## U.S. chain stores up 3\%

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For May, U.S. chain store sales increased 3\% on a year-over-year, same-store basis, according to ICSC's index. Wholesale club sales were up $4.6 \%$ for the month, excluding fuel sales. Drug stores were up $3.2 \%$ and discounters saw sales jump 3\% in May. Apparel specialty stores reported an average $6.5 \%$ decline in same-store sales and department stores reporting an average $3.5 \%$ drop in sales.

