

LifeMode Group: Hometown

Small Town Simplicity



Households: 2,305,000

Average Household Size: 2.25

Median Age: 40.0

Median Household Income: \$27,000

WHO ARE WE?

Small Town Simplicity includes young families and senior householders that are bound by community ties. The lifestyle is down-to-earth and semirural, with television for entertainment and news, and emphasis on convenience for both young parents and senior citizens. Residents embark on pursuits including online computer games, scrapbooking, and rural activities like hunting and fishing. Since almost 1 in 4 households is below poverty level, residents also keep their finances simple—paying bills in person and avoiding debt.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- They reside in small towns or semirural neighborhoods, mostly outside metropolitan areas.
- Homes are a mix of older single-family houses (61%), apartments, and mobile homes.
- A majority, 51%, of homes are owner occupied. (Index 80).
- Median home value of \$88,000 is about half the US median.
- Average rent is \$600 (Index 62).
- This is an older market, with almost half of the householders aged 55 years or older, and predominantly single-person households (Index 139).

SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS

- Education: 65% with high school diploma or some college.
- Unemployment higher at 11.9% (Index 138).
- Labor force participation lower at 51% (Index 81), which could result from lack of jobs or retirement.
- Income from wages and salaries (Index 82), Social Security (Index 142) or retirement (Index 112), increased by Supplemental Security Income (Index 203).
- Price-conscious consumers that shop accordingly, with coupons at discount centers.
- Connected, but not to the latest or greatest gadgets; keep their landlines.
- Community-orientated residents; more conservative than middle-of-the-road.
- Rely on television or newspapers to stay informed.

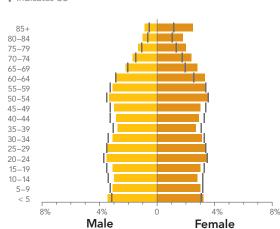




AGE BY SEX (Esri data)

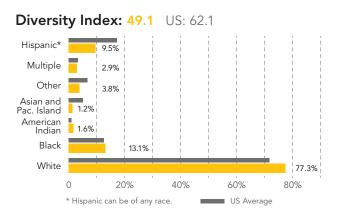
Median Age: 40.0 US: 37.6

Indicates US



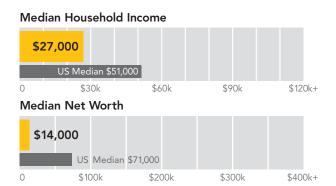
RACE AND ETHNICITY (Esri data)

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).



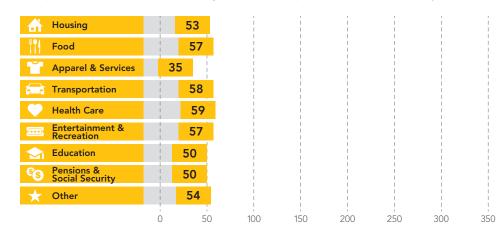
INCOME AND NET WORTH

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.



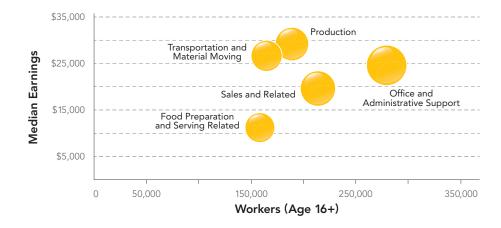
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET INDEX

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)

- Small Town Simplicity features a semirural lifestyle, complete with trucks (domestic, of course), ATVs, and vegetable gardens.
- Hunting, fishing, and target shooting are favorite pastimes.
- A large senior population visit doctors and health practitioners regularly.
- However, a largely single population favors convenience over cooking—frozen meals and fast food.
- Home improvement is not a priority, but vehicle maintenance is.

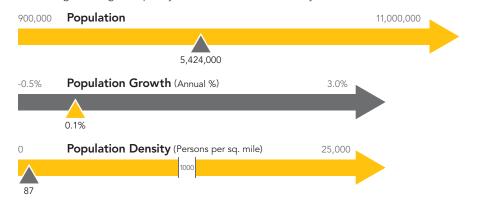
HOUSING

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.



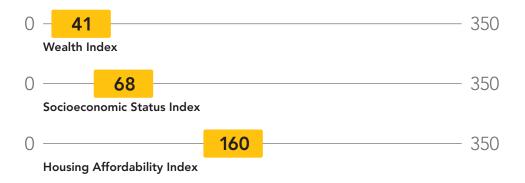
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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.



ESRI INDEXES

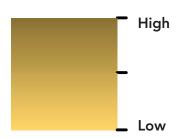
Esri developed three indexes to display average household wealth, socioeconomic status, and housing affordability for the market relative to US standards.





SEGMENT DENSITY

This map illustrates the density and distribution of the *Small Town Simplicity* Tapestry Segment by households.







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