



# MELANIPHY'S 2011 CHICAGOLAND RETAIL SALES REPORT COVERING 2010 ANNUAL RETAIL SALES

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## THE RECOVERY IS HAPPENING, ALBEIT SLOWLY!

IN 2010, CHICAGO METRO RETAIL SALES  
RECOVERED BY \$3.8 BILLION TO \$96.7 BILLION, OR 4.1%

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IN 2008 & 2009 THE COMBINED METRO SALES DECLINED  
OVER **-\$13.98 BILLION, OR -13.1%**

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THE CITY OF CHICAGO INCREASED IN 2010 BY \$1.2 BILLION  
TO \$21.7 BILLION

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CHICAGO AREA SUBURBS INCREASED IN 2010 BY \$2.7 BILLION  
TO \$75.0 BILLION

### METRO CHICAGO CHANGES BY MAJOR RETAIL CATEGORY 2008, 2009, & 2010

Table 1

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AREA RETAIL SALES COMPARISON, 2008, 2009, & 2010					
Category	Sales 2008	Sales 2009	Sales 2010	Difference 2009 -2010	2010 Change
General Merchandise	\$11,520,193,112	\$11,223,709,782	\$11,479,758,231	\$256,048,449	2.28%
Food Stores	\$13,228,638,477	\$12,879,740,352	\$12,733,131,430	(\$146,608,922)	-1.14%
Drinking and Eating Places	\$12,706,463,143	\$12,102,305,962	\$12,640,775,548	\$538,469,586	4.45%
Apparel & Accessories Stores	\$4,720,554,596	\$4,346,795,054	\$4,657,739,245	\$310,944,191	7.15%
Furniture & Electronics Stores	\$5,950,667,911	\$4,996,360,694	\$5,515,673,844	\$519,313,150	10.39%
Home Improvement Stores	\$5,131,446,759	\$4,427,220,178	\$4,472,507,912	\$45,287,734	1.02%
Automotive & Filling Stations	\$19,479,646,132	\$17,435,685,891	\$19,354,830,888	\$1,919,144,997	11.01%
Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Stores	\$15,365,345,744	\$14,525,537,142	\$14,454,929,615	(\$70,607,527)	-0.49%
Agriculture & All Others	\$11,162,559,038	\$8,984,218,842	\$9,488,576,458	\$504,357,616	5.61%
Manufacturers	\$2,520,235,283	\$1,963,980,277	\$1,860,270,037	(\$103,710,240)	-5.28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,785,750,195</b>	<b>\$92,885,554,174</b>	<b>\$96,658,193,208</b>	<b>\$3,772,639,034</b>	<b>4.06%</b>
<b>Annual Change</b>	<b>-\$5,082,721,794</b>	<b>-\$8,900,196,021</b>	<b>\$3,772,639,034</b>		

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts & Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

Table 1 on Page 1 indicates that most of the retail categories increased in 2010 over 2009. *General Merchandise* increased by over \$256 million, however, *Food Stores* surprisingly declined by **-\$147 million**. *Drinking & Eating Places* increased by \$538.5 million as did *Apparel & Accessories Stores* increasing by \$310.9 million. *Furniture & Electronics Stores* increased by \$519.3 million. Most of the sales increases in this category were experienced by Electronics retailers like Abt and Best Buy. *Home Improvement Stores*, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Menard's Ace Hardware, and Tru-Value, increased by \$45.3 million. *Automotive Dealers & Filling Stations* led the increases with a rise to \$1,919 billion, or 11%. *Drugs &*

*Miscellaneous Retail Stores* surprisingly showed a decrease between 2009 and 2010 of **-\$70.6 million**. The other categories are not considered typical retail uses.

**Table 2**  
**Metro Chicagoland Retail Sales**  
**1986-2010**

Year	Metro Area Total Sales	Annual Change	Annual Percent Change
1986	\$41,605,594,520		
1987	\$51,318,551,280	\$9,712,956,760	23.3%
1988	\$55,790,652,808	\$4,472,101,528	8.7%
1989	\$53,579,836,516	<b>-\$2,210,816,292</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
1990	\$58,810,837,578	\$5,231,001,062	9.8%
1991	\$56,393,030,149	<b>-\$2,417,807,429</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>
1992	\$57,607,200,150	\$1,214,170,001	2.2%
1993	\$60,523,670,277	\$2,916,470,127	5.1%
1994	\$65,594,139,971	\$5,070,469,694	8.4%
1995	\$66,788,403,017	\$1,194,263,046	1.8%
1996	\$71,190,554,161	\$4,402,151,144	6.6%
1997	\$75,066,935,869	\$3,876,381,708	5.4%
1998	\$78,731,498,357	\$3,664,562,488	4.9%
1999	\$84,274,918,577	\$5,543,420,220	7.0%
2000	\$88,520,176,501	\$4,245,257,924	5.0%
2001	\$90,670,483,000	\$2,150,306,499	2.4%
2002	\$89,596,728,900	<b>-\$1,073,754,100</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
2003	\$90,684,871,000	\$1,088,142,100	1.2%
2004	\$94,214,162,004	\$3,529,291,004	3.9%
2005	\$98,402,525,809	\$4,188,363,805	4.4%
2006	\$104,793,501,131	\$6,390,975,322	6.5%
2007	\$106,868,471,989	\$2,074,970,858	2.0%
2008	\$101,785,750,195	<b>-\$4,050,257,630</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
2009	\$92,885,554,174	<b>-\$8,900,196,021</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>
2010	\$96,658,193,208	\$3,772,639,034	4.1%

**Table 2** once again depicts total annual retail sales changes for the Chicago Metro area since 1986. The data indicate that we have had five major negative lows and five shrinking years. The declines in retail sales – are indicated in red. Those years included 1989, 1991, 2002, and the latest and worst in 2008 and 2009. 2009 results were the worst that we have ever seen. In dollar amounts, 2009 clearly saw the biggest decline, falling over **-\$8.9 billion**, after falling approximately **-\$4.0 billion** in 2008. 2009 was also the biggest percent decline at **-8.74%**. In 2010, retail sales increased by \$3.77 billion, or an increase of 4.1% over 2009. Total 2010 Metro retail sales amounted to \$96.7 billion, down from the historic high in 2007 of \$106.8 billion.

Major Retail Category definitions are provided by the State of Illinois, Department of Revenue. All of the sales data is rounded to the nearest tenth of a million or billion. The individual retail categories by NAICS codes include the following:

**General Merchandise** includes sales primarily in department and Big Boxes and supercenters selling food. **Food Stores** includes food purchased in supermarkets and grocery stores and consumed at home. **Drinking & Eating Places** includes retail sales in restaurants, quick service food facilities, bars, and banquet facilities. **Apparel & Accessories Stores** includes apparel and accessories retail stores for the family, women, men, and children. **Furniture & Electronics** includes retail sales for furniture, home furnishings, appliances, electronics, and decorator items. **Home Improvement** includes Lumber, Building Materials & Hardware. **Automobile Dealers & Gasoline Service Stations** include new and used automobile dealers and gasoline

Source: Ill. Dept of Revenue and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc. 2011

stations sales. **Drugs & Other Miscellaneous Retail Stores** includes drug stores, liquor, sporting goods, bookstores, jewelry, toys and hobby, gifts, luggage, leather goods, florists and other miscellaneous store sales. There are two other categories: **Agriculture and All Others and Manufacturers** which are not germane to the retail sales discussion.

**CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AREA COUNTIES EXPERIENCED SALES INCREASES IN 2010**

**Table 3** on the following page shows that all of the counties in the Chicago Metropolitan Area increased in retail sales in 2010. The table presents the component counties of the Chicago Metro Area and their individual changes in 2008, 2009, and 2010, along with sales changes between 2009 and 2010. The **City of Chicago** generated total retail sales of over \$21.7 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.1 billion over 2009. **Cook County**, without the City of Chicago, generated retail sales of approximately \$33.9 billion; an increase of \$1.1 billion.

**DuPage County**, located to the west of Cook County, recorded 2010 retail sales of \$15.9 billion, rising by \$699 million from 2009. **Kane County**, west of DuPage County, had sales amounting to \$5.5 billion, an increase of \$286 million. **Lake County** recorded 2010 sales of \$9.7 billion, increasing by approximately \$2.35 million. **McHenry County** sales increased to \$3.2 billion in 2010, an increase of \$58 million. **Will County**'s sales rose to approximately \$6.9 billion for an increase of \$316.2 million.

The largest percentage increase was recorded by **Kane County** at 5.53% followed by the **City of Chicago** with an increase in 2010 of 5.25%. **Will County** followed at 4.8% and **DuPage County** was next at 4.60%. **Cook County** (excluding the City of Chicago) increased by 3.34%. **Lake County** increased in 2010 by 3.35%, followed by **McHenry County** with an increase of 1.87 percent. The table below depicts these percentages in the last column to the right.

**Table 3**

**Retail Sales Changes for the City of Chicago, the Balance of Cook County  
and the other Counties in the Chicago Metropolitan Area for 2008, 2009, 2010**

Civil Subdivision	2008	2009	2010	Sales Difference	Percent
<b>Chicago</b>	\$22,204,546,670	\$20,621,237,756	\$21,703,552,494	\$1,082,314,738	5.25%
<b>Cook Co. (less Chicago)</b>	\$36,258,208,887	\$32,765,677,421	\$33,859,039,591	\$1,093,362,170	3.34%
<b>DuPage County</b>	\$16,847,585,918	\$15,185,257,101	\$15,883,937,691	\$698,680,590	4.60%
<b>Kane County</b>	\$5,700,933,750	\$5,170,633,716	\$5,456,780,112	\$286,146,396	5.53%
<b>Lake County</b>	\$10,355,381,486	\$9,470,594,524	\$9,693,396,696	\$222,802,172	2.35%
<b>McHenry County</b>	\$3,365,857,737	\$3,101,780,952	\$3,159,783,774	\$58,002,822	1.87%
<b>Will County</b>	\$7,053,235,747	\$6,585,491,084	\$6,901,702,850	\$316,211,766	4.80%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$101,785,750,195</b>	<b>\$92,885,554,174</b>	<b>\$96,658,195,218</b>	<b>\$3,772,641,044</b>	<b>4.06%</b>

*Source: Illinois Department of Revenue and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011*

**CITY OF CHICAGO RETAIL SALES INCREASED BY 1.1 BILLION,  
AN INCREASE OF 5.25%**

**Table 4**

**Total Retail Sales by Major Retail Category  
City of Chicago  
2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010**

Category	2007	2008	2009	2010	2010-2009
General Merchandise	\$1,737,342,930	\$1,637,158,723	\$1,597,349,388	\$1,653,606,551	\$56,257,163
Food Stores	\$3,491,838,983	\$3,669,552,593	\$3,588,111,160	\$3,558,627,522	(\$29,483,638)
Drinking and Eating Places	\$4,936,371,275	\$5,014,751,787	\$4,745,136,134	\$5,043,233,365	\$298,097,231
Apparel & Accessories	\$1,597,723,740	\$1,539,229,994	\$1,402,639,601	\$1,549,171,934	\$146,532,333
Furniture & Electronics	\$1,025,390,920	\$961,617,632	\$815,540,023	\$867,060,951	\$51,520,928
Home Improvement	\$927,554,254	\$817,406,629	\$733,927,480	\$748,288,923	\$14,361,443
Automotive & Filling Stations	\$2,698,260,913	\$2,291,746,662	\$1,983,067,211	\$2,365,605,881	\$382,538,670
Drugs & Misc. Retail	\$3,845,137,284	\$3,698,540,212	\$3,594,890,007	\$3,451,065,741	(\$143,824,266)
Agriculture & All Others	\$2,245,468,559	\$2,248,472,613	\$1,780,807,711	\$2,110,940,148	\$330,132,437
Manufacturers	\$448,676,734	\$326,069,825	\$369,750,614	\$355,950,892	(\$13,799,722)
<b>Total Retail Sales</b>	<b>\$22,954,101,315</b>	<b>\$22,204,546,670</b>	<b>\$20,621,237,756</b>	<b>\$21,703,552,494</b>	<b>\$1,082,314,738</b>

*Source: Illinois Department of Revenue and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011*

Total retail sales in the **City of Chicago** stood at approximately \$21.7 billion in 2010, an increase of approximately \$1.1 billion. **Table 4** indicates that the **City** has returned to positive numbers following two years of sales decline. However, two retail categories recorded declines while six retail categories recorded increases. Increases are shown in **General Merchandise, Drinking & Eating Places, Apparel & Accessories, Furniture & Electronics, Home Improvement, and Automotive & Filling Stations**. Declines were recorded in **Food Stores** and **Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Stores**. Perhaps, Food Sales are declining because of the government’s obesity program.

**IN 2010, ALL BUT ONE OF THE TOP 20 SUBURBS INCREASED IN RETAIL SALES, REVERSING THE 2009 SALES DECLINES**

**Table 5** presents the total 2010 retail sales and changes from 2009, along with total changes for the **City of Chicago**. Every community in the Top 20 increased in retail sales in 2010, in contrast to losses in 2009. Also, the total retail sales of the Top 20 Suburbs and the City of Chicago account for 51.2% of the Metropolitan Area’s total retail sales. **Schaumburg** continues to lead all suburbs in retail sales with sales of \$2.675 billion, an increase of \$169.7 million or 6.77%. **Naperville** was 2<sup>nd</sup> with sales of \$2.644 billion, increasing in 2010 by \$184.1 million. This was followed by **Aurora** with retail sales of \$1.888 billion, an increase of \$110 million in 2010.

**Table 5**

**Top 20 Chicagoland Suburb’s Retail Sales and the City of Chicago  
2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010**

Rank	Community	2007 Sales	2008 Sales	2009 Sales	2010 Sales	2009-2010 Change	Percent Change
	Chicago	\$22,954,101,315	\$22,204,546,670	\$20,606,119,376	\$21,703,552,494	\$1,097,433,118	5.33%
1	Schaumburg	\$3,039,835,343	\$2,827,566,312	\$2,505,521,901	\$2,675,251,904	\$169,730,003	6.77%
2	Naperville	\$2,729,371,010	\$2,608,999,254	\$2,460,245,575	\$2,644,326,588	\$184,081,013	7.48%
3	Aurora	\$1,982,339,754	\$1,926,557,186	\$1,778,311,090	\$1,888,371,374	\$110,060,284	6.19%
4	Joliet	\$1,952,761,842	\$1,877,463,614	\$1,765,624,242	\$1,796,950,941	\$31,326,699	1.77%
5	Orland Park	\$1,894,092,048	\$1,758,759,617	\$1,667,326,376	\$1,723,893,812	\$56,567,436	3.39%
6	Niles	\$1,368,885,380	\$1,326,920,365	\$1,268,443,741	\$1,330,925,295	\$62,481,554	4.93%
7	Glenview	\$1,360,073,032	\$1,311,809,000	\$1,194,363,346	\$1,233,635,341	\$39,271,995	3.29%
8	Skokie	\$1,287,566,312	\$1,198,047,317	\$1,127,026,681	\$1,215,103,399	\$88,076,718	7.81%
9	Gurnee	\$1,237,600,186	\$1,172,530,518	\$1,073,173,950	\$1,114,403,594	\$41,229,644	3.84%
10	Elgin	\$1,186,227,085	\$1,108,414,844	\$1,008,687,803	\$1,096,721,057	\$88,033,254	8.73%
11	Downers Grove	\$1,310,701,492	\$1,192,958,144	\$1,086,415,856	\$1,091,381,046	\$4,965,190	0.46%
12	Vernon Hills	\$1,169,758,843	\$1,162,387,515	\$1,024,358,416	\$1,080,524,792	\$56,166,376	5.48%
13	Bolingbrook	\$1,106,106,184	\$1,108,368,224	\$1,016,563,761	\$1,078,730,142	\$62,166,381	6.12%
14	Oak Brook	\$1,129,908,539	\$1,079,220,162	\$990,744,843	\$1,071,922,233	\$81,177,390	8.19%
15	Tinley Park	\$1,067,318,630	\$1,037,081,844	\$972,316,431	\$1,053,339,922	\$81,023,491	8.33%
16	Arlington Heights	\$1,114,184,660	\$1,071,434,525	\$977,613,462	\$1,011,443,261	\$33,829,799	3.46%
17	Lombard	\$1,101,696,947	\$1,101,548,219	\$985,530,538	\$1,010,539,562	\$25,009,024	2.54%
18	Oak Lawn	\$1,067,768,832	\$991,593,151	\$921,082,854	\$970,362,404	\$49,279,550	5.35%
19	Crystal Lake	\$1,095,162,701	\$1,061,252,145	\$955,334,003	\$948,701,597	(\$6,632,406)	-0.69%
20	Saint Charles	\$986,163,820	\$923,733,172	\$876,402,916	\$884,969,085	\$8,566,169	0.98%
	<b>Total Top 20</b>	<b>\$53,184,862,256</b>	<b>\$51,040,418,927</b>	<b>\$47,052,188,262</b>	<b>\$49,456,747,170</b>	<b>\$2,404,558,908</b>	<b>5.11%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Joliet** retained 4<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$1.797 billion, an increase of \$31.3 million. **Orland Park** held its rank at 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$1.72 billion, increasing by \$56.6 million, or 3.39%. **Niles** retained 6<sup>th</sup> place, with

sales of over \$1.33 billion, an increase of \$62.5 million, or 4.93%. **Glenview** remained in 7<sup>th</sup> position in 2010, with an increase in sales of \$39.3 million, or 3.29%.

**Skokie** held 8<sup>th</sup> place with retail sales of approximately \$1.22 billion, increasing by \$88.1 million, or 7.81%. **Gurnee** moved up to 9<sup>th</sup> place with retail sales of \$1.11 billion, which is an increase of \$41.2 million, or 3.84%. **Elgin** moved up to 10<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$1.10 billion, an increase of \$88.0 million, or 8.73%. **Downers Grove** dropped from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> position with retail sales of approximately \$1.1 billion, an increase of approximately \$5.0 million, or 0.46%. **Vernon Hills** dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> place from 11<sup>th</sup> position, with sales in 2010 of \$1.08 billion with an increase of \$56.2 million, or 5.48%. **Bolingbrook** dropped to 13<sup>th</sup> place from 12<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$62.2 million, or 6.12%.

**Oak Brook** maintained 14<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 retail sales of \$1.07 billion and increased \$81.2 million, or 8.19%. **Tinley Park** rose to 15<sup>th</sup> place from 17<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$1.05 billion and an increase of \$81.0 million, or 8.33%. **Arlington Heights** dropped to 16<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$1.01 billion and a sales increase of \$33.8 million, or 3.46%. **Lombard** dropped from 13<sup>th</sup> position to 17<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of approximately \$1.01 billion, or 2.54%.

**Oak Lawn** maintained 18<sup>th</sup> place with recorded retail sales of \$970.4 million with an increase of \$49.3 million, or 5.35%. **Crystal Lake** dropped from 16<sup>th</sup> place to 19<sup>th</sup> position with the only decrease in the Top 20's retail sales in 2010. Crystal Lake recorded sales of \$948.7 million down by **-\$6.6 million**, or decline of **-0.69%**. **St. Charles** maintained 20<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$884.9 million with an increase of \$8.57 million, or 0.98%. **Elmhurst** dropped off the Top 20 list in 2010 from 19<sup>th</sup> place in 2009.

## THE CORE MALL MARKETS

A Core Market is one with a major mall. There are currently 23 Core Markets, which are depicted in **Table 6**. The Core Market represents the immediate surrounding retail concentration including the mall, big boxes, and other retailers and shopping centers. **In 2010, all of the 23 Core Markets increased in retail sales.**

**Please note: The sales indicated are the total retail sales for the indicated suburbs and are not the sales of the malls. This is simply an indication of the sales of the retail concentrations including the mall and the surrounding big boxes.**

For example, Fox Valley Mall is located on Illinois Highway 59 on the dividing line between the suburbs of Aurora and Naperville. The Mall is located in Aurora, while most of the big boxes are located in Naperville. Both communities support the combined retail facilities. Thus, both have been included in the Core definition. It should also be pointed out that many suburbs are included in multiple counties. Thus, the data must be compiled and compared. **Overall, the 23 Core Markets account for over approximately 35% of the Chicago Metro Area's retail sales.** Specifically, they account for over \$33.875 billion in retail sales, up from \$32.283 billion in 2009. A discussion of each of the 23 core markets follows.

The first position again in 2010 went to the **Fox Valley Mall** retail concentration in Aurora/Naperville. The combined Aurora/Naperville retail concentration had sales of approximately \$4.5 billion, and increased by just under \$500 million. The **Woodfield Mall** concentration including Schaumburg, Roselle, Rolling Meadows and Hoffman Estates retained 2<sup>nd</sup> place with sales of \$3.57 billion, with an increase of \$136.6 million.

**Louis Joliet Mall** in the Joliet/Plainfield concentration remained in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of approximately \$2.2 billion, up \$38.1 million from 2009. **Yorktown Center** which includes Lombard and Downers Grove moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> place with combined sales of \$2.1 billion and an increase over 2009 of \$30.0 million. **Old Orchard Center** which serves Skokie and Evanston moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> place from 6<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$2.1 billion and an increase of \$119.5 million. **Hawthorn Center** in the Vernon Hills/Libertyville/Mundelein dropped to 6<sup>th</sup> place from 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$2.1 billion, an increase of \$83.4 million.

**Orland Square** Mall and the surrounding retail concentration in Orland Park moved up to 7<sup>th</sup> place with total 2010 sales of \$1.7 billion, an increase of \$56.6 million over 2009. **Stratford Square** retail concentration in the Bloomingdale/Glendale Heights/Carol Stream maintained 8<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$1.7 billion, an increase of \$36.7 million over 2009. **The Promenade** retail concentration in Bolingbrook remained in 9<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$1.48 billion, increasing by \$69.0 million. The **Golf Mill's** core retail concentration in Niles maintained 10<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$1.33 billion, with an increase of \$62.5 million.

**Table 6**

**Core Retail Markets  
Top 23 Chicagoland Major Mall Concentrations  
2010**

<b>CORE MARKET MALL AREA</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Changes</b>
<b>Fox Valley Mall</b> - Aurora/Naperville	\$4,711,710,764	\$4,535,556,440	\$4,035,853,611	\$4,532,697,962	\$496,844,351
<b>Woodfield Mall</b> - Schaumburg/Roselle/Rolling Meadows/Hoffman Estates	\$4,074,397,281	\$3,869,520,846	\$3,432,936,693	\$3,569,527,967	\$136,591,274
<b>Louis Joliet Mall</b> - Joliet/Plainfield	\$2,412,379,725	\$2,303,204,574	\$2,171,962,910	\$2,210,012,910	\$38,050,000
<b>Yorktown Center</b> - Lombard/Downers Grove	\$2,412,398,439	\$2,294,506,363	\$2,071,946,394	\$2,101,920,608	\$29,974,214
<b>Old Orchard Center</b> - Skokie/Evanston	\$2,208,738,444	\$2,104,383,174	\$1,977,332,386	\$2,096,836,481	\$119,504,095
<b>Hawthorn Center</b> - Vernon Hills/Libertyville/Mundelein	\$2,386,738,024	\$2,299,863,836	\$2,007,168,653	\$2,090,556,918	\$83,388,265
<b>Orland Square</b> - Orland Park	\$1,894,092,048	\$1,743,188,068	\$1,667,326,376	\$1,723,893,812	\$56,567,436
<b>Stratford Square.</b> - Bloomingdale/Glendale Heights/Carol Stream	\$1,995,732,197	\$1,902,298,658	\$1,663,508,238	\$1,700,184,468	\$36,676,230
<b>The Promenade</b> - Bolingbrook/Romeoville	\$1,505,986,924	\$1,532,011,503	\$1,414,567,049	\$1,483,566,651	\$68,999,602
<b>Golf Mill Mall</b> - Niles	\$1,368,885,380	\$1,326,920,365	\$1,268,443,741	\$1,330,925,295	\$62,481,554
<b>The Plaza</b> - Evergreen Park/Oaklawn	\$1,422,199,536	\$1,336,683,973	\$1,232,312,032	\$1,299,479,821	\$67,167,789
<b>Northbrook Court.</b> - Northbrook/Deerfield	\$1,344,231,804	\$1,356,979,400	\$1,241,240,238	\$1,258,842,007	\$17,601,769
<b>Oak Brook Center</b> - Oak Brook/Oakbrook Terrace	\$1,331,937,372	\$1,265,664,550	\$1,152,423,017	\$1,225,627,592	\$73,204,575
<b>Gurnee Mills Mall</b> - Gurnee	\$1,237,600,186	\$1,172,530,518	\$1,073,173,950	\$1,114,403,594	\$41,229,644
<b>Randhurst Center</b> - Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights	\$967,895,314	\$1,087,247,029	\$973,346,197	\$1,106,785,136	\$133,438,939
<b>River Oaks Center</b> - Calumet City/Lansing	\$1,063,169,176	\$985,829,010	\$904,619,685	\$920,609,526	\$15,989,841
<b>Charlestown Mall</b> - Saint Charles	\$986,163,820	\$923,733,172	\$876,402,916	\$884,969,085	\$8,566,169
<b>North Riverside Park</b> - North Riverside/Riverside/Berwyn	\$782,552,477	\$757,669,909	\$691,943,907	\$719,630,692	\$27,686,785
<b>Lincoln Mall</b> - Matteson, Olympia Fields	\$838,799,457	\$765,051,832	\$685,217,403	\$685,403,214	\$185,811
<b>Spring Hill Mall</b> - West Dundee/East Dundee/Carpentersville	\$734,138,948	\$687,369,147	\$615,636,085	\$640,761,418	\$25,125,333
<b>Lincolnwood Town Center</b> - Lincolnwood	\$543,740,345	\$497,086,679	\$431,879,449	\$457,511,879	\$25,632,430
<b>Harlem Irving Plaza</b> - Norridge	\$415,340,066	\$426,121,774	\$394,390,713	\$410,731,869	\$16,341,156
<b>Chicago Ridge Mall</b> - Chicago Ridge	\$353,489,408	\$335,418,943	\$299,522,883	\$310,131,452	\$10,608,569
<b>Total 23 Core Markets</b>	<b>\$36,992,317,135</b>	<b>\$35,508,839,763</b>	<b>\$32,283,154,526</b>	<b>\$33,875,010,357</b>	<b>\$1,591,855,831</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc, 2011

**The Plaza (formerly known as Evergreen Plaza)** retail concentration which includes Evergreen Park/Oak Lawn area dropped back to 11<sup>th</sup> place from 12<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$1.3 billion, with an increase of \$67.2 million. **Northbrook Court's** core retail area which includes Northbrook and Deerfield dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> position from 11<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales amounting to \$1.26 billion and an increase of \$17.6 million. **Oak Brook Center** and its smaller immediate retail concentration recorded retail sales in 2010 of \$1.23 billion, an increase of \$73.2 million. The **Gurnee Mills Mall** retail concentration in Gurnee maintained 14<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$1.11 billion, increasing by \$41.2 million from

2009..The **Randhurst Center** retail concentration area including Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights maintained 15<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$1.11 billion, an increase of \$133.5 million.

The **River Oaks Center** retail concentration area which includes Calumet City and Lansing maintained 16<sup>th</sup> place with recorded 2010 sales of \$920.6 million, an increase of \$16.0 million. **Charlestown Mall area** retail concentration in St. Charles includes the Mall, its surrounding big boxes, and the concentration on Randall Road. The area maintained 17<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$885.0 million, increasing by \$8.6 million. Maintaining 18<sup>th</sup> place in 2010, North **Riverside Park** area retail concentration had sales of \$719.6 million, with an increase of \$27.7 million. **The Lincoln Mall** area retail concentration including Matteson and Olympia Fields maintained 19<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$685.4 million, increasing by \$185,811 over 2009.

The **Spring Hill Mall** in the West Dundee retail concentration area maintained 20<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$640.8 million, an increase of \$25.1 million. The **Lincolnwood Town Center** retail concentration area, in the 21<sup>st</sup> position had sales in 2010 of \$457.5 million and an increase of \$25.6 million. **Harlem-Irving Plaza** retail concentration in Norridge was in 22<sup>nd</sup> place and had 2010 sales of \$410.7 million, with an increase of \$16.3 million. Finally, the **Chicago Ridge Mall** retail concentration in Chicago Ridge ranked 23<sup>rd</sup>. The area increased in 2010 by \$10.6 million to sales of \$310.1 million.

### GENERAL MERCHANDISE SALES INCREASED IN 14 OF THE TOP 20 SUBURBS IN 2010

*General Merchandise* retail sales mainly include sales recorded in department stores, big box discount department stores, and Dollar stores. In evaluating the changes in sales by suburb, the performances of Nordstrom, Macy's, Carson's, Penney's, Sears, Von Maur, Saks, Bloomingdale's, and Neiman Marcus has been reviewed, along with big box general merchandise operators including Target, Super Target, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Costco, Sam's Club, Kohl's, Meijer, and Kmart. General Merchandise sales for 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 are shown in **Table 7** on the following page.

*General Merchandise* sales increased in 14 of the Top 20 Suburbs in 2010. This includes both department stores and big boxes. However, **overall in 2010, General Merchandise** sales in the Top 20 increased by \$5.91 billion in contrast to 2009 when sales in the Top 20 Suburbs declined **-\$210.5 million**. **The Top 20 suburbs account for 51.2% of the \$11.5 billion in General Merchandise sales in the Chicago Metro Area.**

**Joliet continued in the 1<sup>st</sup> position.** Joliet had *General Merchandise* sales in 2010 of \$366.8 million, down **-\$352,020** in sales from 2009, or **-0.10%**. **Schaumburg's** 2010 *General Merchandise* sales increased by \$7.9 million to sales of \$317.7million, or 2.54%. **Niles** remained 3<sup>rd</sup> with sales of \$312.9 million, up from sales of \$309.7 million in 2009, for an increase of 1.05%. **Vernon Hills** held 4<sup>th</sup> place with sales in 2010 of \$282.3 million up by \$4.02 million, or 1.44%.

**Crystal Lake** maintained its 5<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$240.9 million down from \$243.4 million in 2009, which represents a decline of **-\$2.5 million, or -1.04**. **Gurnee** maintained 6<sup>th</sup> position with sales in 2010 in this category of \$237.4, an increase of \$6.95 million, or 3.01%. **Orland Park** maintained 7<sup>th</sup> position with *General Merchandise* sales in 2010 of \$227.9 million, for an increase of 3.41 million, or 1.52%. **Hodgkins** rose to 8<sup>th</sup> position from 11<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$213.7 million, an increase of \$18.6 million, or 9.53%. Hodgkins *General Merchandise* stores consist only of big boxes. **Lombard** dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> position from 8<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$213.2 million, declining **-\$2.1 million, or -0.96%**. Lombard has both Yorktown Center and big box stores.

**Aurora**, the home of Fox Valley Mall with Macy's, Carson's, Sears, and JC Penney, moved up to 10<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$213.0 million for an increase of \$6.3 million, or 3.06%. **Naperville** dropped to 11<sup>th</sup> position from 9<sup>th</sup> place with sales in 2010 of \$210.3 million, down less than **-\$137,193, or 0.07%**. Naperville does not have any department stores, only big boxes. **Oak Brook** moved up to 12<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$198.8 million, up by \$12.4 million, or 6.63%. All of the sales increases were enjoyed by department stores in Oak Brook Center.

Table 7

**General Merchandise Sales for the Top 20 Communities  
2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 along with the 2010 Annual Change and Percent**

Rank	Community	2007	2008	2009	2010	Change 2009 2010	Percent Change
		General Merchandise Sales	General Merchandise Sales	General Merchandise Sales	General Merchandise Sales		
	Chicago	\$1,737,342,930	\$1,637,158,723	\$1,597,349,388	\$1,653,606,551	\$56,257,163	3.52%
1	Joliet	\$347,257,119	\$379,414,546	\$367,107,800	\$366,755,780	\$352,020	-0.10%
2	Schaumburg	\$383,630,007	\$347,909,647	\$309,792,521	\$317,667,149	\$7,874,628	2.54%
3	Niles	\$305,512,721	\$308,612,175	\$309,676,753	\$312,919,715	\$3,242,962	1.05%
4	Vernon Hills	\$295,547,089	\$289,181,644	\$278,284,658	\$282,302,527	\$4,017,869	1.44%
5	Crystal Lake	\$218,831,793	\$251,583,702	\$243,420,497	\$240,886,990	\$2,533,507	-1.04%
6	Gurnee	\$252,776,785	\$231,552,831	\$230,469,280	\$237,416,891	\$6,947,611	3.01%
7	Orland Park	\$260,127,871	\$240,325,514	\$224,528,328	\$227,933,361	\$3,405,033	1.52%
8	Hodgkins	\$219,593,300	\$208,778,637	\$195,142,059	\$213,732,603	\$18,590,544	9.53%
9	Lombard	\$242,528,914	\$240,596,303	\$215,259,149	\$213,185,906	\$2,073,243	-0.96%
10	Aurora	\$219,471,492	\$216,747,835	\$206,633,246	\$212,965,813	\$6,332,567	3.06%
11	Naperville	\$224,599,271	\$217,914,856	\$210,468,595	\$210,331,402	\$137,193	-0.07%
12	Oak Brook	\$238,495,270	\$206,424,105	\$186,466,432	\$198,820,643	\$12,354,211	6.63%
13	Lake Zurich	\$160,982,903	\$157,533,676	\$161,352,120	\$168,939,213	\$7,587,093	4.70%
14	Streamwood	\$159,312,497	\$159,579,085	\$155,576,706	\$158,914,176	\$3,337,470	2.15%
15	Bloomingtondale	\$170,151,758	\$158,224,170	\$152,081,229	\$156,587,717	\$4,506,488	2.96%
16	Matteson	\$170,845,613	\$168,539,520	\$159,350,540	\$155,105,231	\$4,245,309	-2.66%
17	Calumet City	\$123,360,013	\$121,256,589	\$151,744,304	\$154,787,489	\$3,043,185	2.01%
18	Skokie	\$157,522,389	\$142,771,444	\$138,546,790	\$150,361,936	\$11,815,146	8.53%
19	Batavia	\$167,949,693	\$155,595,374	\$140,896,893	\$141,460,604	\$563,711	0.40%
20	Evergreen Park	\$148,063,614	\$149,770,528	\$144,813,286	\$136,106,114	\$8,707,172	-6.01%
<b>Total Top 20</b>		<b>\$6,203,903,042</b>	<b>\$5,989,470,904</b>	<b>\$5,778,960,574</b>	<b>\$5,910,787,811</b>	<b>\$131,827,237</b>	<b>2.28%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011.

**Lake Zurich**, with all big boxes, maintained 13<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$168.9 million, up \$7.6 million, or 4.70%. **Streamwood** returned to 14<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$158.9, up by \$3.3 million, or 2.15%. The Streamwood market is comprised of all big boxes. **Bloomingtondale** moved up to 15<sup>th</sup> from 16<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$156.6 million, up \$4.5 million, or 2.96%. Stratford Square in Bloomingtondale has Macy's, Sears Carson's, Penney's, Kohl's, and a large Burlington Coat Factory, along with major big boxes. **Matteson** dropped to 16<sup>th</sup> from 14<sup>th</sup> place with Lincoln Mall and the big box stores decreasing sales to \$155.1 million, down **-\$4.2 million, or -2.66%**. **Calumet City** moved up to 17<sup>th</sup> place from 18<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$154.8 million, an increase of \$3.0 million, or 2.01%. **Skokie** which moved up to 18<sup>th</sup> place saw its sales increase by \$11.8 million in 2010 to \$150.4 million. The sales increase was 8.53%. **Skokie** is the home of Old Orchard Center with Macy's, Nordstrom, Lord & Taylor, and Bloomingtondale's. **Batavia** maintained 19<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$141.5 million in 2010, an increase of \$563,711, or 0.40%. **Evergreen Park** dropped to 20<sup>th</sup> with *General Merchandise* sales of \$136.1 million, down **-\$8.7 million, or -6.01%**.

**6 OF THE TOP 20 SUBURB'S FOOD STORE SALES' INCREASED; 14 DECREASED**

*Food Store* sales include food consumed at home. Food sold in super stores or supercenters is often included in the *General Merchandise* category. Thus, food dollars have shifted around to many discount related stores. The Chicago area supermarket industry continues in transition as Jewel moves aggressively to remodel, Dominick's stores struggle to regain lost market

share, and superstores such as Costco, Sam’s Warehouse, Wal-Mart Supercenters, Super Target, Meijer, and Woodman’s add new stores. Also, small regional food chains such as Caputo’s, Super H Mart, Sunset Foods, Fresh Farms, and Marino’s have been picking up some new or existing locations. National food stores like Aldi, Food 4 Less, Trader Joes, and Whole Foods have added new stores. The decline in the Food Stores Category has been surprising throughout the recession. Ordinarily, food sales go up and Eating & Drinking Place sales go down. In this recession, both went down, but Food the most.

Total *Food Store* sales for the Chicago Metro area in 2010 amounted to approximately \$12.7 billion, declining **-\$146.6 million**. The **City of Chicago** saw its *Food Store* sales decrease by **-\$29.5 million** in 2010 to \$3.6 billion.

Table 8

**Food Store Sales  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007-2010**

Rank	Community	2007 Food Sales	2008 Food Sales	2009 Food Sales	2010 Food Sales	2009 2010 Change	Percent Change
	Chicago	\$3,491,838,983	\$3,669,552,593	\$3,588,111,160	\$3,558,627,522	<b>\$29,483,638</b>	<b>-0.82%</b>
1	Naperville	\$292,418,463	\$302,689,396	\$313,091,190	\$321,053,675	\$7,962,485	2.54%
2	Evanston	\$209,123,723	\$212,676,316	\$202,803,915	\$203,435,550	\$631,635	0.31%
3	Niles	\$165,185,310	\$179,836,551	\$203,002,720	\$187,431,606	<b>\$15,571,114</b>	<b>-7.67%</b>
4	Joliet	\$220,122,101	\$203,936,786	\$197,555,952	\$183,974,151	<b>\$13,581,801</b>	<b>-6.87%</b>
5	Arlington Heights	\$159,521,786	\$159,391,933	\$159,707,659	\$170,963,666	\$11,256,007	7.05%
6	Aurora	\$178,161,263	\$171,617,045	\$163,977,218	\$162,259,591	<b>\$1,717,627</b>	<b>-1.05%</b>
7	Wheaton	\$167,410,359	\$163,155,555	\$161,812,493	\$154,495,909	<b>\$7,316,584</b>	<b>-4.52%</b>
8	Schaumburg	\$144,019,484	\$140,393,674	\$133,688,928	\$153,693,911	\$20,004,983	14.96%
9	Palatine	\$163,672,338	\$163,889,426	\$155,635,995	\$146,058,984	<b>\$9,577,011</b>	<b>-6.15%</b>
10	Oak Lawn	\$144,050,614	\$139,628,501	\$140,198,601	\$130,821,358	<b>\$9,377,243</b>	<b>-6.69%</b>
11	Elgin	\$148,029,239	\$142,807,020	\$127,229,678	\$128,596,782	\$1,367,104	1.07%
12	Orland Park	\$151,070,256	\$139,890,696	\$136,566,803	\$128,327,731	<b>\$8,239,072</b>	<b>-6.03%</b>
13	Waukegan	\$136,183,659	\$128,869,409	\$122,755,516	\$122,124,264	<b>\$631,252</b>	<b>-0.51%</b>
14	Carpentersville	\$107,358,247	\$124,233,002	\$120,676,861	\$120,536,076	<b>\$140,785</b>	<b>-0.12%</b>
15	Downers Grove	\$108,625,273	\$108,174,594	\$117,287,938	\$119,168,479	\$1,880,541	1.60%
16	DesPlaines	\$111,530,323	\$115,184,430	\$110,595,806	\$109,545,834	<b>\$1,049,972</b>	<b>-0.95%</b>
17	Glenview	\$112,517,781	\$118,991,957	\$111,145,295	\$106,281,353	<b>\$4,863,942</b>	<b>-4.38%</b>
18	Buffalo Grove	\$106,336,565	\$110,778,391	\$105,120,397	\$103,252,457	<b>\$1,867,940</b>	<b>-1.78%</b>
19	Skokie	\$110,258,087	\$112,370,283	\$103,599,910	\$96,548,777	<b>\$7,051,133</b>	<b>-6.81%</b>
20	Highland Park	\$97,524,348	\$99,842,545	\$93,923,386	\$86,811,565	<b>\$7,111,821</b>	<b>-7.57%</b>
<b>Total Top 20</b>		<b>\$6,524,958,202</b>	<b>\$6,707,910,103</b>	<b>\$6,568,487,421</b>	<b>\$6,494,009,241</b>	<b>\$74,478,180</b>	<b>-1.13%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Naperville** remained in 1<sup>st</sup> place with total food sales in 2010 of \$321.1 million, rising approximately \$8.0 million, or 2.54%. **Evanston** rose to 2<sup>nd</sup> place with sales of \$203.4 million and an increase of \$631,635 or 0.31%. **Niles** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of \$187.4 million with a decrease of **-\$15.6 million, or -7.67%**. Apparently, even the addition of a stripped-down Meijer’s unit did not shore up food store sales. **Joliet** remained in 4<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of approximately \$184.0 million, down **-\$13.6 million, or -6.87%**.

**Arlington Heights** moved to 5<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of approximately \$171.0 million up \$11.3 million, or 7.05%. The addition of Mariano’s reflects part of the increase. **Aurora** dropped to 6<sup>th</sup> position from 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales in this category of \$162.3 million and a decline of **-\$1.7 million, or -1.05%**. **Wheaton** fell from 6<sup>th</sup> position to 7<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$154.5 million, a decline of **-\$7.3 million, or -4.52%**. **Schaumburg** moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> place from 11<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$153.7 and an increase of \$20.0 million, or 14.96%. **Palatine** dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> place from 8<sup>th</sup> position with recorded 2010 sales of \$146.1 million, down **-\$9.6 million, or -6.15%**.

**Oak Lawn** dropped to 10<sup>th</sup> position from 9<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$130.8 million, decreasing **-\$9.4 million, or 6.69%**. **Elgin** rose to 11<sup>th</sup> position from 12<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$128.6 million and an increase of \$1.4 million, or 1.07%. **Orland Park** dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> position from 10<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$128.3 million and a decrease of **-\$8.2 million, or -6.03%**. **Waukegan** remained in 13<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$122.1 million, down slightly by **-\$631,252, or 0.51%**. **Carpentersville** remained in 14<sup>th</sup> in 2010 with sales of \$120.5 million including Woodman's. Nonetheless, food sales declined **-\$140,785, or -0.12%**. **Downers Grove** maintained 15<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$119.2 million, an increase of \$1.9 million, or 1.60%. **Des Plaines** rose to 16<sup>th</sup> position from 17<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$109.5 million, a decrease of **-\$1.0 million, or -0.95%**

**Glenview** dropped to 17<sup>th</sup> position from 16<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$106.3 million, but declined **-\$4.9 million, or -4.38%**. **Buffalo Grove** maintained 18<sup>th</sup> place and recorded 2010 sales of \$103.3 million, down **-\$1.8 million, or -1.78%**. **Skokie** fell to 19 place from 16<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$96.6, declining by **-\$7.1 million, or -6.81%**. **Highland Park** remained in 20<sup>th</sup> place. The community recorded 2010 sales of \$86.8 million, but declined in sales by **-\$7.1 million, or -7.57%**.

**THE TOP 20 SUBURBS SAW THEIR DRINKING & EATING PLACE SALES INCREASE BY \$398.8 MILLION OUT OF A METRO INCREASE OF \$538.5 MILLION**

As previously indicated, in 2010 in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, Food Store sales (food eaten at home) declined by **-\$146.6 million**, while Drinking & Eating Place sales (food eaten away from home) increased to \$12.6 billion, an increase of over \$538.5 million. The Top 20 Eating & Drinking Place suburbs generated over 62% of the 2010 sales. The City of Chicago, Naperville, Bolingbrook, Evanston, Oak Brook, and Schaumburg were all solid winners.

The **City of Chicago** saw its *Drinking & Eating* sales increase by \$298.1 million to 2010 sales of \$5.04 billion. This represents an increase of 6.28% in 2010. **Table 9** on Page 11 presents the results for the 2010 Top 20 Suburbs in this category.

**Schaumburg** continues as the leader in this category with sales of \$317.4 million with an increase of \$9.7 million, or 3.14%. **Naperville** maintained 2<sup>nd</sup> place with sales of \$288.5 million, an increase of \$16.7 million, or 6.16%. **Joliet** retained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of \$177.9 million, but declined by \$1.3 million. **Aurora** remained 4<sup>th</sup> with sales of \$173.3 million and an increase of \$4.7 million, or 2.81%.

**Orland Park** retained 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$158.4 million, up \$1.9 million, or 1.18%. **Arlington Heights** remained in 6<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$144.0 million, nevertheless declining by **-\$6.2 million**. **Skokie** retained 7<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$143.0 million, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 0.85%. **Rosemont**, the entry to O'Hare Airport, Allstate Arena, and the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, retained 8<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$140.6 million, an increase of \$6.2 million, or 4.61%. The improvement shows the increase in convention activity and expense account use.

**Oak Brook** remained in 9<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$138.9 million, up an impressive \$11.8 million, or 9.28%. **Lombard** in 10<sup>th</sup> place recorded sales of \$125.6 million, up \$3.3 million, or 2.70%. **Evanston** moved up to 11<sup>th</sup> position from 13<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$123.7 million, with an increase in sales of \$12.5 million, 11.2%. **Bolingbrook** rose to 12<sup>th</sup> position from 14<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$119.7 million, with an impressive increase of \$15.6 million, or 15.0%

**Downers Grove** dropped to 13<sup>th</sup> position from 11<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$119.3 million, an increase of \$1.5 million, or 1.28%. **Gurnee** fell to 14<sup>th</sup> place from 12<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$116.9 million, an increase of \$4.0 million, or 3.57%. **Glenview** maintained 15<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$104.3 million, and an increase of \$676,595, or 0.65%. **Elgin** retained 16<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$102.9 million and an increase of \$3.2 million, or 3.22%.

Table 9

Drinking & Eating Sales  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010

Rank	Community	2007 Drinking & Eating Sales	2008 Drinking & Eating Sales	2009 Drinking & Eating Sales	2010 Drinking & Eating Sales	2009-2010 Changes	2009 2010 Percent Change
1	City of Chicago	\$4,936,371,275	\$5,014,751,787	\$4,745,136,134	\$5,043,233,365	\$298,097,231	6.28%
2	Schaumburg	\$352,373,594	\$347,525,298	\$307,695,034	\$317,355,888	\$9,660,854	3.14%
3	Naperville	\$255,506,443	\$267,970,460	\$271,779,393	\$288,510,112	\$16,730,719	6.16%
4	Joliet	\$187,694,943	\$188,325,021	\$179,288,070	\$177,944,157	\$1,343,913	-0.75%
5	Aurora	\$178,225,983	\$179,817,162	\$168,592,786	\$173,328,804	\$4,736,018	2.81%
6	Orland Park	\$151,899,126	\$165,311,527	\$156,515,221	\$158,366,146	\$1,850,925	1.18%
7	Arlington Heights	\$156,740,665	\$157,617,726	\$150,202,275	\$144,032,874	\$6,169,401	-4.11%
8	Skokie	\$141,238,169	\$138,684,596	\$141,759,725	\$142,966,828	\$1,207,103	0.85%
9	Rosemont	\$151,932,729	\$167,586,363	\$134,372,445	\$140,567,383	\$6,194,938	4.61%
10	Oak Brook	\$126,689,341	\$124,827,222	\$127,090,310	\$138,888,118	\$11,797,808	9.28%
11	Lombard	\$124,783,759	\$128,689,048	\$122,287,785	\$125,587,910	\$3,300,125	2.70%
12	Evanston	\$114,023,558	\$114,269,380	\$111,253,735	\$123,724,281	\$12,470,546	11.21%
13	Bolingbrook	\$102,465,148	\$112,931,356	\$104,153,141	\$119,737,603	\$15,584,462	14.96%
14	Downers Grove	\$124,256,851	\$120,557,329	\$117,821,534	\$119,327,880	\$1,506,346	1.28%
15	Gurnee	\$114,252,189	\$117,928,482	\$112,889,288	\$116,915,672	\$4,026,384	3.57%
16	Glenview	\$111,415,121	\$108,786,675	\$103,632,449	\$104,309,044	\$676,595	0.65%
17	Elgin	\$92,236,877	\$96,493,965	\$99,708,130	\$102,914,742	\$3,206,612	3.22%
18	Tinley Park	\$88,733,334	\$95,087,074	\$93,729,095	\$99,364,008	\$5,634,913	6.01%
19	Oak Lawn	\$96,209,306	\$97,341,577	\$93,674,643	\$95,245,022	\$1,570,379	1.68%
20	Crystal Lake	\$81,876,045	\$84,317,128	\$85,145,614	\$89,307,780	\$4,162,166	4.89%
	Saint Charles	\$90,934,002	\$85,097,652	\$80,390,192	\$84,256,206	\$3,866,014	4.81%
	<b>Total Top 20</b>	<b>\$7,779,858,458</b>	<b>\$7,913,916,828</b>	<b>\$7,507,116,999</b>	<b>\$7,905,883,823</b>	<b>\$398,766,824</b>	<b>5.31%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Tinley Park** remained in 17<sup>th</sup> with sales of \$99.4 million, up by \$5.6 million, or 6.01%. **Oak Lawn** retained 18<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$95.2 million, up by \$1.6 million, or 1.68%. **Crystal Lake** maintained 19<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$89.3 million, increasing by \$4.2 million, or 4.89%. **St. Charles** rounded out the Top 20 with 2010 sales of \$84.3 million, up by \$3.9 million, or 4.81%.

**ALL BUT 1 SUBURB IN THE TOP 20  
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES STORES CATEGORY INCREASED IN SALES**

*Apparel & Accessory Stores* tend to be concentrated in malls or lifestyle centers. With the decline of department store attraction, sales in this category are truly reflective of the strength of the malls or lifestyle centers. Only one suburb declined — **Bloomington** with Stratford Square Mall. **Table 10** on the following page provides the details for the Top 20 suburbs in this category. *Apparel and Accessory Stores* usually recover slowly following a recession. Overall, the Top 20 plus the City of Chicago captured \$3.7 billion in retail sales and experienced an increase in 2010 of \$308.1 million. The **City of Chicago** had 2010 sales in this category of approximately \$1.549 billion, rising by approximately \$146.5 million, or 10.45%. Overall, the Chicago Metropolitan Area had *Apparel & Accessory* sales of approximately \$4.7 billion, up \$310.9 million.

Table 10

Apparel & Accessory Store Sales  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010

Rank	Community	2007 Apparel & Accessory Store Sales	2008 Apparel & Accessory Store Sales	2009 Apparel & Accessory Store Sales	2010 Apparel & Accessory Store Sales	2009 2010 Changes	Percent Change Change
1	City of Chicago	\$1,597,723,740	\$1,539,229,994	\$1,402,639,601	\$1,549,171,934	\$146,532,333	10.45%
2	Schaumburg	\$353,252,120	\$332,982,459	\$292,410,238	\$313,292,818	\$20,882,580	7.14%
3	Oak Brook	\$307,529,387	\$287,651,053	\$271,132,097	\$298,746,826	\$27,614,729	10.18%
4	Aurora	\$220,100,693	\$233,912,239	\$247,400,479	\$280,110,428	\$32,709,949	13.22%
5	Skokie	\$220,279,216	\$205,946,334	\$196,790,720	\$213,563,494	\$16,772,774	8.52%
6	Orland Park	\$174,342,164	\$161,239,994	\$158,122,604	\$165,616,382	\$7,493,778	4.74%
7	Gurnee	\$116,626,340	\$110,222,056	\$98,783,219	\$103,173,900	\$4,390,681	4.44%
8	Northbrook	\$101,450,581	\$102,199,133	\$90,229,269	\$95,307,350	\$5,078,081	5.63%
9	Naperville	\$66,516,072	\$69,016,456	\$74,207,934	\$76,740,430	\$2,532,496	3.41%
10	Vernon Hills	\$86,398,027	\$79,713,293	\$63,701,490	\$68,972,633	\$5,271,143	8.27%
11	Geneva	\$71,440,504	\$67,655,853	\$60,515,785	\$64,159,813	\$3,644,028	6.02%
12	North Riverside	\$68,936,255	\$63,921,802	\$58,437,041	\$61,358,287	\$2,921,246	5.00%
13	Chicago Ridge	\$58,046,130	\$55,788,249	\$48,104,406	\$54,992,050	\$6,887,644	14.32%
14	Norridge	\$66,255,946	\$61,271,442	\$54,290,487	\$54,974,598	\$684,111	1.26%
15	Bloomingtondale	\$72,204,456	\$66,963,981	\$54,780,719	\$52,586,936	\$2,193,783	-4.00%
16	Algonquin	\$57,527,016	\$50,992,475	\$45,596,751	\$51,943,960	\$6,347,209	13.92%
17	Deer Park	\$52,610,060	\$49,697,106	\$45,471,880	\$49,725,427	\$4,253,547	9.35%
18	Lombard	\$46,491,930	\$52,097,838	\$49,352,729	\$49,586,541	\$233,812	0.47%
19	Joliet	\$60,347,669	\$54,722,289	\$46,782,037	\$47,710,365	\$928,328	1.98%
20	Calumet City	\$47,138,525	\$43,569,385	\$40,021,955	\$46,477,209	\$6,455,254	16.13%
	Highland Park	\$42,718,357	\$36,714,615	\$31,674,768	\$40,322,408	\$8,647,640	27.30%
	<b>Top 20 Suburbs</b>	<b>\$3,887,935,188</b>	<b>\$3,725,508,046</b>	<b>\$3,430,446,209</b>	<b>\$3,738,533,789</b>	<b>\$308,087,580</b>	<b>8.98%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Schaumburg**, as usual, continued to lead all suburbs in this category with 2010 *Apparel and Accessory Store* sales of \$313.3 million, rising an impressive \$20.9 million, or 7.14%. **Oak Brook** remained in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with sales in this category of \$298.7 million, up \$27.6 million, or 10.18%. **Aurora** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of \$280.1, up \$32.7 million, or 13.22%. Aurora had the largest sales increase in the Top 20 in this category. **Skokie** with Old Orchard Center maintained 4<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$213.6 million, an \$16.8 million increase, or 8.52%. **Orland Park** with Orland Square Mall maintained 5<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales in this category of \$165.6 million, rising \$7.5 million, or 4.47%. **Gurnee** which includes Gurnee Mills had sales of \$103.2 million, up \$4.4 million and 4.44%. **Northbrook** ranked in 7<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$95.3 million, an increase of \$5.1 million, or 5.63%. **Naperville** was in 8<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$76.7 million, up \$2.5 million, or 3.41%.

**Vernon Hills** with Hawthorn Center retained 9<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$69.0 million, up \$5.3 million, or 8.27%. **Geneva**, with Geneva Commons, maintained 10<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$64.2 million, rising by \$3.6 million, or 6.02%. **North Riverside** with North Riverside Park Mall maintained 11<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$61.4 million, rising by \$2.9 million, or 5.00%. **Chicago Ridge** with Chicago Ridge Mall retained 12<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$55.0 million, an increase of \$6.9 million, or 14.32%. **Norridge** with Harlem-Irving Plaza had sales amounting to \$55.0 million, up slightly by \$684,111, or 1.26%. **Bloomingtondale** with Stratford Square Mall dropped to 14<sup>th</sup> position from 12<sup>th</sup> place and was the only suburb that declined in retail sales in the Apparel category in 2010. Bloomingtondale recorded sales of \$52.6 million, down **-\$2.2 million**, or **-4.0%**.

**Algonquin**, the home of the Algonquin Commons lifestyle center, rose to 15<sup>th</sup> position from 17<sup>th</sup> place and had sales in the *Apparel & Accessories* category of \$51.9 million, up \$6.3 million, or 13.92%. **Deer Park** with Deer Park Town Center

moved to 16<sup>th</sup> position from 17<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$49.7 million, up \$4.3 million, or 9.35%. **Lombard**, with Yorktown Center, moved up to 17<sup>th</sup> position from 19<sup>th</sup> place with sales in this category of \$49.6 million, increasing by \$233,812, or 0.47%. **Joliet** with Louis Joliet Mall dropped to 18<sup>th</sup> place and increased slightly in sales in this category to \$47.7 million, up \$928,328, or 1.98%.

**Calumet City** with River Oaks Mall had sales of \$46.5 million, up by \$6.5 million, or 16.13%. **Highland Park** remained in 20<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$40.3 million, rising \$8.6 million, or 27.3%. **Matteson** with Lincoln Mall fell from the Top 20 list in this category.

### **17 OF THE TOP 20 SUBURBS REVERSED DECLINES IN THE FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE STORE CATEGORY**

This category consists of retail sales in Furniture and Home Furnishings and Electronics & Appliances. The larger increases and decreases are usually reflective of Appliance and Electronics sales. In a recession, it is not unusual to see sales in a particular appliance/electronics store drop by -30% over the period of the recession. The sales distribution between Furniture and Appliances/Electronics is usually 50% to 52% in Electronics & Appliances and 48% to 50% in Furniture and Home Furnishings. **Table 11** below depicts the results in this category.

The **City of Chicago** declined in this category by **-\$146.1 million** in 2009, but recovered in 2010 to sales of \$867.1 million, for an increase of \$51.5 million, or 6.32%.

**Vernon Hills** returned to 1<sup>st</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$360.7 million, up from 2009 sales of \$308.4 million, an increase of \$52.3 million, or 16.98%. **Glenview** dropped to 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$315.8 million, reversing a declining trend with an increase of \$6.7 million, or 2.19%. Abt Electronics is located in Glenview. **Schaumburg** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 2010 sales in this category of \$276.0 million, up \$27.5 million, or 11.05%. **Orland Park** remained 4<sup>th</sup> with sales of \$194.8 million, an increase of \$13.3 million, or 7.35%.

**Naperville** maintained 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$186.2 million, an increase of \$20.4 million, or 12.33%. **Downers Grove** remained in 6<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$140.8 million, for an increase of \$8.9 million, or 6.75%. **Skokie** maintained 7<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$121.3, for an increase of \$12.9 million, or 11.92%. **Aurora** moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$108.2 million and an increase of \$12.4 million, or 12.93%.

**Joliet** dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> place from 7<sup>th</sup> position with sales in this category of \$100.4 million, declining in sales by **-\$15.0 million**, or **-13.0%**. **Oak Brook** in 10<sup>th</sup> place recorded sales of \$95.8 million and increased by \$11.7 million, or 13.91%. **Northbrook** dropped to 11<sup>th</sup> from 10<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$84.9 million, an increase of \$233.841, or 0.28%. **Arlington Heights** which maintained 12th place had sales of \$80.2 million, for an increase of \$6.5 million, or 8.79%. **Burbank** moved up to 13<sup>th</sup> place from 20<sup>th</sup> with 2010 sales of \$72.6 million, up \$9.3 million, or 14.71%.

**Gurnee**, maintained 14<sup>th</sup> place and had sales of \$70.7 million, an increase of \$551,735, or 0.79%. **Geneva's** moved to 15<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$67.0 million for an increase of \$6.1 million, or 10.07%. **Lombard** dropped to 16<sup>th</sup> place with sales in this category of \$66.9 million, down **-\$5.7 million**, or **-7.82%**. **Crystal Lake** maintained 17<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$66.6 million, up \$6.0 million, or 9.86%. **Niles** dropped to 18<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$66.3 million, for an increase of \$4.6 million, or 7.49%. **Bloomington** recorded sales in this category in 2010 of \$60.2 million, an increase of \$2.4 million, or 4.13%. **Itasca** in 20<sup>th</sup> place in this category had sales of \$35.5 million, **-\$6.3 million**, or **-15.07%**. **Overall, the Top 20 experienced a total increase in 2010 of \$226.5 million.**

Table 11

Furniture & Household Furnishings & Electronics and Appliance Sales  
 Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010

Rank	Community	2007 Furniture & Electronics Sales	2008 Furniture & Electronics Sales	2009 Furniture & Electronics Sales	2010 Furniture & Electronics Sales	Change 2009 2010	2010 Percent Change
	Chicago	\$1,025,390,920	\$961,617,632	\$815,540,023	\$867,060,951	\$51,520,928	6.32%
1	Vernon Hills	\$385,703,151	\$395,207,266	\$308,371,740	\$360,721,643	\$52,349,903	16.98%
2	Glenview	\$394,204,088	\$360,139,188	\$309,080,551	\$315,835,557	\$6,755,006	2.19%
3	Schaumburg	\$328,841,291	\$300,217,499	\$248,546,190	\$275,999,944	\$27,453,754	11.05%
4	Orland Park	\$233,355,255	\$212,833,255	\$181,418,662	\$194,752,466	\$13,333,804	7.35%
5	Naperville	\$222,333,653	\$189,585,745	\$165,777,848	\$186,221,808	\$20,443,960	12.33%
6	Downers Grove	\$175,639,758	\$149,088,581	\$131,924,655	\$140,830,252	\$8,905,597	6.75%
7	Skokie	\$147,446,685	\$124,847,659	\$108,416,428	\$121,336,937	\$12,920,509	11.92%
8	Aurora	\$132,633,606	\$110,447,774	\$95,800,165	\$108,187,734	\$12,387,569	12.93%
9	Joliet	\$113,631,958	\$105,786,786	\$115,377,254	\$100,377,521	\$14,999,733	-13.00%
10	Oak Brook	\$108,077,412	\$107,683,621	\$84,099,876	\$95,797,995	\$11,698,119	13.91%
11	Northbrook	\$99,058,522	\$96,946,913	\$84,625,076	\$84,858,917	\$233,841	0.28%
12	Arlington Heights	\$104,795,516	\$95,969,180	\$73,715,659	\$80,195,856	\$6,480,197	8.79%
13	Burbank	\$73,790,264	\$68,817,339	\$63,292,726	\$72,602,369	\$9,309,643	14.71%
14	Gurnee	\$97,166,493	\$83,310,438	\$70,183,534	\$70,735,269	\$551,735	0.79%
15	Geneva	\$95,539,311	\$76,385,428	\$60,848,114	\$66,974,643	\$6,126,529	10.07%
16	Lombard	\$87,019,898	\$78,721,949	\$72,604,293	\$66,925,222	\$5,679,071	-7.82%
17	Crystal Lake	\$84,761,626	\$71,390,680	\$60,584,133	\$66,559,551	\$5,975,418	9.86%
18	Niles	\$94,177,106	\$77,227,467	\$61,658,560	\$66,275,524	\$4,616,964	7.49%
19	Bloomington	\$83,241,554	\$76,414,565	\$57,824,305	\$60,213,103	\$2,388,798	4.13%
20	Itasca	\$145,883,935	\$70,175,904	\$41,823,803	\$35,520,622	\$6,303,181	-15.07%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,232,692,002</b>	<b>\$3,812,814,869</b>	<b>\$3,211,513,595</b>	<b>\$3,437,983,884</b>	<b>\$226,470,289</b>	<b>7.05%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**IN 2010, 13 OF THE TOP 20 HOME IMPROVEMENT SUBURBS INCREASED IN SALES; ONLY 3 INCREASED IN 2009**

The technical name of this category is Lumber, Hardware, and Building Supplies, but is commonly referred to as the *Home Improvement* category. Sales in this category for the Top 20 suburbs in 2010 amounted to over \$2.0 billion, increasing by \$38.9 million, or 1.91%. Since 2007's high sales of \$2.7 billion, sales declined through 2009. Most have since reversed in 2010. **Table 12** on the following page depicts the Top 20 suburb performance in this category.

The City of Chicago saw its 2010 sales in this category increase by \$14.4 million to \$748.3 million. This was an increase of 1.96%.

**Naperville** maintained 1<sup>st</sup> place in this category in 2010 with sales of \$123.5 million and an increase over 2009 of \$3.4 million, or 2.81%. **Joliet** was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2010 sales of \$89.3 million, up by \$4.6 million or 5.48%. **Elgin** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place

with sales of \$88.9 million, up by \$7.2 million, or 8.82%. **Glendale Heights** rose to 4<sup>th</sup> position from 6<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$86.3 million, up by \$9.9 million, or 12.95%

Table 12

**Home Improvement Sales  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007 – 2010**

Rank	Community	2007 Home Improvement Sales	2008 Home Improvement Sales	2009 Home Improvement Sales	2010 Home Improvement Sales	Change 2009-2010	2009 2010 Percent Change
	Chicago	\$927,554,254	\$817,406,629	\$733,927,480	\$748,288,923	\$14,361,443	1.96%
1	Naperville	\$143,594,791	\$129,833,551	\$120,168,023	\$123,549,178	\$3,381,155	2.81%
2	Joliet	\$133,758,857	\$93,131,071	\$84,651,468	\$89,290,257	\$4,638,789	5.48%
3	Elgin	\$106,494,286	\$88,915,500	\$81,687,681	\$88,890,496	\$7,202,815	8.82%
4	Glendale Heights	\$78,846,726	\$74,328,318	\$76,443,108	\$86,340,465	\$9,897,357	12.95%
5	Bolingbrook	\$92,246,747	\$81,064,678	\$81,122,048	\$82,816,263	\$1,694,215	2.09%
6	Niles	\$107,280,222	\$94,600,625	\$78,665,027	\$81,737,209	\$3,072,182	3.91%
7	Cicero	\$96,670,570	\$81,028,128	\$75,517,153	\$80,258,165	\$4,741,012	6.28%
8	Gurnee	\$74,294,915	\$76,241,989	\$69,076,615	\$70,460,878	\$1,384,263	2.00%
9	Mount Prospect	\$80,131,505	\$70,497,176	\$65,098,675	\$66,885,234	\$1,786,559	2.74%
10	Crystal Lake	\$93,866,822	\$82,113,646	\$66,649,798	\$58,403,627	\$8,246,171	-12.37%
11	Oak Lawn	\$44,321,407	\$40,249,617	\$40,594,745	\$56,135,857	\$15,541,112	38.28%
12	Orland Park	\$81,966,083	\$65,312,745	\$56,736,609	\$55,683,924	\$1,052,685	-1.86%
13	Schaumburg	\$81,979,604	\$69,988,998	\$55,181,327	\$53,797,283	\$1,384,044	-2.51%
14	Evanston	\$69,618,264	\$64,147,926	\$51,726,311	\$53,673,397	\$1,947,086	3.76%
15	Downers Grove	\$86,288,947	\$72,963,994	\$56,650,206	\$51,721,858	\$4,928,348	-8.70%
16	Carol Stream	\$60,483,752	\$57,237,299	\$50,183,736	\$50,455,180	\$271,444	0.54%
17	Crestwood	\$62,682,833	\$56,848,239	\$49,207,093	\$48,743,501	\$463,592	-0.94%
18	Aurora	\$68,130,731	\$57,387,735	\$48,330,938	\$48,369,800	\$38,862	0.08%
19	Elk Grove Village	\$86,232,821	\$74,013,062	\$56,483,885	\$42,329,130	\$14,154,755	-25.06%
20	Palatine	\$78,968,506	\$67,700,389	\$42,547,525	\$41,719,884	\$827,641	-1.95%
<b>Total Top 20 Suburbs</b>		<b>\$2,655,412,643</b>	<b>\$2,315,011,315</b>	<b>\$2,040,649,451</b>	<b>\$2,079,550,509</b>	<b>\$38,901,058</b>	<b>1.91%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Bolingbrook** dropped to 5<sup>th</sup> place from 4<sup>th</sup> position with Home Improvement sales in 2010 of \$82.8 million, up \$1.7 million, or 2.09%. **Niles** moved down to 6<sup>th</sup> position from 4<sup>th</sup> place with Home Improvement sales of \$81.7 million, up \$3.1 million, or 3.91%. **Cicero** maintained 7<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$80.3 million, up \$4.7 million, or 6.28%. **Gurnee** maintained 8<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$70.5 million, up \$1.4 million, or 2.00%. **Mount Prospect** moved up one position to 9<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$66.9 million, an increase in sales of \$1.8 million, or 2.74%. **Crystal Lake** in 10<sup>th</sup> place had 2010 sales of \$58.4 million, down by approximately **-\$8.2 million**, or **-12.37%**.

**Oak Lawn**, with the largest increase in sales in this category, rose to 11<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$56.1 million, an increase of \$15.5 million, or 38.28%. **Orland Park** dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$55.7 million, down **-\$1.1 million** or **-1.86%**. **Schaumburg** rose to 13<sup>th</sup> place from 15<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$53.8 million, down by **-\$1.4 million** or **-2.51%**. **Evanston** moved up to 14<sup>th</sup> place from 15<sup>th</sup> position with sales in this category of \$53.7 million, increasing by \$1.9 million, or 3.76%.

**Downers Grove** dropped to 15<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales in this category of \$51.7 million declining by **-\$4.9 million** or **-8.70%**. **Carol Stream** recorded sales in this category of \$50.5 million, for a slight increase of \$271,444, or 0.54%. **Crestwood** had sales of \$48.7 million, but declined slightly by **-\$463,592**, or **-0.94%**. **Aurora** dropped to 18<sup>th</sup> from 16<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$48.4 million, up very slightly by \$38,862, or 0.08%.

Elk Grove Village dropped to 19<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$42.3 million, continuing its annual decline, down by **-\$14.2 million** or **-25.06%**. Palatine dropped to 20<sup>th</sup> place with sales of approximately \$41.7 million, declining by **-\$827,641**, or **-1.95%**.

**AUTOMOBILE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS IN THE TOP 20 INCREASED BY \$863.8 MILLION TO \$9.3 BILLION UP FROM \$8.4 IN 2009**

This category’s recovery will assist suburbs to see improved revenues from sales taxes on automobiles. **Table 13** below presents the 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. The total Top 20 Suburbs saw its sales in this category rise by \$863.8 million in 2010 to sales of \$9.3 billion. Last year, 2009, all of the Top 20 Suburbs had declining growth and sales amounted to \$8.4 billion. The **City of Chicago’s** sales in this category rose by \$382.5 million to \$2.4 billion.

**Table 13**

**Automobile Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010**

Rank	Community	2007 Automobile & Gasoline Sales	2008 Automobile & Gasoline Sales	2009 Automobile & Gasoline Sales	2010 Automobile & Gasoline Sales	Change 2009 2010	2009 Percent Change
	Chicago	\$2,698,260,913	\$2,291,746,662	\$1,983,067,211	\$2,365,605,881	\$382,538,670	19.29%
1	Naperville	\$929,122,019	\$865,662,715	\$784,013,754	\$880,711,611	\$96,697,857	12.33%
2	Schaumburg	\$854,794,185	\$764,633,852	\$675,054,046	\$726,470,711	\$51,416,665	7.62%
3	Orland Park	\$452,702,864	\$410,862,121	\$385,142,491	\$426,653,809	\$41,511,318	10.78%
4	Elgin	\$404,724,222	\$361,199,508	\$333,137,899	\$405,899,782	\$72,761,883	21.84%
5	Westmont	\$473,549,222	\$422,573,244	\$361,460,040	\$384,141,063	\$22,681,023	6.27%
6	Oak Lawn	\$461,678,735	\$397,982,717	\$346,323,986	\$380,881,839	\$34,557,853	9.98%
7	Glenview	\$370,240,755	\$368,357,948	\$344,412,022	\$365,105,017	\$20,692,995	6.01%
8	Joliet	\$422,208,345	\$366,390,242	\$319,863,585	\$360,584,114	\$40,720,529	12.73%
9	Aurora	\$371,588,161	\$308,330,808	\$313,208,520	\$357,344,832	\$44,136,312	14.09%
10	Tinley Park	\$401,959,176	\$371,589,163	\$315,115,018	\$332,999,789	\$17,884,771	5.68%
11	Libertyville	\$427,309,528	\$366,312,758	\$317,970,146	\$332,403,876	\$14,433,730	4.54%
12	Elmhurst	\$360,450,119	\$310,534,905	\$267,572,645	\$265,264,975	<b>\$2,307,670</b>	<b>-0.86%</b>
13	Crystal Lake	\$266,696,532	\$253,538,410	\$210,546,484	\$248,893,966	\$38,347,482	18.21%
14	Downers Grove	\$330,411,478	\$302,593,194	\$241,735,140	\$243,305,636	\$1,570,496	0.65%
15	Countryside	\$298,092,376	\$279,921,853	\$243,793,523	\$230,221,964	<b>\$13,571,559</b>	<b>-5.57%</b>
16	Matteson	\$316,036,269	\$274,593,459	\$226,783,089	\$228,917,955	\$2,134,866	0.94%
17	Lincolnwood	\$253,023,083	\$220,150,928	\$182,449,410	\$208,007,810	\$25,558,400	14.01%
18	McHenry	\$209,332,406	\$196,343,274	\$182,994,924	\$206,926,171	\$23,931,247	13.08%
19	Lisle	\$269,596,116	\$232,927,898	\$191,029,967	\$204,138,656	\$13,108,689	6.86%
20	Barrington	\$251,353,664	\$206,269,966	\$184,418,539	\$119,459,071	<b>\$64,959,468</b>	<b>-35.22%</b>
	<b>Total Top 20</b>	<b>\$10,823,130,168</b>	<b>\$9,572,515,625</b>	<b>\$8,410,092,439</b>	<b>\$9,273,938,528</b>	<b>\$863,846,089</b>	<b>10.27%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011

**Naperville** remained in 1<sup>st</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$880.7 million, increasing by \$96.7 million, or 12.33%. **Schaumburg** ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2010 sales of \$726.5 million, an increase of \$51.4 million, or 7.62%. This after a decline in sales in 2009 of **-\$89.6 million**. **Orland Park** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of \$426.7 million, an increase of \$41.5 million, or 10.78%. **Elgin** moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$405.9 million, an increase of \$72.8 million, or 21.84%. **Westmont** dropped to 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$384.1 million, increasing by \$22.7 million, or 6.27%.

**Oak Lawn**, dropped to 6<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$380.9, up by \$34.6 million, or 9.98%. **Glenview** dropped to 7<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$365.1 million, an increase of \$20.7 million, or 6.01%. **Joliet** maintained 8<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$360.6 million, up by \$40.7 million, or 12.73%.

**Aurora**, moved up to 9<sup>th</sup> position from 11<sup>th</sup> place, and had 2010 sales of \$357.3 million, rising by \$44.1 million, or 14.09%. **Tinley Park** maintained 10<sup>th</sup> position with sales of \$333.0 million and an increase of \$17.9 million, or 5.68%. **Libertyville** dropped to 11<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$332.4 million, an increase of \$14.4 million, or 4.54%. **Elmhurst** maintained 12<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$265.3 million, declining by approximately **-\$2.3 million**, or **-0.86%**.

**Crystal Lake** moved up to 13<sup>th</sup> position from 16<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$248.9 with an increase of \$38.3 million, or 18.21%. **Downers Grove** maintained 14<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$243.3, an increase of \$1.6 million, or 0.65%. **Countryside** dropped to 15<sup>th</sup> place from 13<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$230.2 million, decreasing by **-\$13.6 million**, or **5.57%**. **Matteson** dropped to 16<sup>th</sup> place and had sales of \$228.9 million, an increase of \$2.1 million, or 0.94%.

**Lincolnwood** rose to 17<sup>th</sup> from 20<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$208.0 and an increase of \$25.6 million. This represented an increase of 14.01%. but declined by **-\$37.7 million** from the 2008 sales of \$220.2 million. This was a decline of **-17.13%**. **McHenry** rose to 18<sup>th</sup> position from 19<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales in this category of \$206.9 million, for an increase of \$23.9 million, or 13.08%. **Lisle** dropped to 19<sup>th</sup> place from 18<sup>th</sup> position with recorded sales of \$204.1 million, up \$13.1 million, or 6.86%. **Barrington** declined to 20<sup>th</sup> place with reported 2010 sales in this category of \$119.5 million, a decrease of **-\$65.0 million**, or **35.22%**.

### IN THE DRUGS & OTHER MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES 16 OF THE 20 TOP SUBURBS INCREASED IN SALES IN 2010

This category includes drug stores, as well as, other miscellaneous retail stores. Many mall-based specialty stores are found in this group. Most suburbs with malls will have larger sales in this category. The **City of Chicago's** sales in this category in 2010 declined by **-\$143.8 million** to sales of \$3.45 billion. The data also indicates that many small specialty stores did not survive the recession, reflected in the significant sales decline. **Table 14** on the following page depicts the results for *Drugs & Other Miscellaneous Retail Stores*.

**Mount Prospect** maintained 1<sup>st</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$369.9 million based upon the Department of Revenue sales tax receipt data. Sales in 2008 amounted to \$360.9 million. Sales in 2010 increased by \$42.7 million, or 13.05%. **Naperville** maintained 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$333.6 million, up \$22.8 million, or 7.34%. **Schaumburg** maintained 3<sup>rd</sup> place with sales of \$313.5 million, up \$13.3 million, or 4.43%. **Aurora** maintained 4<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$305.5 million, an increase of \$7.8 million, or 2.61%.

**Orland Park** maintained 5<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$279.4 million, increasing by \$6.7 million over 2009, or 2.47%. **Joliet** maintained 6<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$270.2 million, up \$4.7 million, or 1.78%. **Downers Grove** maintained 7<sup>th</sup> place in this category with 2010 sales of \$220.7 million, but declined in sales by **-\$8.9 million**, or **-3.88%**. **Bolingbrook** moved up to 8<sup>th</sup> position from 11<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$208.4 million and an increase of \$30.5 million, or 17.12%. **Niles** dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> place from 8<sup>th</sup> position with 2010 sales of \$208.3 million, up \$9.13 million, or 4.59%.

**North Chicago** had 2010 sales of \$201.7 million, up from 2009 sales of approximately \$190.8 million, for an increase of \$10.8 million, or 5.67%. **Gurnee** ranked 11<sup>th</sup> with 2010 sales of \$186.6 million, up \$18.2 million, or 10.81%. **Skokie** dropped to 12<sup>th</sup> position from 10<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$175.9 million, a decline of **-\$8.8 million**, or **-4.78%**. **Lombard** went up to 13<sup>th</sup> position from 15<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$170.4 million, an increase of \$18.4 million, or 12.14%.

**Oak Lawn** dropped to 14<sup>th</sup> position from 13<sup>th</sup> place with sales in 2010 in this category of \$160.8 million, an increase of \$6.2 million, or 4.03%. **Waukegan** moved up to 15<sup>th</sup> position from 16<sup>th</sup> place with sales of \$147.6 million, for an increase of \$880,442, or 0.60% increasing by \$2.4 million from 2008 sales of \$144.3 million. **Hoffman Estates** ranked 16<sup>th</sup> up from 17<sup>th</sup> place with 2010 sales of \$142.6 million for a decrease of **-\$1.0 million** or **0.72%**. **Glenview**, which moved up to 17<sup>th</sup> place, recorded 2010 sales in this category of \$135.1 million, for an increase of \$7.6 million, or 5.95%. **Arlington Heights** recorded sales of \$133.2 million with an increase of \$5.8 million, or 4.54%. **Evanston** ranked 19<sup>th</sup> down from 14<sup>th</sup> position with 2010

sales of \$129.6 million, down **-23.4 million, or 15.28%**. Carol Stream in 20<sup>th</sup> place recorded sales of \$114.3 million, up approximately \$3.4 million, or 3.08%.

**Table 14**

**Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Stores  
Top 20 Chicagoland Suburbs  
2007, 2008, 2009, & 2010**

Rank	Sales Community	2007	2008	2009	2010	Sales Changes	2010 Percent Change
		Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Sales	Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Sales	Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Sales	Drugs & Miscellaneous Retail Sales	2009 2010	
	Chicago	\$3,845,137,284	\$3,698,540,212	\$3,594,890,007	\$3,451,065,741	<b>\$143,824,266</b>	<b>-4.00%</b>
1	Mount Prospect	\$245,460,037	\$360,885,456	\$327,227,250	\$369,939,802	\$42,712,552	13.05%
2	Naperville	\$311,987,540	\$308,090,177	\$310,788,738	\$333,612,858	\$22,824,120	7.34%
3	Schaumburg	\$364,941,284	\$324,318,161	\$300,162,837	\$313,454,568	\$13,291,731	4.43%
4	Aurora	\$303,473,852	\$308,330,808	\$297,716,035	\$305,481,459	\$7,765,424	2.61%
5	Orland Park	\$302,822,656	\$274,786,490	\$272,707,235	\$279,444,822	\$6,737,587	2.47%
6	Joliet	\$270,024,260	\$266,202,618	\$265,508,424	\$270,235,628	\$4,727,204	1.78%
7	Downers Grove	\$262,424,491	\$225,512,492	\$229,575,241	\$220,676,462	<b>\$8,898,779</b>	<b>-3.88%</b>
8	Bolingbrook	\$192,744,485	\$192,404,183	\$177,958,261	\$208,424,979	\$30,466,718	17.12%
9	Niles	\$238,449,275	\$216,864,062	\$199,130,820	\$208,263,997	\$9,133,177	4.59%
10	North Chicago	\$152,220,692	\$166,991,735	\$190,844,790	\$201,658,248	\$10,813,458	5.67%
11	Gurnee	\$196,584,141	\$186,049,844	\$168,403,049	\$186,615,305	\$18,212,256	10.81%
12	Skokie	\$201,411,530	\$201,330,163	\$184,747,909	\$175,915,452	<b>\$8,832,457</b>	<b>-4.78%</b>
13	Lombard	\$150,190,337	\$149,842,944	\$151,911,655	\$170,350,722	\$18,439,067	12.14%
14	Oak Lawn	\$162,685,006	\$158,976,843	\$154,563,978	\$160,789,994	\$6,226,016	4.03%
15	Waukegan	\$151,568,513	\$144,273,132	\$146,669,940	\$147,550,382	\$880,442	0.60%
16	Hoffman Estates	\$111,951,935	\$135,527,368	\$143,649,793	\$142,617,898	<b>\$1,031,895</b>	<b>-0.72%</b>
17	Glenview	\$142,954,002	\$132,545,811	\$127,499,918	\$135,085,313	\$7,585,395	5.95%
18	Arlington Heights	\$149,997,433	\$155,492,609	\$127,376,398	\$133,153,134	\$5,776,736	4.54%
19	Evanston	\$160,839,632	\$151,585,065	\$152,999,853	\$129,620,208	<b>\$23,379,645</b>	<b>-15.28%</b>
20	Carol Stream	\$150,818,392	\$131,983,252	\$110,934,174	\$114,346,361	\$3,412,187	3.08%
	<b>Top 20 Total</b>	<b>\$8,068,686,777</b>	<b>\$7,890,533,425</b>	<b>\$7,635,266,305</b>	<b>\$7,658,303,333</b>	<b>\$23,037,028</b>	<b>0.30%</b>

*Source: Illinois Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Receipts Report, and Melaniphy & Associates, Inc., 2011*

The top 20 suburbs in this category had total sales of approximately \$7.7 billion, up \$23.0 million, or 0.30%.

**OBSERVATIONS FOR 2011**

In summary, 2011 will be a year of slow recovery as retailers and restaurants claw their way back toward the 2007 retail sales levels. Unemployment, and the slow growth in new jobs, combined with inflation, will continue to make 2011 a difficult year. We will see many more retail and restaurant failures this year because of pressure on working capital and the slower growth of retail sales. Also, filing vacancies will continue to be a problem. In our opinion, the real retail growth will occur in 2013. The consumer will remain cautious until unemployment moderates and incomes and housing values begin to rise. Then we will begin to see some real increases in pent-up retail demand.

**Note:**

Our analysis of sales changes is based upon 2007, 2008 and 2009, 2010 retail sales tax data provided in “*Report of Sales Tax Receipts by Standard Industrial Classification for 2010*” compiled and published quarterly and annually by the Illinois Department of Revenue. If any errors exist in the data, we take no responsibility for them since we have accepted the State’s data as complete. This Newsletter is provided on our Website as a free service of Melaniphy & Associates, Inc.

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