LifeMode Group: Ethnic Enclaves

American Dreamers

Households: 1,824,900
Average Household Size: 3.19
Median Age: 32.5
Median Household Income: $50,900

WHO ARE WE?
Located throughout the South and West, most American Dreamers residents own their own homes, primarily single-family housing—farther out of the city, where housing is more affordable. Median household income is slightly below average (Index 91). The majority of households include younger married-couple families with children and, frequently, grandparents. Diversity is high; many residents are foreign born, of Hispanic origin. Hard work and sacrifice have improved their economic circumstance as they pursue a better life for themselves and their family. Spending is focused more on the members of the household than the home. Entertainment includes multiple televisions, movie rentals, and video games at home or visits to theme parks and zoos. This market is connected and adept at accessing what they want from the Internet.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
- American Dreamers residents are family-centric and diverse. Most are married couples with children of all ages or single parents; multigenerational homes are common (Index 201).
- Average household size is higher at 3.19 (Index 123).
- Residents tend to live further out from urban centers—more affordable single-family homes and more elbow room.
- Tenure is slightly above average with 64% owner occupancy; primarily single-family homes with more mortgages (Index 114) and slightly higher monthly costs (Index 115).
- Three quarters of all housing were built since 1970.
- Many neighborhoods are located in the urban periphery of the largest metropolitan areas across the South and West.
- Most households have one or two vehicles available and a longer commute to work.

SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS
- While nearly 17% have earned a college degree, the majority, or 63%, hold a high school diploma only or spent some time at a college or university.
- Unemployment is higher at 7.4% (Index 136); labor force participation is also higher at 66%.
- Most American Dreamers residents derive income from wages or salaries, but the rate of poverty is a bit higher in this market (Index 116).
- They tend to spend money carefully and focus more on necessities.
- They are captivated by new technology, particularly feature-rich smartphones.
- Connected: They use the Internet primarily for socializing but also for convenience, like paying bills online.

Note: The Index represents the ratio of the segment rate to the US rate multiplied by 100. Consumer preferences are estimated from data by GfK MRI.
**AGE BY SEX**  
(ESRI data)  
Median Age: 32.5  
US: 38.2  
- Indicates US  
- 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: 84.1**  
US: 64.0

**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**
  - US: $50,900
  - Median Household Income: $56,100

- **Median Net Worth**
  - US: $93,300
  - Median Net Worth: $59,400

**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**: 78
- **Food**: 78
- **Apparel & Services**: 79
- **Transportation**: 80
- **Health Care**: 75
- **Entertainment & Recreation**: 77
- **Education**: 68
- **Pensions & Social Security**: 78
- **Other**: 76

**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.

- **Construction And Extraction**
- **Transportation And Material Moving**
- **Office And Administrative Support**
- **Sales And Related**
- **Food Preparation And Serving Related**

**TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION**

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MARKET PROFILE  (Consumer preferences are estimated from data by GfK MRI)

- When dining out, these residents favor fast-food dining places such as Taco Bell or Little Caesar’s, as well as family-friendly restaurants like Olive Garden, Denny’s, or IHOP.
- Cell phones are preferred over landlines.
- Favorite channels include Animal Planet, MTV, ABC Family Channel, Bravo, and Nick Jr., as well as programming on Spanish TV.
- Residents listen to urban or Hispanic radio.
- During the summer, family outings to theme parks are especially popular.

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.

Typical Housing: Single Family
Median Value: $145,900
US Median: $207,300

ESRI INDEXES

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

Wealth Index
Socioeconomic Status Index
Housing Affordability Index
SEGMENT DENSITY

This map illustrates the density and distribution of the American Dreamers Tapestry Segment by households.