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JUGGLING ACTS

Younger, lower-middle-income urban singles and families





URBAN MIX



SINGLES & COUPLES

Population:

509,436 (1.34% of Canada)

Households:

215,667 (1.43% of Canada)

Average Household Income \$84,051

Average Household Net Worth: \$218,347

House Tenure:

Own & Rent

Education:

High School/Grade 9/ College

Occupation:

Service Sector/ Blue Collar

Cultural Diversity Index:

Low

Sample Social Value:

Civic Engagement

Who They Are

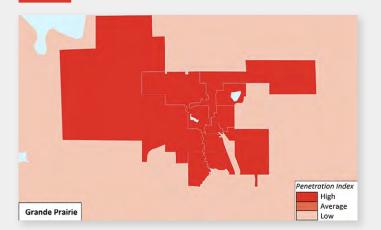
Found in mostly small- and medium-size cities, Juggling Acts features a mix of younger singles and young families, with higher-than-average rates for divorced and separated individuals as well as lone-parent families. In their established neighbourhoods, nearly half the householders are renters, typically living in semis, rows, duplexes and low-rise apartments. Thanks to a high percentage of maintainers under the age of 35, a youthful energy pervades this lifestyle. Despite modest educational achievement—a mix of grade 9, high school and college graduates—the adults have decent-paying service sector and blue-collar jobs. But this is a transient group—half the residents have moved in the past five years—and they're always on the lookout for better opportunities. Many rely on their cars for commuting to work and pursuing leisure activities in the city and countryside. In Juggling Acts, residents have high rates for enjoying billiards, martial arts, camping and fishing and hunting. Their idea of a weekend splurge is going to a sporting event, community theatre, craft show or music festival. Members of this group regularly seek ways to save money, and they would not pay more for brand name products (*Brand Apathy*).

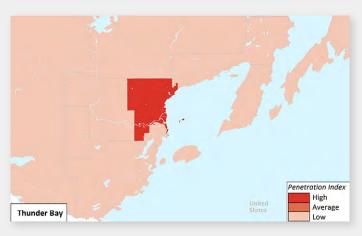
Juggling Acts neighbourhoods offer residents a cornucopia of dining and entertainment options. Residents enjoy eating at casual and fast-food restaurants like Swiss Chalet, East Side Mario's, Burger King and Dairy Queen. And with many singles and divorced individuals on the lookout for new partners, this a strong market for bars and nightclubs. The presence of many families in this segment also makes kid-friendly venues like carnivals, fairs and movie theatres popular. With money tight—residents have few investments and little savings—many households turn to coupons and shop at discount supermarkets for quick-and-easy meals: frozen peas and corn, canned meat, condensed soup and frozen pizza snacks are all big sellers. Their media tastes also run the gamut. They're solid fans of daytime talk shows, DIY and reality TV programs. On their drive to work, they'll tune the radio to modern rock and new country music. And though few read daily newspapers, they'll pick up magazines that cover celebrities and hobbies. Many prefer to go online for their media and mingling, frequenting websites for gaming, dating, streaming videos and connecting with others through Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. This has also translated to the COVID-19 era, where this segment's main source of information on the pandemic comes from trusting social media sources.

How They Think

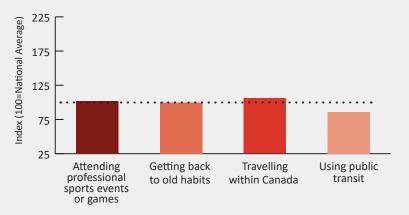
The members of Juggling Acts may be under financial stress, but they're generally optimistic about the future and the many opportunities the country offers (*Financial Concern Regarding the Future, Personal Optimism, North American Dream*). These hard-working Canadians are eager to take on difficult challenges, believing that success requires hard work and that ultimately people get what they deserve (*Work Ethic, Just Deserts*). Proud of their community and country, they think immigrants should give up their cultural identities and blend into the dominant culture (*Parochialism, National Pride, Cultural Assimilation*). Balancing tight budgets with their desire to be held in high esteem (*Need for Status Recognition*) can cause them to express a *Need for Escape* from their daily stresses, and many look to nature to recharge their batteries. As a result they believe protecting the environment is more important than pursuing economic growth (*Attraction to Nature, Ecological Concern, Primacy of Environmental Protection*). In the marketplace, they do not prefer big name brands and believe small businesses are best positioned to serve the public's interest (*Brand Apathy, Confidence in Small Business*).

Where They Live





Post-Pandemic, Looking Forward To:



How They Live



LEISURE

dancing comedy movies nightclubs/bars local arenas/rec centres



TRADITIONAL MEDIA

Space Sportsnet modern rock radio People



FOOD/DRINK

frozen pizza snacks fruit drinks fast-food restaurants Mexican/burrito restaurants



AUTOMOTIVE

domestic small vans domestic large pickups vehicles bought used under \$15,000 spent on vehicle



MOBILE

radio apps watch TV on mobile phone listen to radio on mobile phone discount coupons on tablet



SHOPPING

Mark's Walmart Real Canadian Superstore The Source



INTERNET

play online games food/recipe sites online auctions purchase movies online



FINANCIA

credit unions mutual funds partial credit card payments donate to religious charities



SOCIAL

Snapchat YouTube Reddit Instagram



use insoles/orthotics



"It is important to me to regularly get away from all responsibilities and burdens"

"I love to buy consumer goods (excluding those basic ones essential to run a household)"

"I have enough trouble taking care of myself without worrying about the needs of the poor"

"I would prefer to do work that is not particularly interesting, but that pays well"

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