

uncertainty regarding its duration. Therefore, while we expect the pandemic to impact our business, results of operations, financial position, and liquidity, we cannot reasonably estimate the impact at this time.

Results of Operations and Non-GAAP Measures

The tables and discussion below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this report. The following table displays the percentage relationship between net sales and major categories in our consolidated statements of earnings, as well as the percentage change in the associated dollar amounts:

	Fiscal 2019		Fiscal 2018		Fiscal 2017	
	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales	\$	% of Net Sales
<i>dollars in millions</i>						
Net sales	\$ 110,225		\$ 108,203		\$ 100,904	
Gross profit	37,572	34.1%	37,160	34.3%	34,356	34.0%
Operating expenses:						
Selling, general and administrative	19,740	17.9	19,513	18.0	17,864	17.7
Depreciation and amortization	1,989	1.8	1,870	1.7	1,811	1.8
Impairment loss	—	—	247	0.2	—	—
Total operating expenses	21,729	19.7	21,630	20.0	19,675	19.5
Operating income	15,843	14.4	15,530	14.4	14,681	14.5
Interest and other (income) expense:						
Interest and investment income	(73)	(0.1)	(93)	(0.1)	(74)	(0.1)
Interest expense	1,201	1.1	1,051	1.0	1,057	1.0
Other	—	—	16	—	—	—
Interest and other, net	1,128	1.0	974	0.9	983	1.0
Earnings before provision for income taxes	14,715	13.3	14,556	13.5	13,698	13.6
Provision for income taxes	3,473	3.2	3,435	3.2	5,068	5.0
Net earnings	\$ 11,242	10.2%	\$ 11,121	10.3%	\$ 8,630	8.6%

Note: Fiscal 2019 and fiscal 2017 include 52 weeks. Fiscal 2018 includes 53 weeks. Certain percentages may not sum to totals due to rounding.