

Table 23.11-- SHOPPING CENTER CHARACTERISTICS: 2002 TO 2005

Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005
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.