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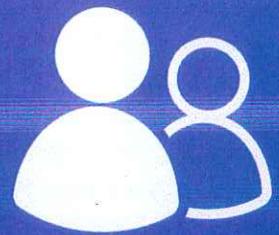
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*Please see reverse for a detailed list of the data products available in the tool.*



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2012 County Business Patterns

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2012 Nonemployer Statistics

- Number of nonemployer establishments; total revenue.

2012 Economic Census

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Key Ratios

- Employment per business; payroll per employee; population per business; revenue per business

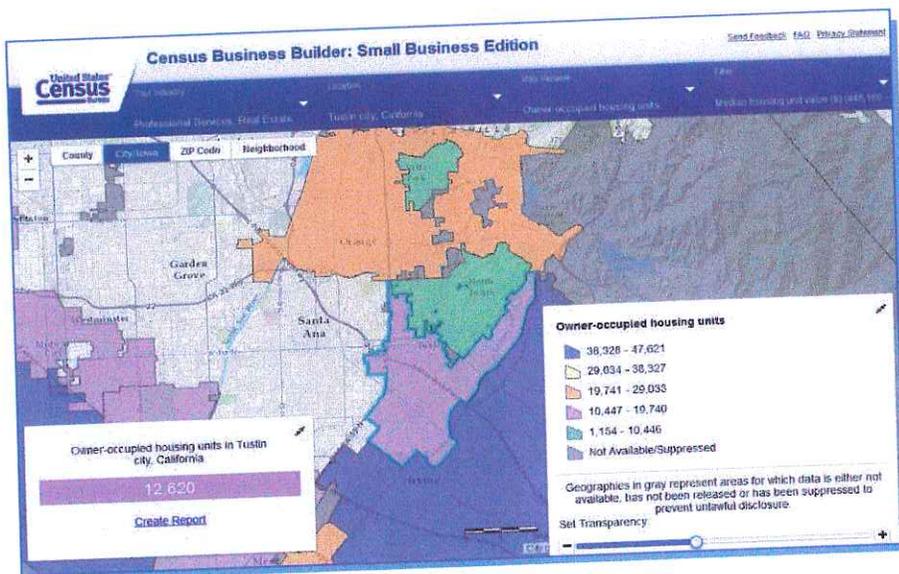
## Esri

2015 Consumer Spending Data

- Spending on dining out; entertainment/recreation; financial services; health care; household services, housing, personal care, transportation, and travel.

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Helping small business owners find their place in the world

Coming this  
summer!

In mid 2015, the Census Bureau will be releasing a tool to help small business owners get data for the type of business they want to open.

## 3 Easy Steps

- 1 Choose the type of business you are interested in opening and a location to start your search.

1 What type of business do you want to start? 2 Where do you plan to open the business?

3 Start analyzing

Click the icon below to view a map of the United States for the information about your business. You will also see a list of nearby businesses.

Take me to the map

The screenshot shows a grid of business categories: Construction (wrench and hammer), Food Services (fork and knife), Healthcare (heart with pulse line), Personal Services (person icon), Professional Services (briefcase), and Retail (shopping cart). There are also search filters for 'or' and 'and'.

- 2 Select from economic and demographic data to view in a thematic map to help identify the best location for your business.

My Potential Customers Other Businesses Like Mine Consumer spending

Show:  Employers  Nonemployers  Key Ratios

Average employment per employer establishment

Average payroll per employee (of employer establishments) (\$1,000)

Population per employer establishment

Select Variable Cancel

The screenshot shows a dialog box with three tabs: 'My Potential Customers', 'Other Businesses Like Mine', and 'Consumer spending'. Under 'Show', there are three radio buttons: 'Employers', 'Nonemployers', and 'Key Ratios' (which is selected). Below are four variable options: 'Average employment per employer establishment', 'Average payroll per employee (of employer establishments) (\$1,000)', and 'Population per employer establishment'. At the bottom are 'Select Variable' and 'Cancel' buttons.

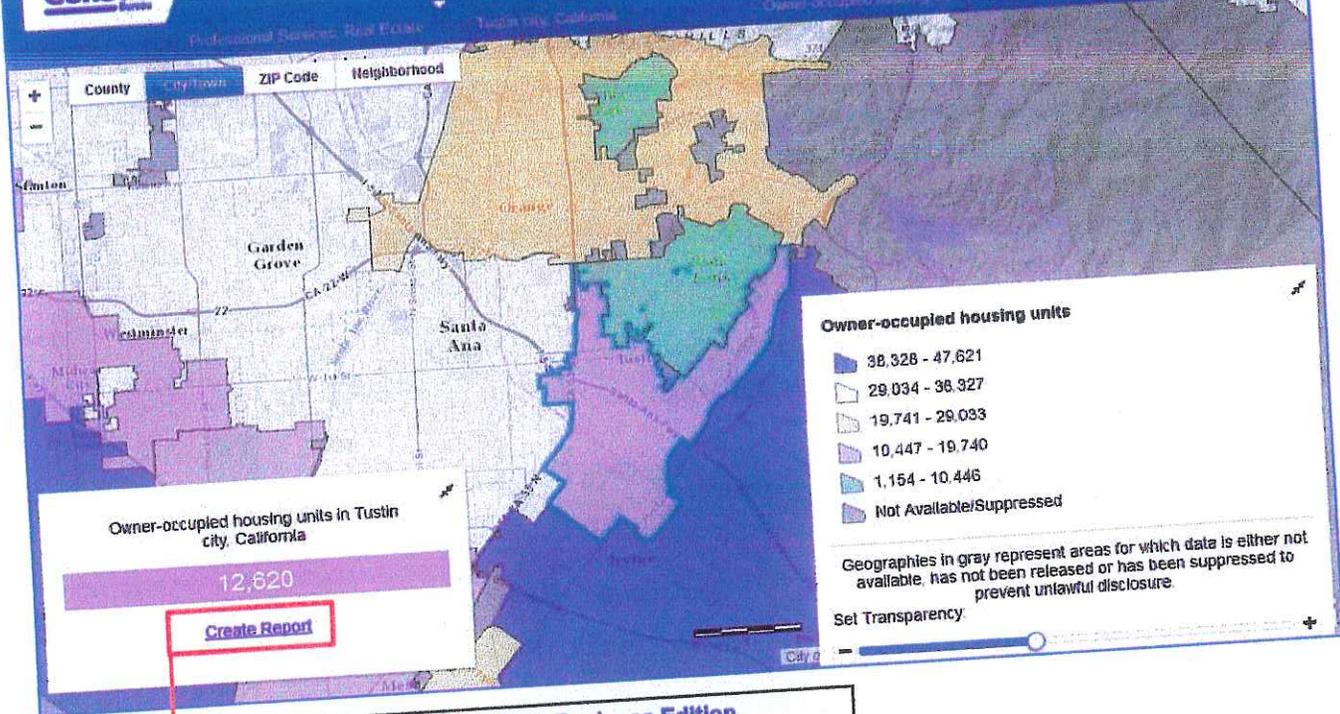
- 3 Click the map to view a Local Business Profile report for data on customers and competitors for your industry.

Example of report on back

"Census Business Builder" is a suite of services that provides selected demographic and economic data from the U.S. Census Bureau tailored to specific types of users in a simple to access and use format. This suite currently includes the *Small Business Edition* and a proposed *Chamber of Commerce Edition*, but will include other tailored editions in the future.

The *Small Business Edition* offers prospective business owners selected Census Bureau Statistics to guide their research into opening their new business. This version will feature:

- Easy to use, customer-focused, Census data and more, available for free to the public.
- Economic and demographic data viewable in a map, report, or table.
- Trend charts to identify changes over time for your industry or customer base.
- Ability to compare data to neighboring counties, and comparisons to state and national averages.
- Downloadable and printable business reports with county-level information, dynamically generated from Census Bureau data.



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Local Business Profile of Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers (NAICS 53121) in Tustin city, California

Who are my Potential Customers?

**Demographic Characteristics**

Total population: **75,712**  
 Population 18 and over (%): **73%**  
 Population 65 years old and over (%): **8%**

**Race Breakout**

White: **40,505**  
 Black: **1,927**  
 American Indian or Alaska Native: **371**  
 Asian: **15,845**  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: **360**  
 Some Other Race: **14,801**  
 Two or more Races: **1,903**  
 % Hispanic or Latino: **39.5%**

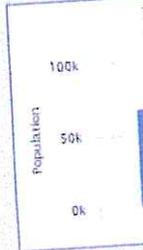
**Economic Characteristics**

The median household income: **\$74,011**  
 Population w/ high school degree or more (%): **83.1%**  
 Population w/ bachelor's degree or more (%): **38.9%**  
 Population in Poverty (%): **12.2%**  
 Employment rate (%): **66.8%**  
 Population 16 or over in labor force (%): **73.3%**

**Housing Characteristics**

Owner-occupied housing units: **12,620**  
 Renter-occupied housing units: **12,097**  
 Single-family detached housing units: **9,263**  
 Home ownership rate (%): **51.1%**  
 Gross vacancy rate (%): **5.4%**  
 Median value of housing units: **\$509,700**  
 Median monthly cost: **\$2,430**  
 Median gross rent: **\$1,489**

What About Other Businesses Like Mine?



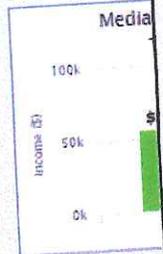
**Employer Businesses**

**2012**

Number of Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers: **37**  
 Total employment: **58**  
 Total annual payroll: **\$3.2M**  
 Total receipts: **\$26.4M**

Average annual payroll per employee: **\$54,345**  
 Receipts per business: **\$714,757**  
 Receipts per employee: **\$455,966**

Source: **2012 Economic Census**



**2007**

Number of Offices of Real Estate Agents and Brokers: **61**  
 Total employment: **448**  
 Total annual payroll: **\$9.5M**  
 Total receipts: **\$53.7M**

Average annual payroll per employee: **\$21,179**  
 Receipts per business: **\$880,689**  
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**Nonemployer Businesses**

(Information on Nonemployer Businesses is not available at the Place level)

## Fact Sheet

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