

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**May 17, 2004**

**LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**North Carolina**

**1-7898**

**56-0578072**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1000 Lowe's Blvd., Mooresville, NC**

**28117**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(704) 758-1000**

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**Item 7.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 17, 2004, announcing the financial results of Lowe's Companies, Inc. (the "Company") for its first quarter ended April 30, 2004.

**Item 12.**

**Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

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On May 17, 2004, the Company issued a press release, furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference, announcing the Company's financial results for the quarter ended April 30, 2004.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

May 17, 2004

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Date

/s/Kenneth W. Black, Jr.

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Kenneth W. Black, Jr.

Senior Vice President and

Chief Accounting Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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