

giving communities **THE EDGE** in market research

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research for emerging urban markets and communities

LISC MetroEdge combines innovative market research, quantitative analysis, and grassroots community engagement to correct misperceptions of urban markets, identify hidden assets, and help communities exercise more control over their economic futures. LISC MetroEdge is a product of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the nation's largest community development intermediary.

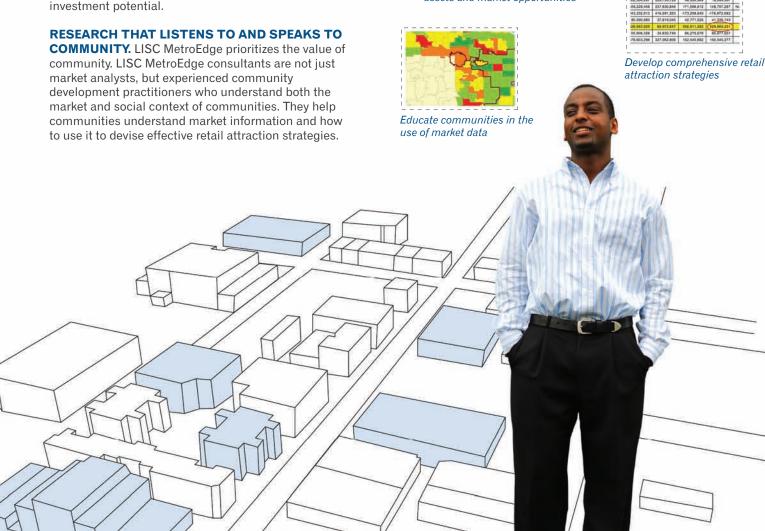


SOUND DATA + SOUND ADVICE

INTELLIGENCE FOR URBAN MARKETS. The

comprehensive urban metrics developed by LISC MetroEdge more accurately describe emerging markets, spotlight assets, and identify trends that community and government leaders can use to attract and grow businesses in their cities. Why is this important? Conventional market data often tells an incomplete story, resulting in missed opportunities and false perceptions about the development potential of urban markets. We help communities combat those perceptions and use information to highlight real investment potential.





METROEDGE TOOLS

RETAIL SCAN

Engaging Communities and Analyzing Markets

MetroEdge engages intensively with communities to define sound retail attraction goals. We help our clients interpret local and national market data and use it to develop a story that differentiates their community from the typical demographic story often told by national data alone. By giving our clients the tools to tell their own story, MetroEdge helps communities influence, plan for and realize positive commercial development activity in their markets.

CITY-WIDE MARKET PROFILES

Concrete Tools to Market Your Neighborhood Now

Since 2002, MetroEdge has provided the City of Chicago with neighborhood profiles for each of its 77 neighborhoods. These 2-3 page profiles are the underpinning of the City's nationally-recognized 'Retail Chicago' program.

The City-Wide Market Profile is an invaluable tool to devise strategic, city-wide retail attraction efforts as well as to showcase your community's assets and profit-making potential with retailers, brokers and developers.

CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS

Products Customized to Address Unique Challenges

Let us show you how to combine sound data with solid advice to help your community realize its own commercial development vision.

SOUND ACTION

MetroEdge believes that the most successful commercial development strategies begin with information-based action plans that can be implemented with the resources readily available to the community. Our work includes a clear focus on community planning and readiness that identifies opportunities for real action through a combination of demographic information and community visioning.

INFORMATION-LED DEVELOPMENT

- Combining nationally recognized MetroEdge metrics such as concentrated buying power and adjusted float with data on new homeowners or investment activity to paint a more accurate representation of a neighborhood's development opportunities
- Using information to engage and educate community leaders to develop critical buy-in and commitment
- Helping communities develop and command their own commercial development vision by putting the power of information at their fingertips
- Providing concrete, market-based implementation strategies that improve the investment climate to assure successful retail attraction and commercial development

OUR WORK DOES NOT END WITH RESEARCH

LISC MetroEdge is backed by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). LISC transforms communities by mobilizing corporate, government and philanthropic support to provide grants, loans, equity investments; local, statewide and national policy support; and technical and management assistance. LISC's Commercial Markets Advisory Service (CMAS) provides additional targeted supplementary assistance to sites within the LISC network as they advance their commercial development goals.