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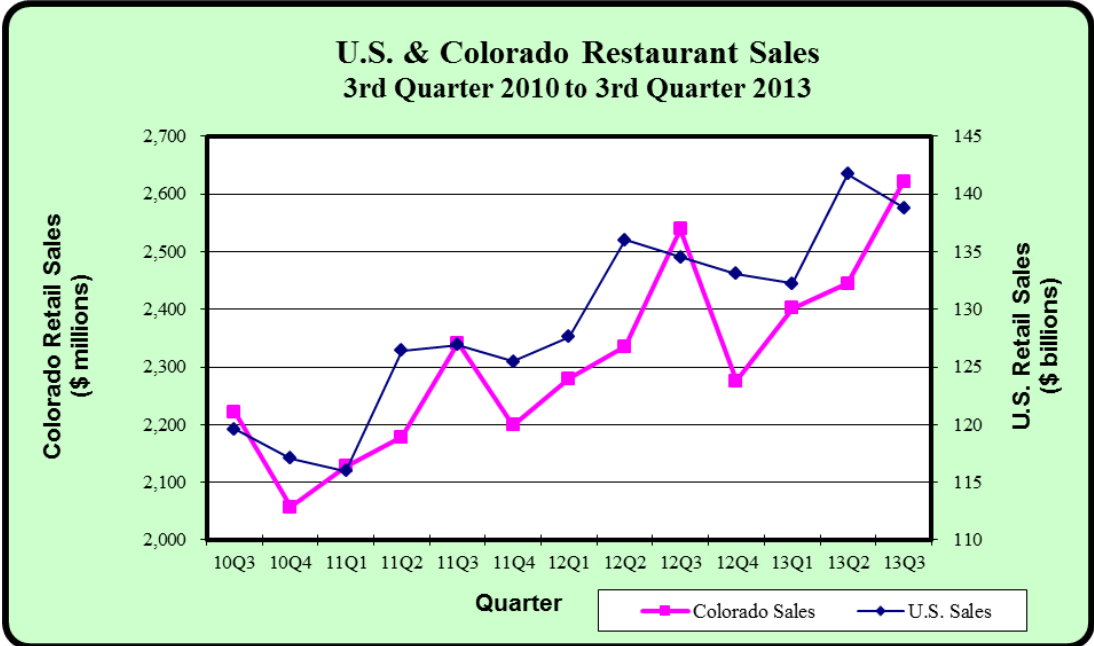
**Colorado Restaurant Sales**  
**Selected Counties**

**Third Quarter of 2013**

This issue presents data on third 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 third quarter of 2013 increased 3.3 percent to about \$2.62 billion, over the third quarter of 2012. Sales for the entire United States increased 3.2 percent to \$138.8 billion over the same period. As shown on the next page, all the selected counties showed moderate, positive growth except for Broomfield and Pueblo Counties. All of the percent increases are in the single digits. Leading was Denver County with an increase of 6.6 percent followed by Weld County with an increase of 5.3 percent.

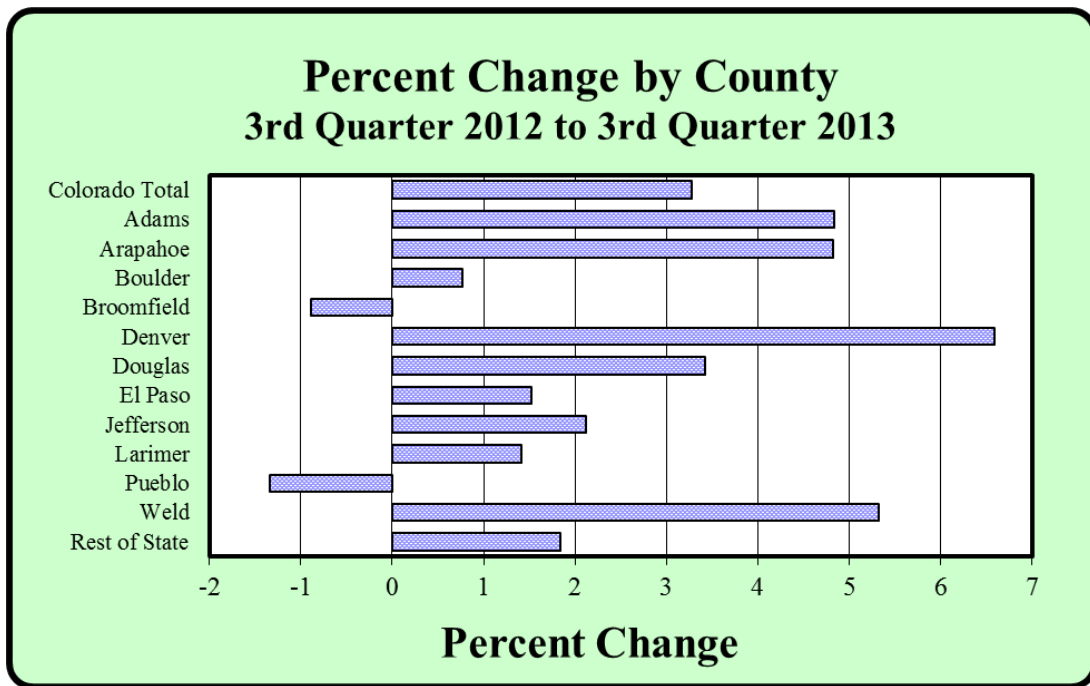
The graph below shows restaurant sales in the state compared to those in the U.S.



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

County	Retail Sales 2012Q3 \$000s	Retail Sales 2013Q3 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$ 158,609	\$ 166,269	4.8%
Arapahoe	271,341	284,419	4.8%
Boulder	162,300	163,547	0.8%
Broomfield	29,043	28,785	-0.9%
Denver	512,125	545,857	6.6%
Douglas	134,583	139,192	3.4%
El Paso	256,560	260,446	1.5%
Jefferson	254,411	259,798	2.1%
Larimer	156,951	159,163	1.4%
Pueblo	56,506	55,747	-1.3%
Weld	68,610	72,259	5.3%
Rest of State	477,692	486,449	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,538,731</b>	<b>\$ 2,621,930</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

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