# **13D**<sup>LifeMode Group: Next Wave</sup> Fresh Ambitions

US 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 are not highly educated, but many have overcome the language barrier and earned a high school diploma. They work overtime in service, in skilled and unskilled occupations, and spend what little they can save on their children. Multigenerational families and close ties to their culture support many families living in poverty; income is often supplemented with public assistance and Social Security. Residents spend more than one-third of their income on rent, though they can only afford to live in older row houses or multiunit buildings. They budget wisely not only to make ends meet but also to save for a trip back home.

#### **OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

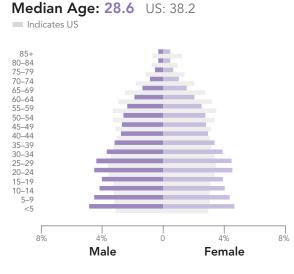
- Resides in mostly row houses or 2–4 unit buildings; many were built before 1950, located in major urban cities.
- They predominantly rent; average gross rent is a little below the US average.
- Most households have at least one vehicle, and commuters drive alone to work. Walking to work or taking public 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 a large family on little income. Fresh Ambitions residents live on the edge of poverty but are an ambitious community. They will take on overtime work when they can.
- Unemployment is high for these recent immigrants.
- One in three has overcome the language barrier and earned a high school diploma.
- Price-conscious consumers, they budget for fashion, not branding. However, parents are happy to spoil their brand savvy children.
- These residents maintain close ties to their culture; they save money to visit family, but seek out discount fares over convenience.

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#### AGE BY SEX (Esri data)

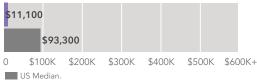


### INCOME AND NET WORTH

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



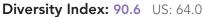


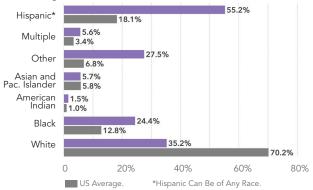
### AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET INDEX

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.

### RACE AND ETHNICITY (Esri data)

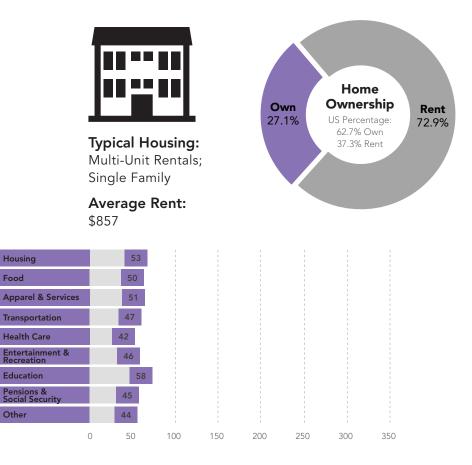
The Diversity Index summarizes racial and ethnic diversity. The index shows the likelihood that two persons, chosen at random from the same area, belong to different race or ethnic groups. The index ranges from 0 (no diversity) to 100 (complete diversity).





## 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.



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#### **Market Profile**

- 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.
- When their budget permits, they wire money back home. Half of all residents have owned or used a credit or debit card within the past year. And, roughly a third maintain a savings account.

#### **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.

