LifeMode Group: Next Wave

Fresh Ambitions

**Households:** 794,600

**Average Household Size:** 3.17

**Median Age:** 28.6

**Median Household Income:** $26,700

**WHO ARE WE?**

These young families, many of whom are recent immigrants, focus their life and work around their children. *Fresh Ambitions* residents have overcome the language barrier and earned a high school diploma. They work overtime in service, in skilled and unskilled occupations, and spend what they have on their children. Multigenerational families support many families living together; income is often supplemented with public assistance and Social Security. Residents spend more than one-third of their income on rent in older row houses or multiunit buildings. They budget wisely not only to make ends meet but also to save for trips abroad to see their relatives.

**OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

- Reside in mostly row houses or 2–4 unit buildings; many were built before 1950, located in major urban cities.
- Predominantly renters; average gross rent is a little below the US average.
- Most households have at least one vehicle, and commuters drive alone to work. Walking to work or taking public transportation is common too.
- Nearly half of the households have children of all ages and are comprised of more single-parent than married-couple families. There are more than three persons per household; the proportion of multigenerational families is twice that of the US.

**SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS**

- Nearly one in four is foreign-born.
- Supporting large families, many earners will take on overtime work when possible.
- One in three has earned a high school diploma.
- Price-conscious consumers that budget for fashion, not branding. However, parents are happy to spoil their brand savvy children.
- When traveling, seek out discount fares over convenience.

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: **28.6** US: 38.2

**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.

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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.

**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.)

- Young families are the focus; Fresh Ambitions residents must budget for baby food and disposable diapers. Baby and parenthood magazines are their chosen reading material.
- These young, newly established residents own cell phones, not landlines.
- Almost half of all households can access the Internet via home PC; Spanish-language web sites and downloading video games and music are popular.
- Nearly half of all households subscribe to a cable service; Spanish TV networks, BET, and children’s shows are popular.
- Half of all residents have owned or used a credit or debit card within the past year. Nearly a third maintain a savings account. When possible, money is often wired to family abroad.

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): 0 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:
  - Own: 27.1% (US Percentage: 62.7% Own, 37.3% Rent)

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: 0 to 350 (28)
- Socioeconomic Status Index: 0 to 350 (56)
- Housing Affordability Index: 0 to 350 (97)
SEGMENT DENSITY

This map illustrates the density and distribution of the Fresh Ambitions Tapestry Segment by households.

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