

**Table 23.11-- SHOPPING CENTER CHARACTERISTICS: 2002 TO 2005**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Gross leasable area (million square feet)	20	21	21	21
Retail sales (billion dollars)	5.7	6.1	6.7	7.4
Retail sales per square foot (dollars)	279	297	321	346

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2008* (p. 658) and earlier editions, see also <<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>> accessed January 7, 2008.