

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.

25—Salt of the Earth



Segment Code—25

Segment Name—Salt of the Earth

LifeMode Summary Group—L11 Factories and Farms

Urbanization Summary Group—U10 Rural I

Demographic

Sixty-five percent of *Salt of the Earth* households are married couples with and without children. Twenty percent of the households are singles who live alone. The average household size of 2.6 people matches the US figure; the average family size of three is below the US value. The median age is 41.8 years. These neighborhoods are the least diverse of the Tapestry segments.

Socioeconomic

Although these residents are older, the labor participation rate is higher than that of the US, and the unemployment rate of 9.6 percent is lower. They work in professional and managerial positions and unskilled labor jobs. Higher than average proportions work in skilled labor occupations. Approximately 20 percent of the workers are employed in the manufacturing sector. The median household income of \$50,406 is slightly lower than the US figure. At higher than national rates, residents supplement their wages with income from interest, dividends, rental properties, self-employment businesses, retirement plans, and Social Security benefits. The median net worth is \$104,721. Forty-one percent of the residents aged 25 years and older have attended college; 15 percent have earned a bachelor's or graduate degree.

Residential

Although these neighborhoods are found in rural areas across the United States, nearly half are in the Midwest, with concentrations in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. The other half are in the South and Northeast. Eighty-four percent of the residents own their homes; the median home value is \$124,189. Most of the housing is single family; 12 percent are mobile homes. Twenty-two percent of the homes were built before 1940.

Preferences

Salt of the Earth residents are settled, traditional, and hardworking. Independent and self-reliant, they tackle small home improvement and remodeling projects. They spend money and time on their flower and vegetable gardens and own the necessary tools to handle these chores successfully. Twenty-eight percent of the households own three or more vehicles including a truck; many own a motorcycle. One of Tapestry Segmentation's top segments for owning or leasing multiple vehicles, these residents prefer domestic vehicles and do their own maintenance. Most of them carry insurance policies to protect themselves and their families. They invest in annuities, certificates of deposit, and US savings bonds. Many families own two or more pets, either dogs or cats.

They eat out at family restaurants such as Bob Evans Farms or Cracker Barrel. Satisfying their sweet tooth, they often bake goodies at home. They go fishing, hunting, target shooting, and boating and work out on indoor exercise equipment such as stationary bikes and treadmills. They read fishing and hunting magazines. They listen to country music radio and follow NASCAR racing. Many households own a satellite dish so they can watch CMT and the Speed Channel. Favorite TV programs include auto racing, horse racing, truck and tractor pulls/mud racing, and weekly sitcoms.

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