# 9E <br> LifeMode Group: Senior Styles Social Security Set 

US Households: 1,001,400
Average Household Size: 1.73

Median Age: 45.6
Median Household Income: \$17,900

## WHO ARE WE?

Social Security Set is an older market located in metropolitan cities across the country. One-fourth of householders here are aged 65 or older and dependent on low, fixed incomes, primarily Social Security. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, early retirement is now a dream for many approaching the retirement age; wages and salary income in this market are still earned. Residents live alone in low-rent, high-rise buildings, located in or close to business districts that attract heavy daytime traffic. But they enjoy the hustle and bustle of life in the heart of the city, with the added benefit of access to hospitals, community centers, and public transportation.

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Most residents live alone in this older market; $13 \%$ of householders are aged 75 and older; another $13 \%$ are 65 to 74 years old.
- Multiunit rental properties with affordable rents are predominant (Index 63).
- Located in higher-density, high-traffic areas of metropolitan cities with good access to public transportation, vehicle ownership is low.


## SOCIOECONOMIC TRAITS

- These aging consumers rely mostly on Social Security income but also depend on Supplemental Security Income and public assistance.
- Wages and salary income are still earned by almost half of all households.
- With fixed incomes, consumers remain price sensitive.
- A trusted source of information, TV is an important part of their lives.
- An aging population that is often limited by medical conditions, they are willing to try advanced medication but rely on their physicians for recommendations.
- Rather than eat out, Social Security Set residents prefer to have their meals at home, whether they order takeout or warm up a frozen dinner. To save money, many frequently cook their own meals.


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## AGE BY SEX ${ }_{\text {Esididate }}$

Median Age: 45.6 US: 38.2

- Indicates US



## 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



## Median Net Worth



## RACE AND ETHNICITY (Esid 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).
Diversity Index: 75.7 US: 64.0


## 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.


Typical Housing:
Multi-Unit Rentals

## Average Rent: \$658



US Average: \$1,038

## 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.



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## Market Profile

- With limited resources, spending on entertainment is restricted. To pass the time, residents have basic cable television. Daytime news, documentaries, and sport shows are popular. Activities outside the house are also limited, but bingo at the local community center is a favorite. When the TV is off, the radio is on; residents aren't picky about the radio station, but do enjoy the companionship.
- Risk-averse consumers in Social Security Set prefer to pay their bills in person, usually with cash. Some residents don't have a checking account, although one in three maintain a savings account for their small savings.
- Technology is a bear for these consumers. They steer away from cell phones, computers, and digital cameras.
- Many residents are dependent on Medicare and Medicaid for health care expenses.
- They don't eat out often, but KFC and McDonald's are their restaurants of choice.


## 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.


