WHO ARE WE?

Metro Fusion is a young, diverse market. Many residents do not speak English fluently and have moved into their homes recently. They are highly mobile and over three quarters of households are occupied by renters. Many households have young children; a quarter are single-parent families. The majority of residents live in midsize apartment buildings. Metro Fusion is a hard-working market with residents that are dedicated to climbing the ladders of their professional and social lives. This is particularly difficult for the single parents due to median incomes that are 36% lower than the US level.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Over 60% of the homes are multiunit structures located in the urban periphery.
- Three quarters of residents are renters, and rents are about thirteen percent less than the US average.
- The majority of housing units were built before 1990.
- Single-parent and single-person households make up over half of all households.

SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS

- They’re a diverse market with 31% black, 34% Hispanic, and 20% foreign born.
- Younger residents are highly connected, while older residents do not have much use for the latest and greatest technology.
- They work hard to advance in their professions, including working weekends.
- They take pride in their appearance, consider their fashion trendy, and stick with the same few designer brands.
- They spend money readily on what’s hot unless saving for something specific.
- Social status is very important; they look to impress with fashion and electronics.
**Age by Sex** (Esri data)

Median Age: **29.3**  US: **38.2**

- Indicates US

**Race and Ethnicity** (Esri data)

The Diversity Index summarizes racial and ethnic diversity. The index shows the likelihood that two persons, chosen at random from the same area, belong to different race or ethnic groups. The index ranges from 0 (no diversity) to 100 (complete diversity).

- **Diversity Index**: 84.6  US: 64.0
- **Hispanic**: 18.1%
- **Multiple**: 5.1%
- **Other**: 6.8%
- **Asian and Pac. Islander**: 5.2%
- **American Indian**: 1.3%
- **Black**: 12.8%
- **White**: 42.7%

- **US Average**: 70.2%
- *Hispanic* Can Be of Any Race.

**Income and Net Worth**

Net worth measures total household assets (homes, vehicles, investments, etc.) less any debts, secured (e.g., mortgages) or unsecured (credit cards). Household income and net worth are estimated by Esri.

- **Median Household Income**
  - $35,700
  - $56,100

- **Median Net Worth**
  - $12,200
  - $93,300

**Average Household Budget Index**

The index compares the average amount spent in this market’s household budgets for housing, food, apparel, etc., to the average amount spent by all US households. An index of 100 is average. An index of 120 shows that average spending by consumers in this market is 20 percent above the national average. Consumer expenditures are estimated by Esri.

- **Housing**: 62
- **Food**: 64
- **Apparel & Services**: 63
- **Transportation**: 62
- **Health Care**: 52
- **Entertainment & Recreation**: 57
- **Education**: 59
- **Pensions & Social Security**: 55
- **Other**: 55

**Occupation by Earnings**

The five occupations with the highest number of workers in the market are displayed by median earnings. Data from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey.
MARKET PROFILE
(Consumer preferences are estimated from data by GfK MRI)

- They enjoy watching MTV, BET, Spanish TV networks, and Tru TV.
- They listen to R&B, rap, Latin, and urban music.
- Football and weight lifting are popular activities.
- They shop at discount grocery stores, Family Dollar, and Walmart.
- They often eat frozen dinners, but when dining out prefer McDonald’s, Taco Bell, Burger King, and Pizza Hut.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Total population, average annual population change since Census 2010, and average density (population per square mile) are displayed for the market relative to the size and change among all Tapestry markets. Data estimated by Esri.

ESRI INDEXES

Esri developed three indexes to display average household wealth, socioeconomic status, and housing affordability for the market relative to US standards.

HOUSING

Median home value is displayed for markets that are primarily owner occupied; average rent is shown for renter-occupied markets. Tenure and home value are estimated by Esri. Housing type and average rent are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey.
SEGMEN T DENSITY
This map illustrates the density and distribution of the Metro Fusion Tapestry Segment by households.