

Exhibit 8 Expenditures for Residential Improvements and Repairs

Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate in Millions of Dollars

Year	Total Expenditures	Maintenance and Repairs	Improvements		
			Improvements	Additions and Alterations	Major Replacements
2001	627,300	191,100	436,200	308,300	127,900
2002	689,700	188,300	501,200	353,600	147,500
2003	707,000	179,600	527,400	372,300	155,100
2004	794,100	202,200	591,900	(X)	(X)
2005	860,800	212,900	647,900	(X)	(X)
2006	914,400	214,400	699,900	(X)	(X)
2007	908,400	219,800	688,600	(X)	(X)

Source: U.S. Census.

Exhibit 9 Lowe's Performance Data, 2000-2006 (\$ amounts in millions, except average customer ticket, number of customer transactions also in millions)

Lowe's	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Gross Margin as a % of sales	27%	27%	28%	28%	29%	30%	31%	34%	34%	35%
Amount of inventory	\$1,985	\$2,385	\$2,812	\$3,285	\$3,611	\$3,968	\$4,584	\$5,982	\$6,706	\$7,144
Inventory per store	\$ 4.16	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.88	\$ 5.05	\$ 4.85	\$ 4.65	\$ 4.82	\$ 5.50	\$ 5.43	\$ 5.16
Number of Stores	477	520	576	650	744	854	952	1,087	1,234	1,385
Number of Employees	64,070	72,715	86,160	94,601	108,317	121,600	147,052	161,964	185,314	210,142
Number of customer transactions	231	268	298	342	394	460	521	575	639	680
Average customer ticket	\$48.09	\$49.70	\$53.42	\$54.88	\$55.96	\$57.55	\$59.21	\$63.43	\$67.67	\$68.98
Same-store (Comp store) sales growth	4.00%	6.00%	6.00%	1.00%	2.50%	5.80%	6.70%	6.60%	6.10%	-

Source: Adapted from Lowe's Annual Report data for 2000-2006, accessed February 21, 2008.