WHO ARE WE?

Valley Growers is a small, but distinctive market, located almost entirely in the West (primarily in California and Washington). These neighborhoods are home to young, Hispanic families with children and, frequently, multiple generations living in single-family homes. Most residents are Hispanic (mostly of Mexican origin). A third is foreign born; 32% of households are linguistically isolated. This market is all about spending time with family, taking care of family and home, and following the Hispanic heritage. More homes are rented than owned, located in semirural areas where agriculture dominates. Unemployment is high, and household income is much lower than the US, supplemented by self-employment, home-grown products, and some public assistance. Consumers favor Spanish language media and watching sports on television.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Young families dominate this market, with a median age less than 28 and an average household size of 3.98 (Index 154). Average family size is also higher, at 4.26 (Index 134), with a number of multigenerational households (Index 266).
- Dominant household types: 38% are married-couple families with children (Index 173) and 21% are single-parent families (Index 181).
- Most households (about 57%) rent their homes.
- Homes are primarily single family homes (60%), with a large share of mobile homes (more than twice the US) and multiunit (2–4 units) dwellings (Index 146).
- Nearly three-fifths of homes were built before 1980.

SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS

- Only 24% have a high school diploma; almost half of the high school graduates have completed some college or a degree.
- 30% of households have members who speak only Spanish (Index 595).
- Primarily skilled work force, in agriculture; unemployment is high at 9% (Index 157).
- Median household income is lower, primarily from wages with assistance from Supplemental Security Income (Index 157) and public assistance income (Index 327).
- They are cost-conscious consumers, willing to shop around to obtain the best price, as their number one goal when shopping is to save as much money as possible.
- Spending time with family is a top priority.
- They use TV more than any other media to stay informed.

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: 27.4 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

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.

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.

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)

- Commonly own a truck or subcompact car, serviced by an HH member.
- Many pay bills in person and prepare their taxes manually.
- Work on home improvement projects, such as painting the house.
- Key expenditures include groceries and children's products.
- Favor shopping at Costco, Home Depot, Old Navy, Sears, Walmart, Dollar Tree, and Target.
- Minimal online usage, but visit Spanish language websites.
- Enjoy listening to the radio, going to movie theaters, or watching at home, dancing, and playing pool, the lottery, video games, and football.
- Prefer to watch programs on Spanish TV networks and Discovery Channel, and read parenting and automotive magazines.
- Listen to a variety of music, especially Spanish/Latin music.

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.

- Population: 900,000 to 11,000,000
- Population Growth: -0.5% to 3.0%
- Population Density: 89 to 25,000

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.

- Home Ownership: 43.4% Own, 56.6% Rent
- Typical Housing: Single Family
- Average Rent: $825
- US Average: $1,038

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: 39
- Socioeconomic Status Index: 62
- Housing Affordability Index: 127
This map illustrates the density and distribution of the Valley Growers Tapestry Segment by households.