# Retail Market Analysis Chapel Hill, North Carolina 

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Town of Chapel Hill, NC


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## Methodology



Residents versus Employees in the Trade Area
To accurately assess retail shopping behavior, Claritas not only analyzed the residents in the trade area, but also those that work there since they also make significant contributions to store sales based on purchases made during their lunch hour or driving to and from the workplace. Within this study's market area, the total population is $47 \%$ residential and $53 \%$ employees that work in the area.

## Methodology

Claritas' Retail Market Power ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ (RMP) database was utilized to provide an actionable portrait of sales opportunity within the Town of Chapel Hill area. The database identifies retail supply and demand data for over 64 retail categories.

Sources for this analysis are Census of Retail Trade, annual survey of retail Trade,
Claritas Business Facts, Census of Employment and Wages, State sales tax reports, and trade associations.

## Project Methodology Overview:

The comprehensive study identified and ranked retailers and restaurants for the Town of Chapel Hill to target using analysis tools and proprietary databases that have been in development by Claritas for over three decades. The study narrowed the retailers to only those that offer the greatest fit and opportunity for success within Chapel Hill.

Part 1. Receptivity of Residents and Labor Force to Retailers

- Urbanicity
- Resident socio-economic status
- Lifestyle characteristics
- Shopping Behavior and Preferences
- Retailer Characteristics
- Fit of Retailers to Residents/Labor Force

Part 2. Retail Gap

- Gap Potential

- Demand by Category
- Supply by Category

Part 3. Business Saturation

- Existing retailers and restaurants
- Comparison of saturation level to similar sized cities within the U.S.



## Retail Market Analysis PRIZM Lifestyle Segments



## Retail Market Analysis <br> PRIZM Households Segments

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## PRIZM Households

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08. Executive Suites - Executive Suites consists of upper-middle-class singles and typically living just beyond the nation's beltways. Filled with significant numbers of Asian Americans and college graduates-both groups are represented at more than twice the national average-this segment is a haven for white-collar professionals drawn to comfortable homes and apartments within a manageable commute to downtown jobs, restaurants and entertainment.

35. Boomtown Singles - Affordable housing, abundant entry-level jobs and a thriving singles scene-all have given rise to the Boomtown Singles segment in fastgrowing satellite cities. Young, single and working-class, these residents pursue active lifestyles amid sprawling apartment complexes, bars, convenience stores and Laundromats.

등47. City Startups - In City Startups, young, multi-ethnic singles have settled in neighborhoods filled with cheap apartments and a commercial base of cafés, bars, laundromats and clubs that cater to twenty-somethings. One of the youngest segments in America-with ten times as many college students as the national average-these neighborhoods feature low incomes and high concentrations of Hispanics and AfricanAmericans.

## Retail Market Analysis PRIZM Households Segments

Daytime Pop by PRIZM Segments
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## Daytime PRIZM

B11. God's Country - When city dwellers and suburbanites began moving to the country in the 1970s, God's Country emerged as the most affluent of the nation's exurban lifestyles. Today, wealthier communities exist in the hinterlands, but God's Country remains a haven for upperincome couples in spacious homes. Typically college-educated Baby Boomers, these Americans try to maintain a balanced lifestyle between high-power jobs and laid-back leisure.

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## Retail Market

| Retail Category |  | Opportunity |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Demand | 5yr Demand | Supply | Gap | \% Potential |
| Department Stores excluding leased depts. | \$52,936,062 | \$63,955,544 | S6,041,238 | \$46,894,824 | 88.59\% |
| Automotive Dealers | \$141,465,676 | \$177,994,755 | \$97,882,306 | \$43,583,370 | 30.81\% |
| Electronic Shopping, Mail-Order Houses | \$46,252,569 | \$56,792,081 | \$4,222,518 | \$42,030,051 | 90.87\% |
| Other General Merchandise Stores | \$53,270,837 | \$64,205,436 | \$11,408,093 | \$41,862,744 | 78.58\% |
| Warehouse Clubs and Super Stores | \$45,279,803 | \$54,460,719 | \$9,775,040 | \$35,504,763 | 78.41\% |
| Clothing Stores | \$36,396,627 | \$42,009,314 | \$18,469,256 | \$17,927,371 | 49.26\% |
| Other Gasoline Stations | \$19,396,656 | \$26,382.144 | \$8,128.366 | \$11.268.290 | 58.09\% |
| Other Motor Vehicle Dealers | \$10,842,221 | \$13,702.709 | \$0 | \$10,842.221 | 100.00\% |
| Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores | \$58,792,224 | \$77,859,776 | \$50,218,065 | \$8,574,159 | 14.58\% |
| Electronics Stores | \$17,351,999 | \$20,784,877 | \$9,044,242 | \$8,307,757 | 47.88\% |
| Home Furnishing Stores | \$10,513,608 | \$12,773,560 | \$3,144,399 | \$7,369,209 | 70.09\% |
| Women's Clothing Stores | \$10,461,294 | \$12,030,575 | \$3,505,268 | \$6,956,026 | 66.49\% |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, \& Musical Instrument |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stores | \$13,305,866 | \$16,452,250 | \$6,768,806 | \$6,537,060 | 49.13\% |
| All Other General Merchandise Stores | \$7,991,034 | \$9,744,717 | \$1,633,053 | \$6,357,981 | 79.56\% |
| Family Clothing Stores | \$18,981,303 | \$21,932,007 | \$13,209,409 | \$5,771,894 | 30.41\% |
| Book, Periodical, \& Music Stores | \$10,842,932 | \$12,623,429 | \$5,503,636 | \$5,339,296 | 49.24\% |
| Automotive Parts, Accessories, \& Tire Stores | \$12,401,498 | \$13,720,521 | \$7,695,549 | \$4,705,949 | 37.95\% |
| Shoe Stores | \$6,699,765 | \$7,426,284 | \$2,194,677 | \$4,505,088 | 67.24\% |
| Drinking Places - Alcoholic Beverages | \$4,387,938 | \$5,212,897 | \$842,813 | \$3,545,125 | 80.79\% |
| Computer and Software Stores | \$5,326,975 | \$6,576,850 | \$2,829,966 | \$2,497,009 | 46.87\% |
| Convenience Stores | \$4,027,442 | \$4,829,598 | \$1,624,174 | \$2,403,268 | 59.67\% |
| Pharmacies and Drua Stores | \$35,568,365 | \$50,764,272 | \$33,379,693 | \$2,188,672 | 6.15\% |
| Men's Clothing Stores | \$2,168,714 | \$2,449,262 | \$132,835 | \$2,035,879 | 93.87\% |
| Vending Machine Operators | \$2,033,380 | \$2,419,591 | \$0 | \$2,033,380 | 100.00\% |
| Beer, Wine, \& Liquor Stores | \$7,889;885 | \$10,029,283 | \$5,857,821 | \$2,032,064 | 25.76\% |

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Retail Market

| Retail Category | Demand | 5 yr Demand | Supply | Opportunity Gap | \% Potential |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other Clothing Stores | \$2,584,325 | \$2,960,197 | \$1,142,429 | \$1,441,896 | 55.79\% |
| Optical Goods Stores | \$1.388.528 | \$1,777,870 | \$0 | \$1,388,528 | 100.00\% |
| Office Supplies, Stationery, \& Gift Stores | \$10,009,352 | \$12,059,711 | \$9,074,882 | \$934,470 | 9.34\% |
| Children's and Infants' Clothing Stores | \$1,292,861 | \$1,564,047 | \$396,056 | \$896,805 | 69.37\% |
| Equipment Stores | \$883,531 | \$994,045 | \$0 | \$883,531 | 100.00\% |
| Clothing Accessories Stores | \$908,130 | \$1,073,226 | \$83,259 | \$824,871 | 90:83\% |
| Other Health and Personal Care Stores | \$2,622,624 | \$3,799,376 | \$2,184,729 | \$437,895 | 16.70\% |
| Used Merchandise Stores | \$2.427,908 | \$2,886,641 | \$2.606.691 | (\$178,783) | -7.36\% |
| Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies and Perfume Stores | \$1,482,895 | \$2,177,380 | \$1,727,649 | (\$244,754) | -16.51\% |
| Hardware Stores | \$5,655,850 | \$6,712,678 | \$6,013,165 | $(\$ 357,315)$ | -6.32\% |
| Jewelry, Luggage, \& Leather Goods Stores | \$7,608,845 | \$9,291,279 | \$8,041,313 | $(\$ 432,468)$ | -5.68\% |
| Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers | \$10,020,867 | \$12,117,144 | \$10,657,513 | $(\$ 636,646)$ | -6.35\% |
| Lawn and Garden Equipment and Supplies Stores | \$7,332,753 | \$8,400,431 | \$8,125,029 | $(\$ 792,276)$ | -10.80\% |
| Direct Selling Establishments | \$9,892,768 | \$11,835,914 | \$11,173,195 | (\$1,280,427) | -12.94\% |
| Florists | \$1,592,225 | \$1,907,624 | \$2,887,565 | $(\$ 1,295,340)$ | -81.35\% |
| Paint and Wallpaper Stores | \$2,002.088 | \$2,230,232 | \$3,770,001 | (\$1,767,913) | -88.30\% |
| Specialty Food Stores | \$2,596,269 | \$3,033,655 | \$4,605,839 | (\$2,009,570) | -77.40\% |
| Special Foodservices | \$7,226,780 | \$9,178,731 | \$9,533,931 | $(\$ 2,307,151)$ | -31.93\% |
| Furniture Stores | \$12,659,799 | \$15,970,635 | \$16,329,356 | $(\$ 3,669,557)$ | -28.99\% |
| Home Centers | \$26,149,791 | \$29,083,419 | \$42,093,069 | (\$15,943,278) | -60.97\% |
| Full-service Restaurants | \$41,427,808 | \$52,160.569 | \$65,349,941. | (\$23,922,133) | -57.74\% |
| Limited-service Eating Places | \$37,501,680 | \$47,804:897 | \$65,483,244 | (\$27,981,564) | -74.61\% |
| Other Building Materials Dealers | \$34,406, 129 | \$37,216,456 | \$87,787,739 | (\$53,381,610) | -155.15\% |
| Building Material \& Supply Dealers | \$68,213,858 | \$75,242,785 | \$139,663,974 | $(\$ 71,450,116)$ | -104.74\% |
| Grocery Stores | \$78,386,236 | \$93.792 557 | \$172,172,297 | (\$93,786,061) | -119.65\% |
| Supermarkets and Other Grocery Stores | \$74,358,794 | \$88,962,959 | \$170,548,123 | (\$96,189,329) | -429.36\% |
| TOTALS | \$1,085,217,367 | \$1,321,366,909 | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \$ 1,144,962,212 \\ \text { Growth } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (\$ 59,744,845) \\ 17.87 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Average 17\% |

## All analysis was completed using categorical SIC codes. Definitions can be found at:

 http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.htmlEXAMPLE Definition: 5311 Department Stores, Retail stores generally carrying a general line of apparel, such as suits, coats, dresses, and furnishings; home furnishings, such as furniture, floor coverings, curtains, draperies, linens, and major household appliances; and housewares, such as table and kitchen appliances, dishes, and utensils. These stores must carry men's and women's apparel and either major household appliances or other home furnishings. These and other merchandise lines are normally arranged in separate sections or departments with the accounting on a departmentalized basis. The departments and functions are integrated under a single management. The stores usually provide their own charge accounts, deliver merchandise, and maintain open stocks. These stores normally have 50 employees or more. Establishments which sell a similar range of merchandise with less than 50 employees are classified in Industry 5399. Establishments which do not carry these general lines of merchandise are classified according to their primary activity.

## Town of Chapel Hill Retail Sales Potential




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## Overall Retail Sales

\$1,085,217,367
\$1,321,366,909
31.13\%

Total Available Retail Sales 2009
17.87\% Growth (2014)

Estimated Current Market Gap *


* Based on market gap of $\$ 337,881,446$, does not include segments that exceed market potential


## Sales per square foot

Average sales per square foot nationally ranges between; -\$100 for locally owned (Under 5 years old) Up to

- $\$ 400$ for big box retailers

Based on those figures, let us use a conservative $\$ 200$ for the
 general average.

Potential SF Demand for retailers

| Retail Type | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Opportunity } \\ \hline \text { Gap } \end{array}$ | Square foot to meet demand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Department Stores excluding leased depts. | \$46,894,824 | 234,474 |
| Automotive Dealers | \$43,583,370 | 217,917 |
| Electronic Shopping, Mail-Order Houses | \$42,030,051 | 210,150 |
| Other General Merchandise Stores | \$41,862,744 | 209,314 |
| Warehouse Clubs and Super Stores | \$35,504,763 | 177,524 |
| Clothing Stores | \$17,927,371 | 89,637 |
| Other Gasoline Stations | \$11,268,290 | 56,341 |
| Other Motor Vehicle Dealers | \$10,842,221 | 54,211 |
| Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores | \$8,574 159 | 42.871 |
| Electronics Stores | \$8,307,757 | 41,539 |
| Home Furnishing Stores | \$7,369,209 | 36,846 |
| Women's Clothing Stores | \$6,956,026 | 34,780 |
| Sporting Goods, Hobby, \& Musical Instrument Stores | \$6,537,060 | 32,685 |
| All Other General Merchandise Stores | \$6,357,981 | 31,790 |



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| Book, Periodical, \& Music Stores | \$5,339,296 | 26,696 |
| Automotive Parts, Accessories, \& Tire Stores | \$4,705,949 | 23,530 |
| Shoe Stores | \$4,505,088 | 22,525 |
| Drinking Places -Alcoholic Beverages | \$3,545,125 | 17,726 |
| Computer and Software Stores | \$2,497,009 | 12,485 |
| Convenience Stores | \$2,403,268 | 12,016 |
| Pharmacies and Drug Stores | \$2,188,672 | 10,943 |
| Men's Clothing Stores | \$2,035,879 | 10,179 |
| Vending Machine Operators | \$2,033,380 | 10,167 |
| Beer, Wine, \& Liquor Stores | \$2,032,064 | 10,160 |
| Other Clothing Stores | \$1,441,896 | 7,209 |
| Optical Goods Stores | \$1,388,528 | 6,943 |
|  |  |  |
| Cumulative SF | 1,669,519 SF |  |
| * Based on an average of \$200 PSF sales |  |  |
| Square foot sales range from \$100-\$400 nationally |  |  |



## Conclusions \& Observations

- Over-saturated in the restaurant, building materials and grocery store categories.
- Tremendous growth potential in the retail industry in Chapel Hill overall ( $17 \%$ growth in the next 5 years). Conservatively, we have the opportunity for additional retail square feet to capture market share.
- Work to find creative ways to fill market gaps based existing demands.
- We have the ability to determine receptivity of market to retail categories.
- Potential growth in retail sales tax base.
- Need to follow through with a in-depth understanding of the retail market related to our tourism industry.


