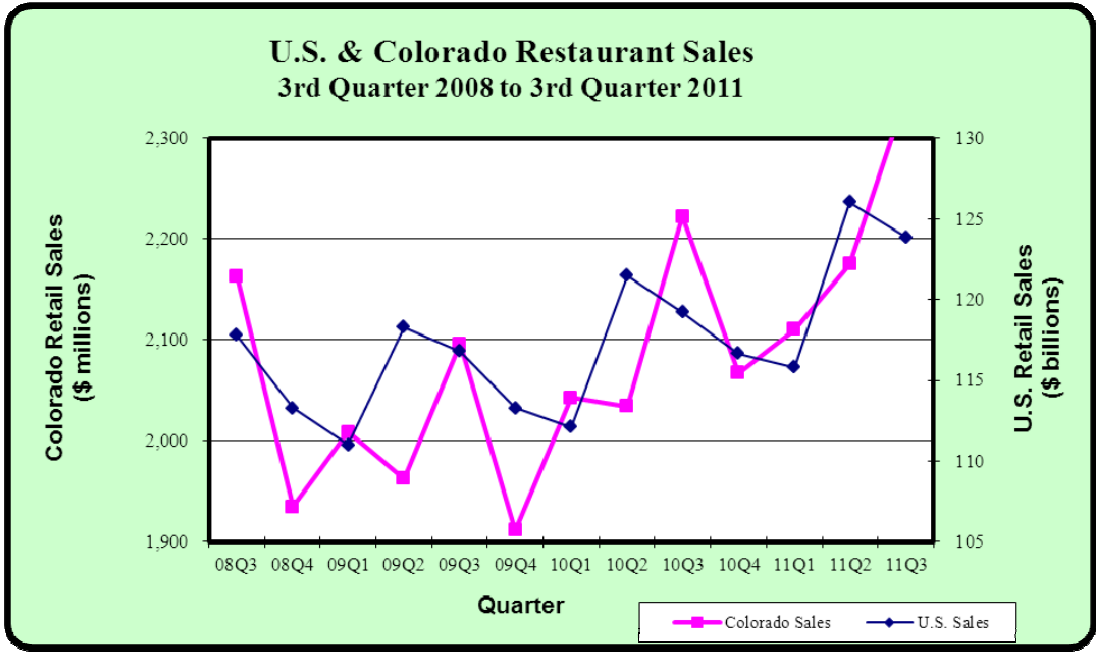
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

Third Quarter 2011

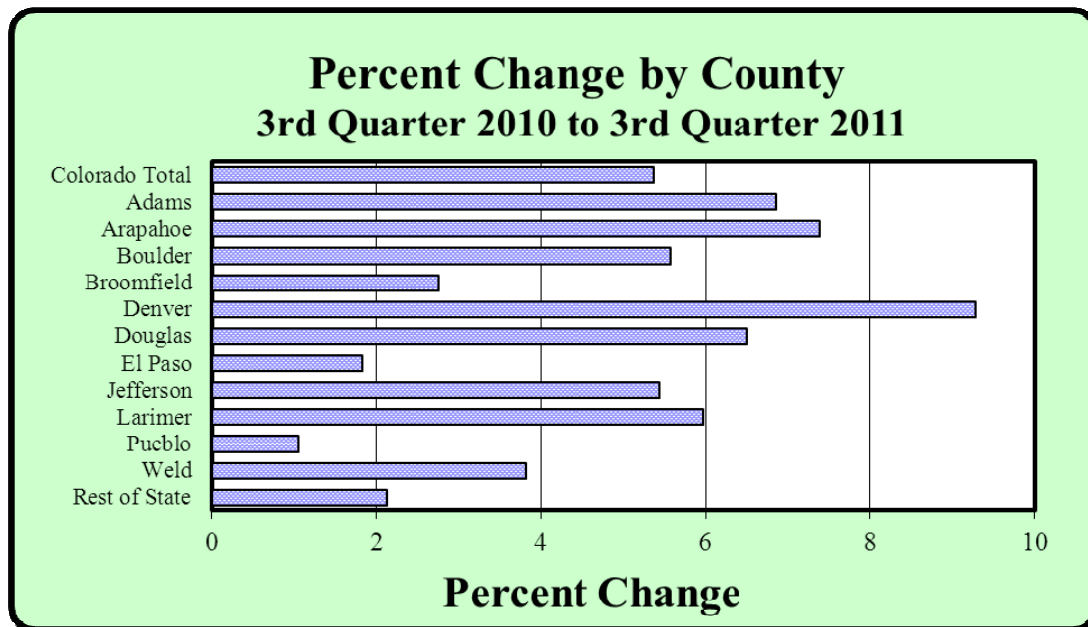
This issue presents data on Colorado restaurant sales for the third quarter 2011. Sales are presented for each of the seven Denver metro area counties; El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties; and sales by restaurants in the rest of the State. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States 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 third quarter 2011 increased 5.4 percent, to about \$2.3 billion, over the second quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 3.9 percent, to \$123.9 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, all of the counties showed positive growth with Denver County leading with a 9.3% increase. Pueblo County had the lowest increase of only 1.1% while the counties not individually selected had a combined increase of 2.1%.

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



County	Retail Sales 2010Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2011Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$134,859	\$144,110	6.9%
Arapahoe	233,770	251,027	7.4%
Boulder	143,325	151,322	5.6%
Broomfield	26,075	26,795	2.8%
Denver	431,062	471,055	9.3%
Douglas	114,632	122,085	6.5%
El Paso	232,680	236,942	1.8%
Jefferson	220,289	232,278	5.4%
Larimer	138,492	146,760	6.0%
Pueblo	55,565	56,150	1.1%
Weld	61,122	63,453	3.8%
Rest of State	430,298	439,434	2.1%
Total	\$2,222,169	\$2,341,410	5.4%



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