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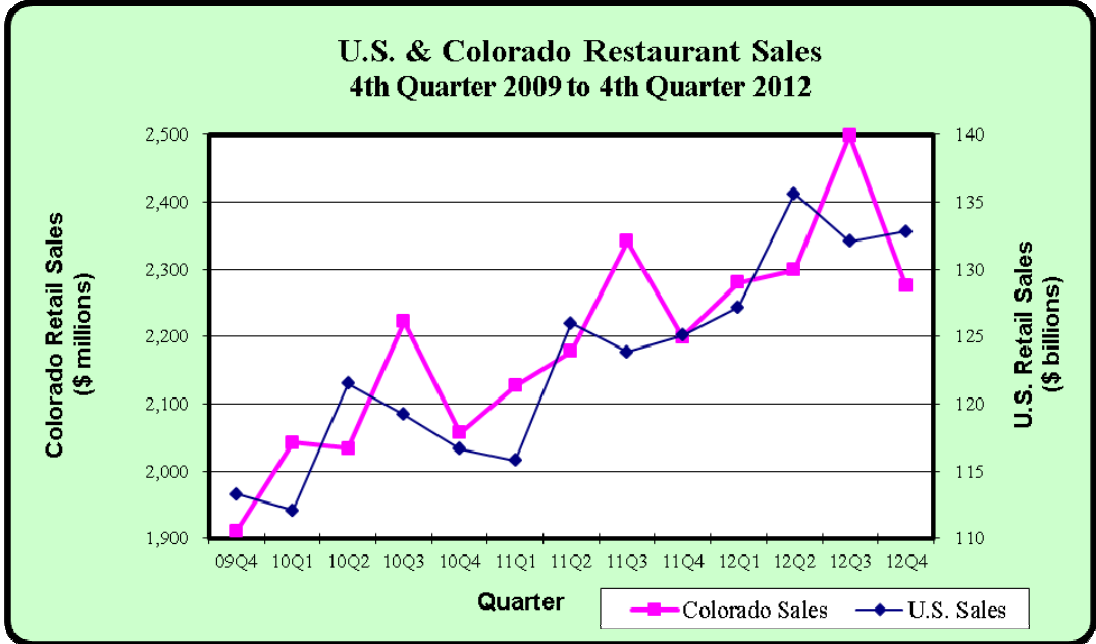
Colorado Restaurant Sales
Selected Counties

Fourth Quarter of 2012

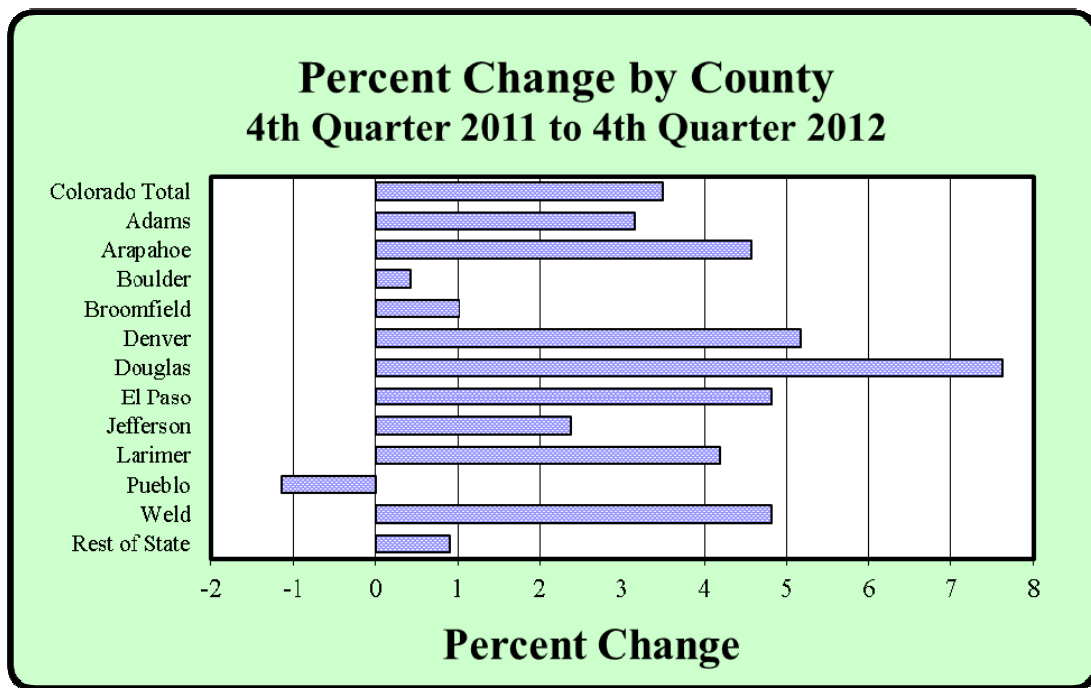
This issue presents data on fourth quarter 2012 Colorado restaurant retail sales for each of the seven Denver metro counties and the counties of El Paso, Larimer, Pueblo, Weld, and sales by restaurants in the rest of the state. For comparison, restaurant sales for the United States, as a whole, are also 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 2012 increased 3.5 percent, to about \$2.3 billion, over the fourth quarter last year. Sales for the entire United States increased 6.1 percent, to \$132.8 billion, over the same period. As shown on the next page, all counties but one showed positive growth. Leading was Douglas County and Denver County with increases of 7.6 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively. Increases in sales for the selected counties ranged from Boulder County's 0.4 percent and the 7.6 percent increase in Douglas County. Pueblo County was the only county that showed a negative variance in sales of 1.1 percent.

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



County	Retail Sales 2011Q4 \$000s	Retail Sales 2012Q4 \$000s	Percentage Change
Adams	\$140,985	\$145,440	3.2%
Arapahoe	248,707	260,062	4.6%
Boulder	147,007	147,635	0.4%
Broomfield	27,920	28,206	1.0%
Denver	457,330	480,998	5.2%
Douglas	119,707	128,830	7.6%
El Paso	223,500	234,236	4.8%
Jefferson	222,356	227,613	2.4%
Larimer	133,802	139,408	4.2%
Pueblo	52,508	51,904	-1.1%
Weld	62,020	65,003	4.8%
Rest of State	363,215	366,451	0.9%
Total	\$2,199,057	\$ 2,275,787	3.5%



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