LifeMode Group: Sprouting Explorers

Urban Edge Families

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 Urban Edge Families residents own their own homes, primarily single-family housing—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. Many residents are foreign born. 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

- Urban Edge Families residents are family-centric. Most are married couples with children of all ages or single parents; multi-generational 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 1970 or later.
- 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

- Nearly 17% have earned a college degree, and 63% hold a high school diploma only or have spent some time at a college or university.
- Labor force participation is higher at 66%.
- Most Urban Edge Families residents derive income from wages or salaries.
- 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 MRI-Simmons.
**AGE BY SEX**  
(Esri data)  
Median Age: 32.5  
US: 38.2  

**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).  

**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 MRI-Simmons.)

- 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.

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 (Annual %): -0.5% to 3.0%
- Population Density (Persons per sq. mile): 48 to 25,000

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: 55
- Socioeconomic Status Index: 85
- Housing Affordability Index: 168
SEGMENT DENSITY

This map illustrates the density and distribution of the *Urban Edge Families* Tapestry Segment by households.

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