

Tapestry™ Segmentation

Esri's **Tapestry™ Segmentation** system divides U.S. residential areas into 65 distinctive segments based on socioeconomic and demographic characteristics to provide an accurate, detailed description of U.S. neighborhoods. **Tapestry Segmentation** can help you to identify your best markets, find the most profitable consumer types, tailor marketing messages to fit your audience, and define product and service preferences. Here's a brief description of a Tapestry segment.

07—Exurbanites

Segment Code—07
Segment Name—Exurbanites

LifeMode Summary Group—L1 High Society
Urbanization Summary Group—U7 Suburban Periphery I



Demographic

Exurbanites residents prefer an affluent lifestyle in open spaces beyond the urban fringe. Although 40 percent are empty nesters, another 32 percent are married couples with children still living at home. Half of the householders are aged between 45 and 64 years. They may be part of the “sandwich generation,” because their median age of 47.0 years places them directly between paying for children’s college expenses and caring for elderly parents. There is little ethnic diversity; most residents are white.

Socioeconomic

Approximately half work in substantive professional or management positions. These residents are educated; more than 40 percent of the population aged 25 years and older hold a bachelor’s or graduate degree; approximately three in four have attended college. The median household income is \$87,531. More than 20 percent earn retirement income; another 57 percent receive additional income from investments.

Residential

Although *Exurbanites* neighborhoods are growing by 0.63 percent annually, they are not the newest areas. Recent construction comprises only 22 percent of the housing. Seventy percent of the housing units were built after 1969. Most are single-family homes. The median home value is \$265,159. Nearly 80 percent of households own at least two vehicles. Their average commute time to work is comparable to the U.S. average.

Preferences

Because of their lifestage, *Exurbanites* residents focus on financial security. They consult with financial planners; have IRA accounts; own shares in money market funds, mutual funds, and tax-exempt funds; own common stock; and track their investments online. Between long-term care insurance and substantial life insurance policies, they are well insured. Many have home equity lines of credit.

To improve their properties, *Exurbanites* residents work on their homes, lawns, and gardens. They buy lawn and garden care products, shrubs, and plants. They will tackle some home improvements, but hire contractors for more complicated projects.

They are very physically active; they lift weights, practice yoga, and jog to stay fit. They also go boating, hiking, and kayaking; play Frisbee; take photos; and go bird watching. When vacationing in the U.S., they hike, downhill ski, play golf, attend live theater, and see the sights. This is the top market for watching college basketball and professional football games. They listen to public and news/talk radio and contribute to PBS. They participate in civic activities, serve on committees of local organizations, address public meetings, and help with fundraising. Many are members of charitable organizations.

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