# An In-depth Look at Footwear Retail YTD







# The U.S. Footwear Industry Market Drivers

12 months ending March 2017

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# Introduction

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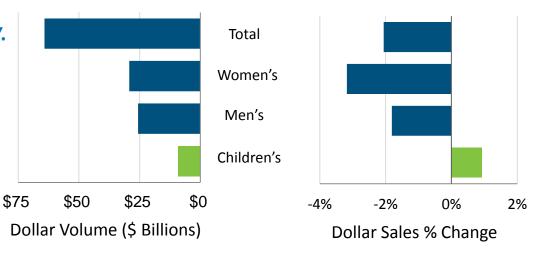
# **Highlights**

The total footwear market is estimated at \$64B for 12ME Mar'17, down -2% YOY.

- The Children's market (only 15% of the total footwear volume), posted growth of +1%. The men's and women's markets declined low single-digits.
- Store sales saw a decline of -5% vs. LY. This represented a -\$2.2B loss for the period. Online sales grew +2%.
- Casual and Performance represent nearly 50% of category performance and saw the biggest declines. Combined the two categories make up 83% of the loss, or -\$2.7B total sales.
- Sneakers continue to be the fastest growing silhouette, up +\$500M.
- The majority of growth in the footwear market is being led by those between the ages of 25 and 44. Older Millennials (25-34) generated the most incremental dollars, gaining over +\$1B vs. LY.
- Households above \$75K fueled market growth for the period, up a combined +\$2.1B vs. LY driven by the \$100K-\$150K segment.
- Hispanic consumers drove over 75% of the growth, gaining +3% in incremental sales.
- The West Region generated over half of the dollar growth volume, +\$1.4B vs. LY, led by a double digit increase from the Pacific Division.

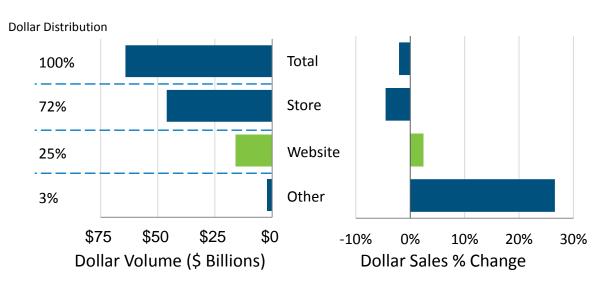
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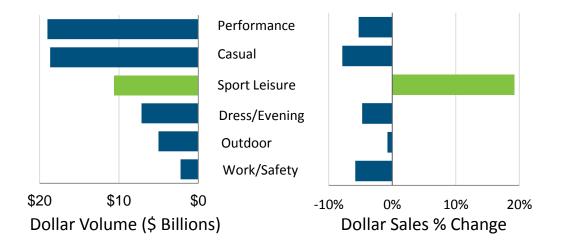
# **Total Footwear by Method** of Purchase

Store sales saw a decline of 5% vs. LY. This represented a
-\$2.2B loss for the period.
However, slight growth from
Online (+2% vs. LY) helped
to soften the decline of the
total market performance.



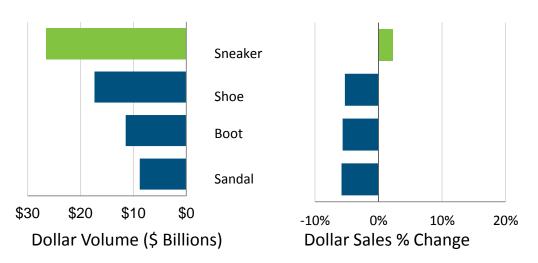
#### **Total Footwear by Category**

Casual and Performance represent nearly 50% of category performance and saw the biggest declines. Combined, the two categories make up 83% of the loss, or -\$2.7B total sales. However, Sport Leisure was the only category to grow (+\$1.7B).



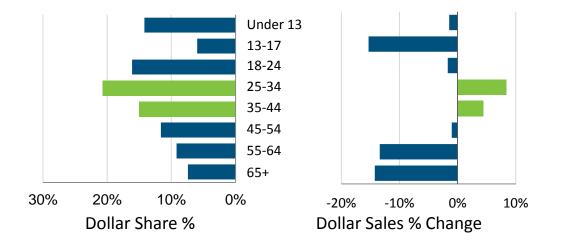
#### **Total Footwear by Type**

Sneakers continue to be the fastest growing silhouette, up +\$500M. Boots struggled to gain traction (-6% vs. LY) as a result of warmer weather across the country and competition from athletic styles.



#### **Total Footwear by Age of Wearer**

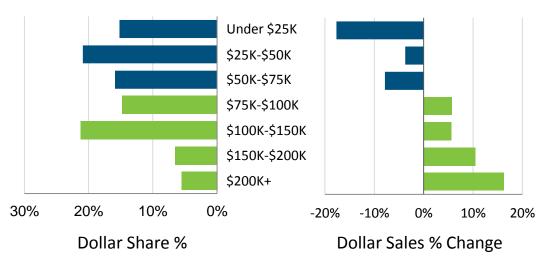
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#### **Total Footwear by Income**

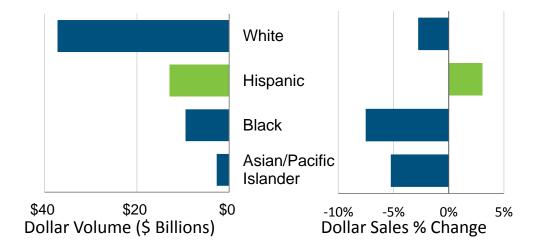
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Dollars attributed to those under \$75k declined -\$1.2B.



#### **Total Footwear by Ethnicity**

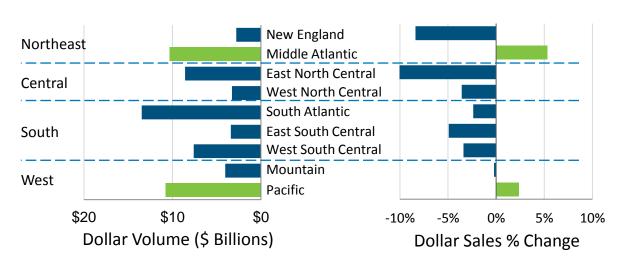
Hispanic consumers drove over 75% of the growth, gaining +3% in incremental sales. White consumer spending declined, down -3% vs.LY, but still remains the largest consumer segment at 57% of the total market.



#### **Total Footwear by Region**

The West Region generated over half of the dollar growth volume, +\$1.4B vs. LY, led by a double digit increase from the Pacific Division.

Middle Atlantic was the fastest growing Census Division, up +\$523MM (+5%).



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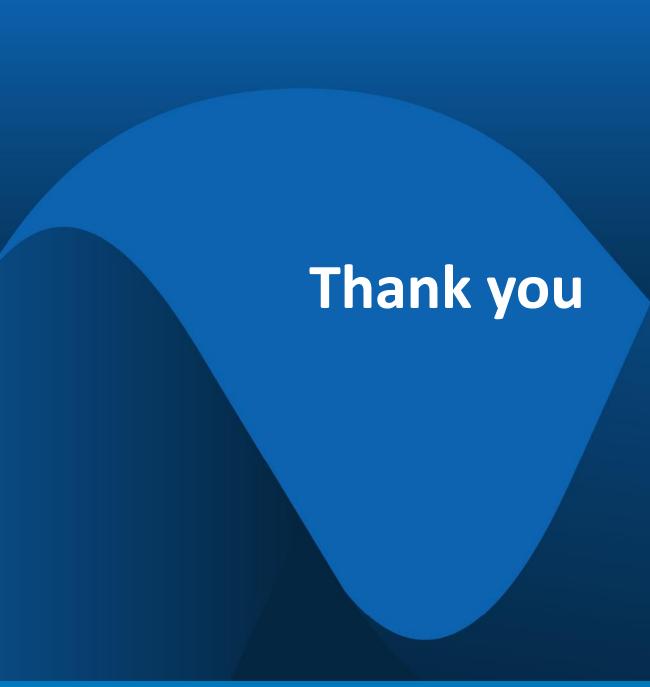
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