LifeMode Group: Affluent Estates

**Boomburbs**

- **Households:** 2,004,400
- **Average Household Size:** 3.25
- **Median Age:** 34.0
- **Median Household Income:** $113,400

**WHO ARE WE?**

This is the new growth market, with a profile similar to the original: young professionals with families that have opted to trade up to the newest housing in the suburbs. The original Boomburbs neighborhoods began growing in the 1990s and continued through the peak of the housing boom. Most of those neighborhoods are fully developed now. This is an affluent market but with a higher proportion of mortgages. Rapid growth still distinguishes the Boomburbs neighborhoods, although the boom is more subdued now than it was 10 years ago. So is the housing market. Residents are well-educated professionals with a running start on prosperity.

**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Growth markets are in the suburban periphery of large metropolitan areas.
- Young families are married with children (Index 220); average household size is 3.25.
- Homeownership is 84% (Index 134), with the highest rate of mortgages, 71.5% (Index 173).
- Primarily single-family homes in new neighborhoods, 66% built since 2000 (Index 441).
- Median home value is $350,000 (Index 169).
- Lower housing vacancy rate at 3.7%.
- The cost of affordable new housing comes at the expense of one of the longest commutes to work, over 30 minutes average, including a disproportionate number (33.6%) commuting across county lines (Index 141).

**SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS**

- Well-educated young professionals, 55% are college graduates (Index 178).
- High labor force participation at 71.3% (Index 114); most households have more than two workers (Index 124).
- Longer commute times from the suburban growth corridors have created more home workers (Index 156).
- Well connected, own the latest devices and understand how to use them efficiently; biggest complaints—too many devices and too many intrusions on personal time.
- Financial planning is well under way for these professionals.

*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: **34.0**  US: **38.2**

- **85+**
- **80-84**
- **75-79**
- **70-74**
- **65-69**
- **60-64**
- **55-59**
- **50-54**
- **45-49**
- **40-44**
- **35-39**
- **30-34**
- **25-29**
- **20-24**
- **15-19**
- **10-14**
- **5-9**
- **<5**

**Male**

**Female**

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**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).

\[ \text{Diversity Index} = \frac{\text{Observed Index}}{\text{Expected Index}} \]

- **Hispanic**: 15.0%
- **Multiple**: 4.2%
- **Other**: 3.8%
- **Asian and Pac. Islander**: 5.8%
- **American Indian**: 0.4%
- **Black**: 0.0%
- **White**: 12.8%

**Diversity Index**: **63.2**  US: **64.0**

- **US Average**: 70.2%
- **Hispanic Can Be of Any Race**: 18.1%

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**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 Average**:
  - **$113,400**
  - **$56,100**

**Median Net Worth**

- **US Average**:
  - **$357,600**
  - **$93,300**

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**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**: 161
- **Food**: 164
- **Apparel & Services**: 179
- **Transportation**: 162
- **Health Care**: 157
- **Entertainment & Recreation**: 169
- **Education**: 163
- **Pensions & Social Security**: 186
- **Other**: 172

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**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.)

- **Boomburbs** residents prefer late model imports, primarily SUVs, and also luxury cars and minivans.
- This is one of the top markets for the latest in technology, from smartphones to tablets to internet connectable televisions.
- Style matters in the Boomburbs, from personal appearance to their homes. These consumers are still furnishing their new homes and already remodeling.
- Enjoy gardening but more often contract for home services.
- Physical fitness is a priority, including club memberships and home equipment.
- Leisure includes a range of activities from sports (hiking, bicycling, swimming, golf) to visits to theme parks or water parks.
- Residents are generous supporters of charitable organizations.

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**: 6,536,700
- **Population Growth (Annual %)**: -0.5%
- **Population Density (Persons per sq. mile)**: 625

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**: 153
- **Socioeconomic Status Index**: 62.6
- **Housing Affordability Index**: 156

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**: $350,000
  - US Median: $207,300
SEGMENT DENSITY
This map illustrates the density and distribution of the Boomburbs Tapestry Segment by households.