

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form SC 13G  
February 06, 2002

SCHEDULE 13G

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.  
(NAME OF ISSUER)  
COMMON  
(TITLE CLASS OF SECURITIES)  
548661107  
(CUSIP NUMBER)  
12/31/2001  
(DATE OF EVENT WHICH REQUIRES FILING OF THIS STATEMENT)

(X) RULE 13D-1 (B)  
( ) RULE 13D-1 (C)  
( ) RULE 13D-1 (D)

THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS COVER PAGE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE "FILED" FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 18 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 ("ACT") OR OTHERWISE SUBJECT TO THE LIABILITIES OF THAT SECTION OF THE ACT BUT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE ACT (HOWEVER, SEE THE NOTES).

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON  
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, ACTING IN VARIOUS FIDUCIARY  
CAPACITIES. 04-1867445

A \_\_\_\_\_

B \_\_\_\_\_

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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- 13,747,730 SHARES
6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
55,113,005 SHARES
7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
16,171,290 SHARES
8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
54,790,695 SHARES
9. AGGREGATED AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
70,961,985 SHARES
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN  
SHARES\*
- NOT APPLICABLE
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
9.2%
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*
- BK

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ITEM 1.

(A) NAME OF ISSUER

LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.

(B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

1605 CURTIS BRIDGE ROAD  
WILKESBORO, N.C. 28697

ITEM 2.

(A) NAME OF PERSON FILING

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

(B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE,  
RESIDENCE

225 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(C) CITIZENSHIP

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(D) TITLE CLASS OF SECURITIES

COMMON

(E) CUSIP NUMBER

548661107

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR  
13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

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(B)   X   BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(A)(6) OF THE ACT

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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

(A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
70,961,985 SHARES

(B) PERCENT OF CLASS  
9.2%

(C) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:

(I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE OF  
13,747,730 SHARES

(II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE  
55,113,005 SHARES

(III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF  
16,171,290 SHARES

(IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF  
54,790,695 SHARES

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

LOWE'S COMPANIES EMPLOYEE SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN, LOWE'S  
COMPANIES ESOP = 7.0%

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH  
ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT  
HOLDING COMPANY

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

NOT APPLICABLE

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ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IF THE  
STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B):

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY  
KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE SECURITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE  
ACQUIRED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF AND DO NOT HAVE THE EFFECT OF CHANGING OR  
INFLUENCING THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES AND WERE  
NOT ACQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS A PARTICIPANT IN ANY  
TRANSACTION HAVING SUCH PURPOSES OR EFFECT.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT STATE STREET BANK AND

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TRUST COMPANY IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY SECURITIES COVERED BY THIS REPORT, AND STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL SHARES REPORTED HEREIN PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-4.

SIGNATURE

AFTER REASONABLE INQUIRY AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT.

6 FEBRUARY 2002

STATE STREET CORPORATION  
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,  
TRUSTEE

/s/ SUSAN C. DANIELS  
VICE PRESIDENT