Retail Strategy for the City of Cambridge

Market Analysis

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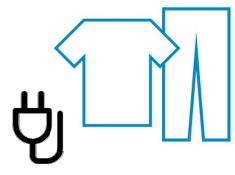
Changes in Consumer Habits

Growth of e-commerce and online tools are leading consumers to merge online and offline into a single shopping experience.



E-Commerce in the US reached nearly **\$395 billion in 2016**. However, this only accounts for **11.7% of total retail sales**.

Online sales affect retail categories differently



Computer and Electronics and apparel and accessories accounted for 45% of ecommerce sales.

Most retail sales in the US are influenced by digital tools



78% of shoppers research online before heading to a store. At the same time, 72% of shoppers buy digitally after seeing a product in a store.

Changes in Consumer Habits

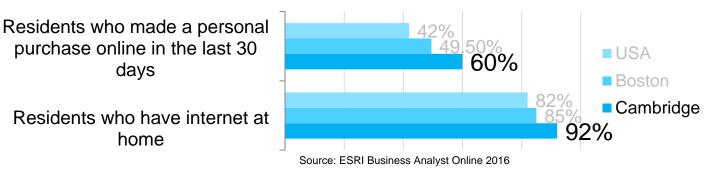
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In Cambridge:



A Cambridge business manager revealed that last year

over 50% of his total sales were made online





In an interview with a local business in Cambridge, the owner revealed having **spikes in visitation and sales after posting new products on Instagram**

Changes in Consumer Habits

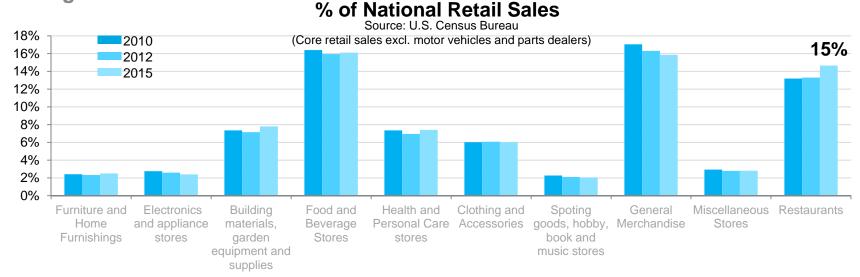
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- Online retailers are also opening bricks-and-mortar so they can fulfill orders at different localities
- Retailers are using their stores as fulfillment centers
 - E.g. Target opening in Central Square will feature a separate entrance for online order pick ups
- Larger retailers are right-sizing and occupying smaller footprints that can be accommodated in downtown retail spaces

Online Retailer	Current no. of <i>bricks - and -mortar</i> locations
Amazon	10
Warby Parker	50
Bonobos	30



The industry is facing fundamental and cross-generational shifts in consumer dining habits



Restaurants make up 15% of all retail sales.

Restaurant sales growth has surpassed all other retail categories since the recession, +19% between 2012 and 2015.

Prepared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

Expenditure data shows that U.S. consumers have started spending more on dining in restaurants and meals outside the home (+5%) than on buying groceries and eating in (0%)*

8 in 10 consumers say **dining out with family and friends is a better use of their leisure time** than cooking and cleaning up**

Changes in Consumer Habits

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In Cambridge:

Restaurants are the **largest retail category citywide by number of businesses** (38% of total retail businesses). Total sales from food services and drinking places in 2016 was **\$404,153,691*** with a **\$133 million surplus*** confirming that **Cambridge is already a dining destination**.

Restaurants are the main retail anchors in Inman and Kendall Square and provide key complementing anchor functions in Harvard and Central Square.

*Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online 2016 Prepared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

Changes in Consumer Habits

Consumers are spending less on products and more on experiences and servicebased retail

Experience-related purchases (travel, sports events, shows) were the top spending category for consumers in the 2016 holiday season.* US 2016 Census shows a decrease in total sales in the past year for retail categories including department stores (-5.6%), electronics and appliances (-3.2%), general merchandise (-1%) and clothing & accessories.



Source: Business Insider

Changes in Consumer Habits

Consumers are spending less on products and more on experiences and servicebased retail

Service-based retail involve inperson interactions and thus can be best transacted at physical locations, for example:

Overall State of Retail

- Restaurants
- Cinemas
- Theaters
- Personal services
- Health and fitness facilities
- Art studios, galleries and stores

Traditional retailers are also adapting store formats to personalize services and offer hands-on, memorable experiences:

Retailer	Experience
Home improvement stores	DIY home décor classes
Electronics and appliance stores	Cooking classes, model kitchens
Sporting goods stores	Rock climbing walls, equipment testing, yoga classes
Café, restaurants	Social gatherings, outdoor dining*

Changes in Consumer Habits

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In Cambridge:

Overall net retail establishments declined by approximately 15% from 2001 to 2015. Electronics & Appliance stores and Sporting goods/hobby/book/music stores accounted for ~70% of overall losses**.

Meanwhile, **sales have improved in experience-based categories** such as food and beverage, services, and entertainment retail*.

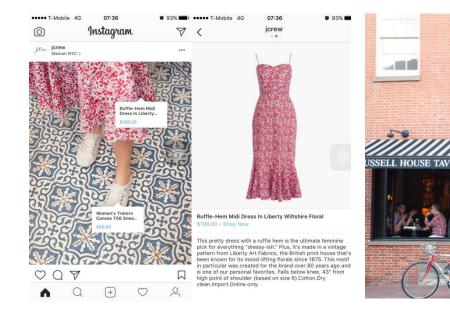
An increasing number of stores are offering more **in-store events** and a number of restaurants are seeking to expand and **enhance their dining experience** by **adding rooftop dining**.



Harvard Book Store holds between 350-450 author readings annually to drive business to the store.

Meanwhile, Schoenhof's Foreign Books closed its physical store and sells online.

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City- Wide Analysis

Physical

Accessibility is unequal among the City's districts and May require different parking requirements

	Harvard Square	Central Square	Kendall Square	Inman Square	Fresh Pond/ Alewife	East Cambri dge	Porter Square/ Lower Mass	North/ Upper Mass	Huron Village
Traffic Count	16,079 *	13,566*	19,900*	16,880*	44,938**	7,268**	21,188***	6,000***	N/A
Walk Score™	98	97	88	93	78	93	94	91	80
Bike Score™	98	99	99	88	93	88	78	83	93
Transit Score ™	81	72 e – year 2012-2013	75	70	64	83	73	70	64

** Traffic counts from City of Cambridge – year 2012-2013

*** Traffic counts from City of Cambridge – year 2009-2010

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online and WalkScore TM

Less multi-modal districts

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L1 Ask Cambridge about Upper Mass traffic count LOrtiz, 4/4/2017

Demographics

	2010	2016	2021	
Total Population	105,162	110,562	115,640 1	Population is growing steadily and will
Population Density	15,766/ sq mile	16,576/ sq mile	17,337/ sq mile	become more densely populated.
Median Age	30.3	31.3	31.6	Slightly aging population.
Population aged 20-34	44.5%	42.8%	42.9%	Millennials make up the greatest portion of the population although they are decreasing in numbers.
Source: ESRI Business A	nalyst Online 2016			

Family
Households
46.80%Non-Family
Households
36.90%Non-Institutional
Group Quarters
16.00%
e.g. college dorms,
group homes,
missions or shelters.

The Census Bureau classifies all people not living in housing units (house, apartment, mobile home, rented rooms) as living in group quarters.

Demographics

	2010	2016	2021	
Median Household Income	\$64,790	\$74,196	\$82,030 1	MHI is projected to continually increase.
Households with income <\$25,000	24.5%	20.5%	20.4%	However, there remains a consistent proportion of low income population .
White population	66.6%	61.1%	56.6% 🚶	
Black population	11.7%	12.8%	13.8% 🚺	The overall population of the City is diversifying with the Hispanic population as the fastest growing ethnic group,
Asian population	15.1%	18.3%	20.9%	followed by the Asian population.
Hispanic population	7.6%	9.3%	10.9% 📋	

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online 2016

Demographics

2016	Cambridge	Massachusetts	USA	
Percentage of households that own/ lease any vehicle	69%	83%	86%	The City reflects typical car and home ownership trends of urban areas: Lower car ownership and
Renter-occupied housing	67.75%	39.35%	37.24%	higher renter-occupied housing units than state and national levels

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online 2016



Citywide Analysis Market Data +

Source: ESRI Business Analyst Online

Demographics

32.0%

Metro Renters

Prepar

MHI: \$52,000 Well-educated/ still enrolled in college Interested in fine arts Well-informed customers Prefer environmentally - safe

Laptops & Lattes

MHI: \$93,000 Health-conscious consumers Environmentallyconscious Image-conscious Tech-savvy

Trendsetters

MHI: \$51,000 Young, educated, single Image/ styleconscious Upscale living Attentive to health + nutrition Enjoy good deals MHI: \$98,000 Well educated and well-connected consumers Tech-savvy Maintain 'green' lifestyles and eat organic foods

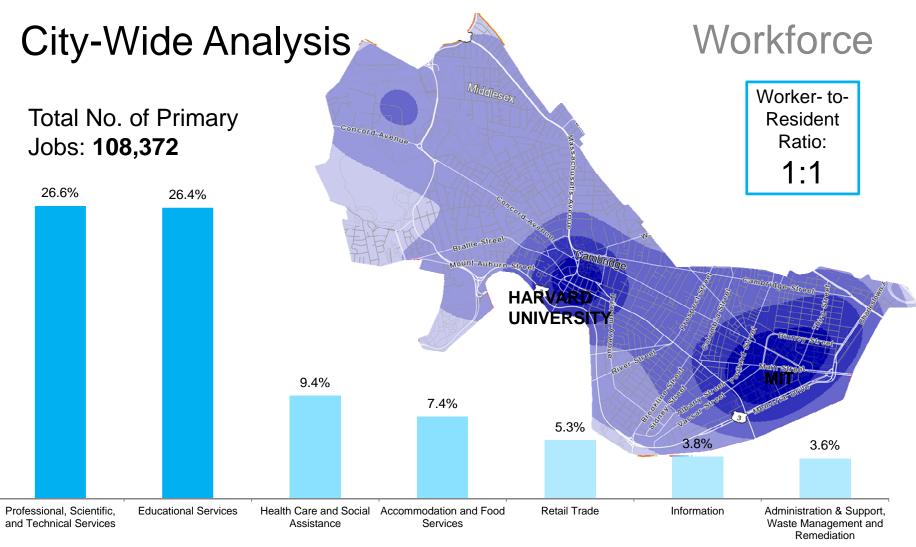
Urban Chic

4.0%

International Marketplace

3.0%

MHI: \$41,000 Young, diverse family market Mostly Hispanic Less educated Attentive to personal style

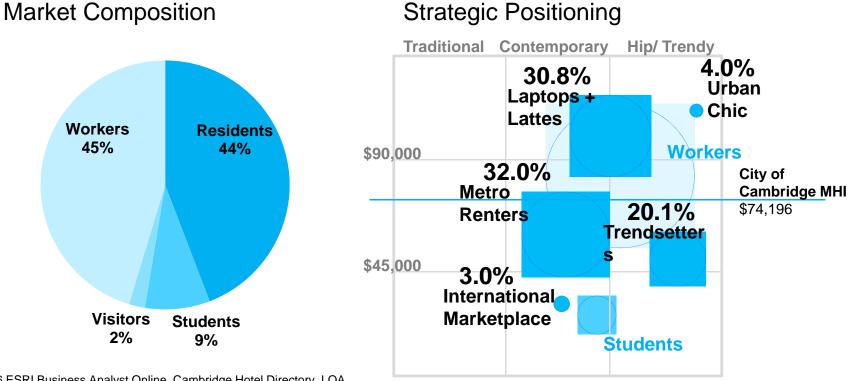


Prepared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA) Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (2nd Quarter of

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Citywide Analysis Market Data +

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Source: 2016 ESRI Business Analyst Online, Cambridge Hotel Directory, LOA Calculations arisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

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City- Wide Analysis

Retail Mix



Percentage of Total Number of Businesses

- Food Services and Drinking Places is the largest retail category followed by Health and Personal Care Stores.
- General Merchandise <1%

Source: City of Cambridge Business Data Prepared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

Business Environment

- Motor Vehicles, Parts Dealers & Gas Stations
- Furniture and Home FurnishingS
- Building Material, Garden Equipment & Supplies
- Electronics, Appliance & Telecommunications
- Food & Beverage
- Food Services and Drinking Places
- Health & Personal Care
- Clothing & Clothing Accessories
- Sporting Goods, Art, Books, Music and Hobby
- General Merchandise
- Miscellaneous Goods
- Used Merchandise
- Vacant

Note: Miscellaneous Goods refers to florists, office supplies, stationery and gift stores, used merchandise stores and others.

Food & Beverage refers to grocery stores, specialty food stores and beer/wine/liquor stores.

Retail Opportunity

General Merchandise Stores

\$215,609,392

+\$107,500,000

Grocery Stores

\$61.817.560

Top Leakage + Surplus Categories (residential)

General merchandise and grocers likely looking for opportunities.

Surplus suggests Cambridge is already a regional eating and drinking destination.

Building Materials, Garden Equipment & Supply \$60,654,980 **Opportunities lie in creating** Furniture & Home Furnishings environments that support existing \$28.903.437 Specialty Food Stores retailers. \$10.171.370 Food Services & Drinking Places - \$133,282,919 **Clothing & Clothing Accessories** - \$52.060.166 Health & Personal Care Stores - \$27,084,523 0 +\$53,750,000 -\$215,000,000 -\$107,500,000 -\$53,750,000

> Surplus Leakage

Source: LOA; ESRI Business Analyst Online

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City- Wide Analysis

Real Estate Landscape

Fresh Pond/Alewife

Business

Designed of the costs, average asking rents are comparable or less than nearby competitive districts.

Average asking rent* \$30 - \$60/SF	North/ Uppe					City of Cambridge
Huron Village/ Observatory Hill Average asking rent: \$28/SF Harvard Square Average asking rent: \$106/SF Central Square Average asking re	\$32/SF Por			e asking rent: Assembly Row Average asking rent:	Average asking rent per SF (excl. utilities +property taxes)	\$43
				\$50/SF uare king rent: East Cambridge	Median asking rent per SF	\$31
					Range of spaces available	500 - 6,300 SF
			L.	Average asking rent: \$26/SF	Average space size	2,549 SF
\$42/SF	A	(endall Sq Average ask 35/SF	-	nt:	Median space size	1,800 SF

Davis Square

Source: Costar and LoopNet February and March 2017; *HR&A 2016 Market Scan red by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

City- Wide Analysis Real Estate Landscape

Asking Rent Retail for Lease Cambridge, MA (\$/SF/Year)

2014

Cambridge City

Middlesex County

Suffolk County

2015

Metro

State

2016

Source: LoopNet 2017 Prepared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)

\$35.00-

\$30.00-

\$25.00-

\$20.00-

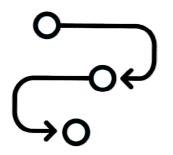
\$15.00

Business Environment

	Jun 16 i	vs. 3 mo. prior Y-O-Y
= State	\$15.77	-0.8% -4.2%
- Metro	\$17.18	-2.0% -6.5%
- County	\$19.45	+0.8% -0.6%
- City	\$33.84	0.0% 0.0%

The average asking rental rate per SF for Retail Commercial properties as of June 2016 was \$33.84. Rental rates remained unchanged compared to the prior 3 months, with no change yearon-year.

Permitting process is onerous



Described by many business owners as **long** and **uncertain**.

Zoning and Table of Uses do not reflect new business dynamics

Special permit requirement/ variances for 'fast food' establishments is a hurdle to entry for new local businesses (food to go options) and other regulations constrain experience-based retail. Parking requirements ignore impacts of weather, special needs groups and business needs

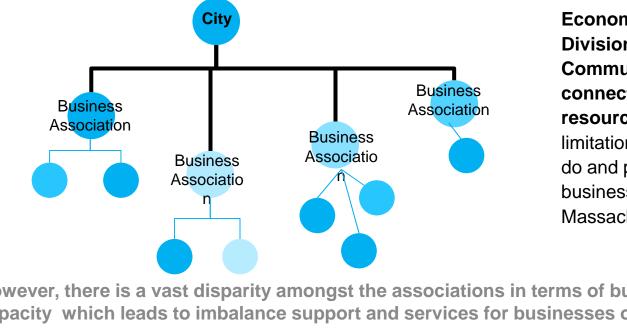
Structural Challenges



Walking and biking is less conducive to **extreme weather conditions** and to the **needs of seniors and people with disabilities**. Parking requirements **disregards the needs of employees** who do not live in transit accessible places.

Administrative Capacity

Cambridge has a large number of neighborhood and business associations that deliver key services to businesses and commercial districts and provide key links between the City and businesses.



Economic Development Division of Department of Community Development connects businesses to resources but has limitations on what they can do and provide directly to businesses due to Massachusetts State laws.

However, there is a vast disparity amongst the associations in terms of budget and operating capacity which leads to imbalance support and services for businesses of various districts.



District- Level Analysis

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District Categories

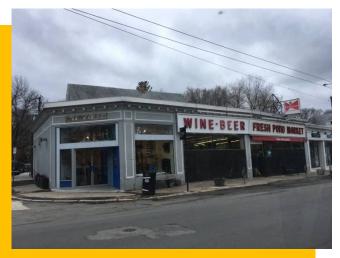
Regional/ Specialty Commercial District

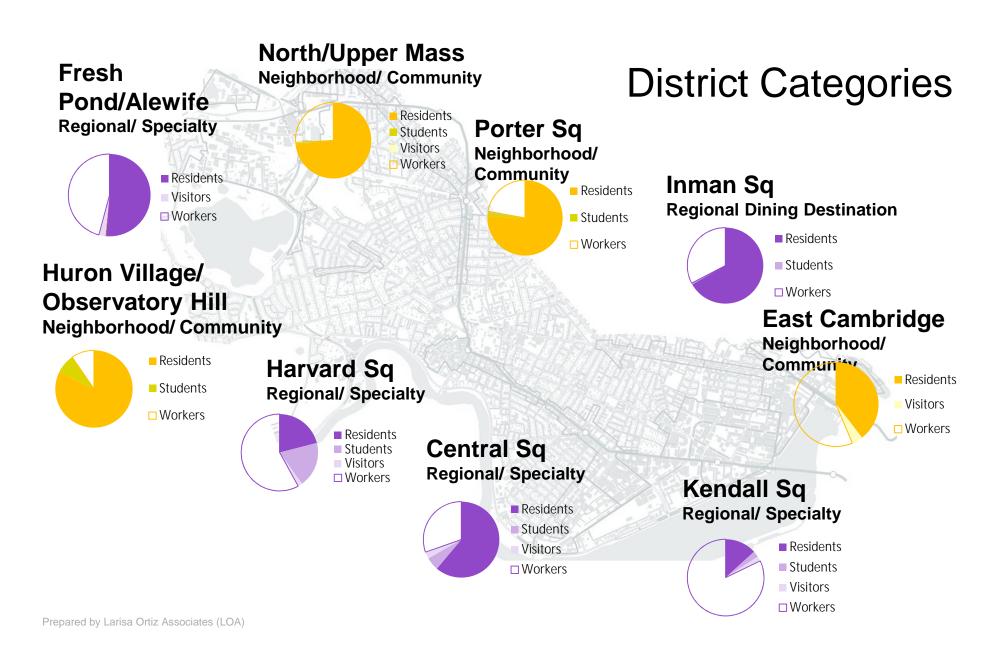
High worker to resident ratio
Higher number of businesses/retail offerings

Neighborhood/ Community Commercial District

Serving mostly local residents
Lower number of businesses/retail offerings







Regional/ Specialty

	Harvard Square	Central Square	Kendall Square	Inman Square	Fresh Pond/ Alewife
No of businesses	210	119	65	69	46
Total Population*	16,165	24,788	7,018	21,244	6,495
Population Density (per sq mile)	20,462	31,377	12,017	26,891	8,222
Total No. of Workers	23,379	11,277	36,303	10,291	5,779
Worker-Resident Ratio	1.4:1	2:1	5:1	0.5:1	1:1
МНІ	\$65,380	\$73,057	\$62,118	\$75,162	\$43,951
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o S Grocery a to S General Merchandise o C Building/ Garden Materials	P	Р	Р	Р	Р
Building/ Garden Materials	Р	Р		Р	
Clothing & Accessories		Р		Р	Р
Furniture & Home Furnishings			Р		
Upcoming retail SF	-	41,916	212,853	1,546	13,428
Surplus/Leakage ared by Larisa Ortiz Associates (LOA)	Surplus	Leakage	Surplus	Leakage	Surplus

Neighborhood/ Community

		East Cambridge (Cambridge St)	Porter Square	North/ Upper Mass	Huron Village/ Observatory Hill
No of t	businesses	55 (excl/ Galleria)	39	52	33
Total P	Population	11,989	16,887	13,235	12,528
Popula mile)	ation Density (per sq	15,176	21,376	16,753	15,858
Total No. of Workers		16,992	4,832	4,612	1,329
Worke	r to Resident Ratio	1.5:1	0.3:1	0.3:1	0.1:1
		\$67,931	\$85,990	\$79,381	\$101,017
Top Leaka ge Categorie ≴	Grocery	Р	Р	Р	Р
Top I Cate	General merchandise			Р	Р
1	Building/ Garden Materials		Р	Р	
	Clothing & Accessories		Р	Р	
	Food/ Drinking Places				Р
Upcon	ning Associates (EOA)	36,440	9,293	480	-



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Guiding Principles

Address the conditions that make Cambridge challenging as a place for small businesses to locate and thrive.

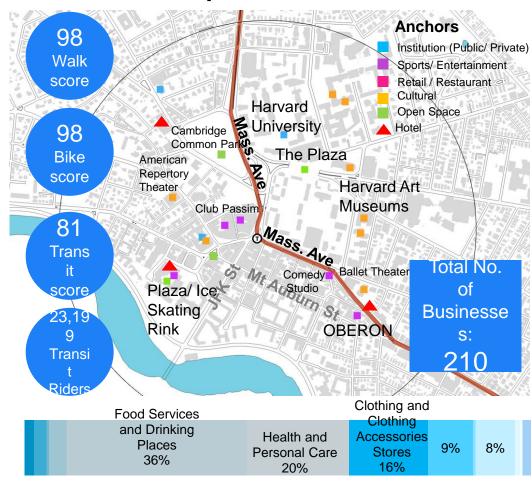
1. Drive Experience	 Support experience-based retailers and food establishments Encourage district-wide activities and events
2. Thrive Online	• City-wide effort to help businesses establish their online presence (including review platforms, e.g. Yelp, Travelocity as well as omni-channel retailing)
3. Fill Gaps	 Fill gaps with short-term/ pop-up uses
4. Improve Access	 Allow commercial parking along side streets that mirror depth of commercial buildings (specifically Lower Mass Ave)
5. Allow Retail Flexibility (Reduce regulatory and financial barriers)	 Adapt commercial land use classification to allow for flexible retail formats and business models (e.g. small batch manufacturing, wholesale and retail, art store and pottery classes) Adapt definitions and requirements of "educational land uses" and "fast food" Eliminate fast food order cap Increase grants for Storefront Improvement/Small Business Enhancement Program Provide legal support for businesses during leasehold negotiations via business associations



Harvard Square

Photo: Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (via Flic

Harvard Square



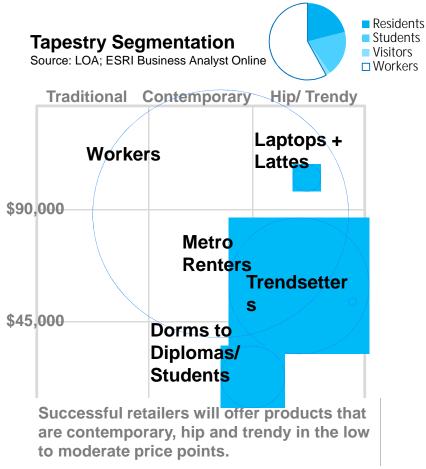
Harvard Square is a young and vibrant district anchored by many cultural and educational institutions.

Harvard Square Total Population 16,165 Population 20,462/ sq mile Density Median Household \$65,380 Income Total No. of 23,379 Workers Worker to 1.4:1**Resident Ratio**

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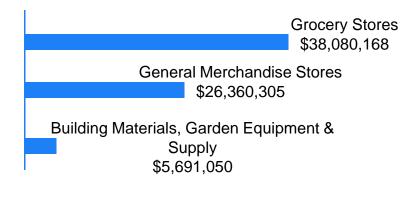
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Customers + Retail Leakage



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Top 3 Leakage Categories Source: LOA; ESRI Business Analyst Online



There is an <u>overall surplus of \$40 million in Harvard</u> Square.

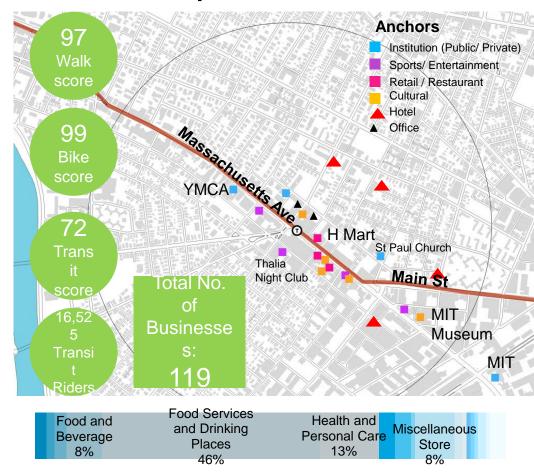
Customers noted a preference for <u>independent and</u> <u>affordable businesses</u>. In addition to these retail categories, they would also like to see <u>more restaurants</u>, <u>entertainment venues and specialty retail</u>.

Central Square

Photo: GoogleMap

Photo: Christopher Schmidt via Flickr

Central Square



Central Square is a popular <u>dining</u>, <u>entertainment and shopping</u> <u>destination</u> for local residents, workers and visitors.

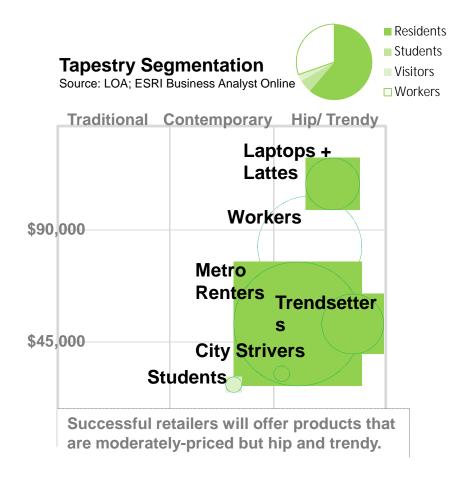
Central Sq Total Population 24,788 Population 31,377/ sq mile Density Median Household \$73,057 Income Total No. of 11,277 Workers Worker to 2:1 **Resident Ratio**

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Top 5 Leakage Categories Source: LOA; ESRI Business Analyst Online



Intercept surveys correspond with leakage data. Customers said they would like to see <u>more independent</u> <u>boutiques, apparel stores, art spaces and book stores.</u>

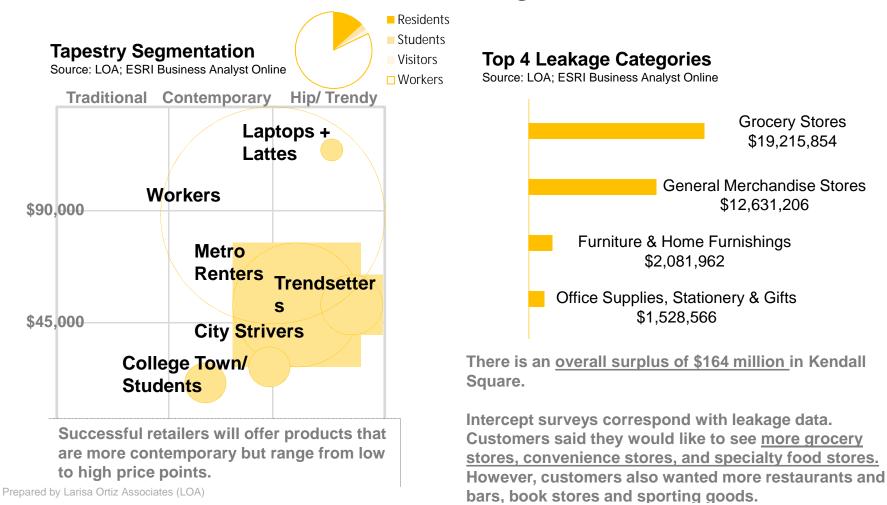
Kendall Square

Kendall Square	Landmark	Kendall Square is a <u>rapidly</u> <u>developing</u> district with a <u>large</u> <u>daytime worker population</u> . The <u>tech</u> <u>employment center</u> is currently well- served by <u>restaurants and drinking</u> places.	
			Kendall Sq
Bike Sroadway Plaza/tce Skating Score		Total Population	7,018
75 Koch		Population Density	12,017/ sq mile
		Median Household Income	\$62,118
3 Transi	Businesse s:	Total No. of Workers	36,303
Food Services	65	Worker to Resident Ratio	5:1
and Drinking Places 72%	Fitness/ Gym 6%		

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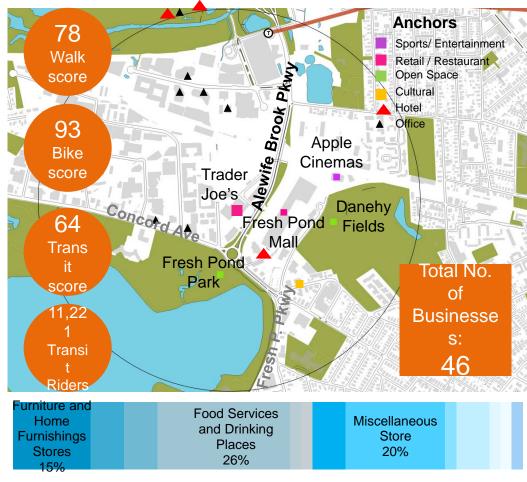
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Fresh Pond/ Alewife

Photo: GoogleMap; Yelp

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Fresh Pond/ Alewife



Fresh Pond/ Alewife is a car- centered shopping district. It has convenience retail offerings at low prices to meet the needs of the lower income immigrant community.

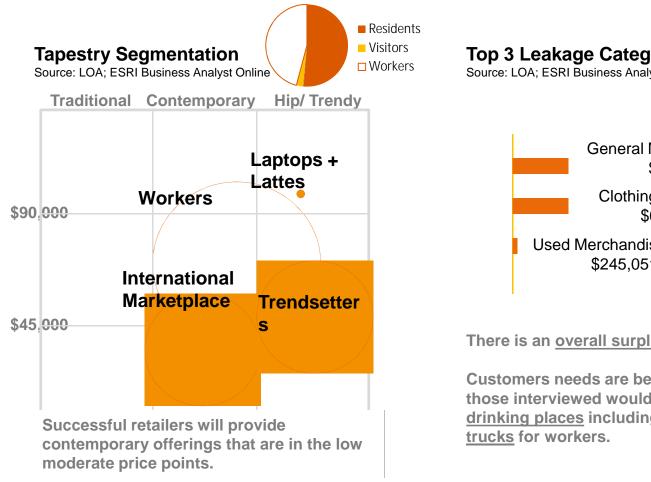
	Fresh Pond/ Alewife
Total Population	6,495
Population Density	8,222/ sq mile
Median Household Income	\$43,951
Total No. of Workers	5,779
Worker to Resident Ratio	1:1

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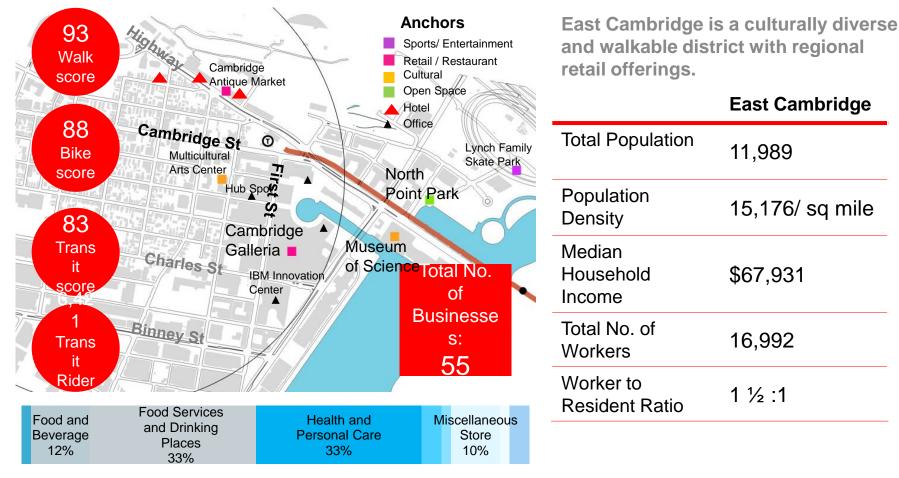
> General Merchandise Stores \$6,673,769 **Clothing & Accessories** \$6,451,875 **Used Merchandise Stores** \$245.051

There is an overall surplus of \$50 million in Fresh Pond.

Customers needs are being met in most categories but those interviewed would like to see more food and drinking places including cafes and bakeries, and food

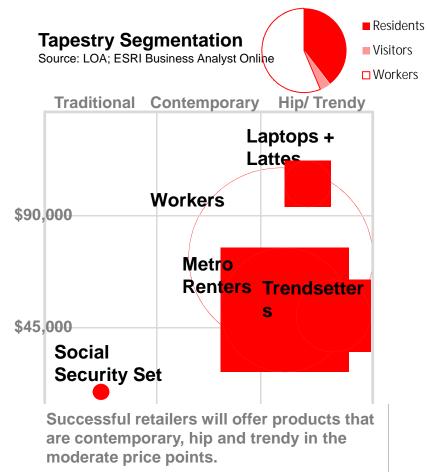
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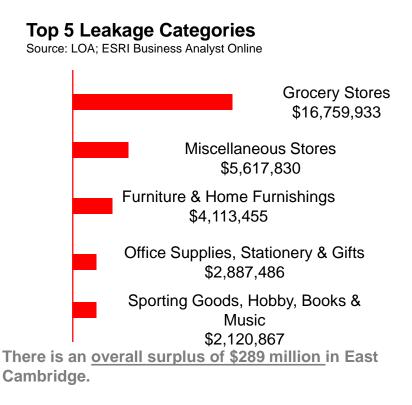


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Intercept surveys suggest that customers would like to see more <u>restaurants and bars</u>, <u>coffee shops and bakeries</u>, and <u>hobby stores</u>. Aligned with leakage data, they would also like more <u>fresh produce options</u>.

Porter Square/ Lower Mass

Porter Square is a wealthy and dense Massachusetts-Anchors residential neighborhood that is easily 94 Institution (Public/ Private) accessible and has a variety of food North Walk Sports/ Entertainment Cambridge and drinking places. score Retail / Restaurant Senior Cultural **Porter Square** Hotel Center Richdale Ave ▲ Office 78 **Total Population** 16,887 Porter Sq Bike Shopping score Center Population Lesley Soffender Total No. of 21,376/ sq mile Density 73 Trans Median it Lunder Arts Household \$85,990 score Center Income 0 **Businesse** Total No. of 4,832 Trans S: Workers it 39 Rider Resident to 3:1 Sporting Goods Worker Ratio Food Services Health and Hobby, Book, and Drinking Personal Care and Music Places 28% Stores... 28% Miscellaneous Store Retailers 10%

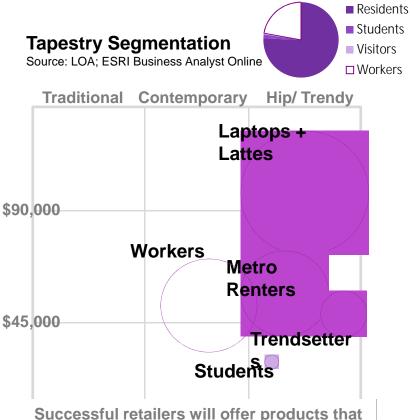
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Successful retailers will offer products that are contemporary, hip and trendy in the moderate to high price points.

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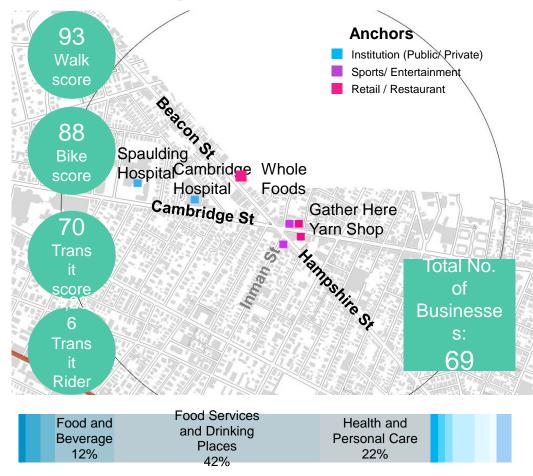
In addition to these retail categories, customers would like to see <u>more local businesses</u>. They also noted the need for <u>stationery stores</u> and <u>quick</u>, <u>affordable dining</u> <u>options</u>, including <u>cafes and bakeries</u>.

Inman Square

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Inman Square



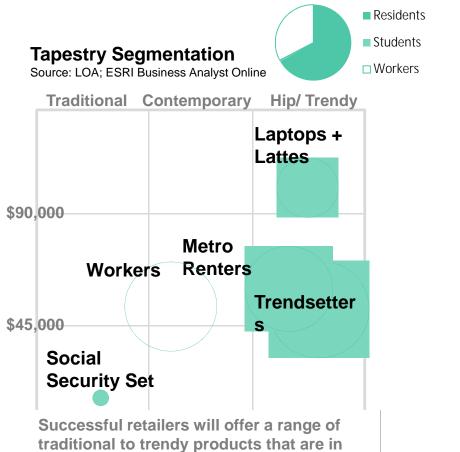
Inman Square is a convenienceoriented shopping district serving a large residential market with moderate to high incomes.

-	Inman Square
Total Population	21,244
Population Density	26,891/ sq mile
Median Household Income	\$75,162
Total No. of Workers	10,291
Resident to Worker Ratio	2:1

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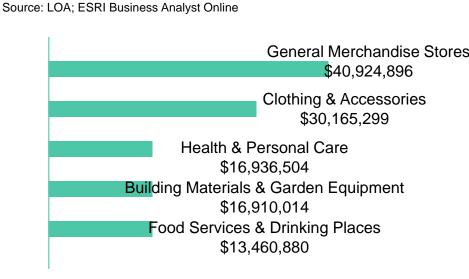
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the low to moderate price points.



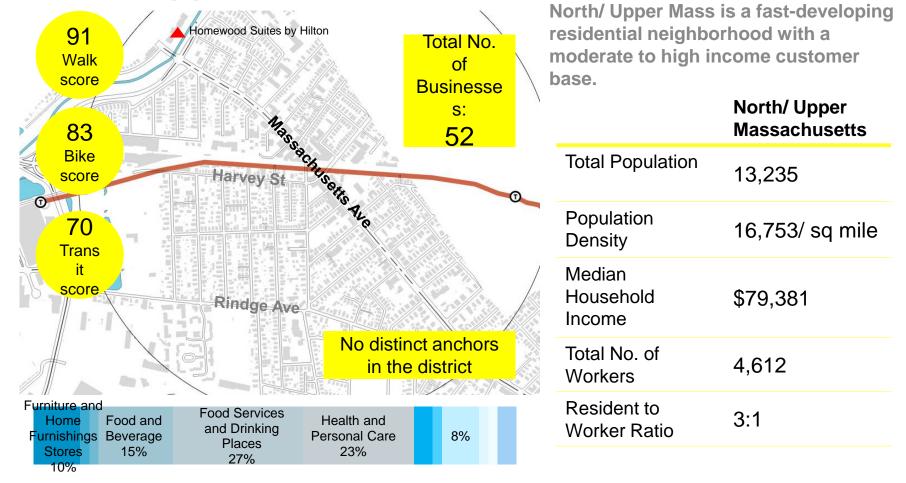
Top 5 Leakage Categories

In addition to these retail categories, customers would like more <u>affordable grocery</u> and <u>specialty retail</u> stores. The <u>hip and trendy customer</u> base would also enjoy <u>special events</u> organized in the district.

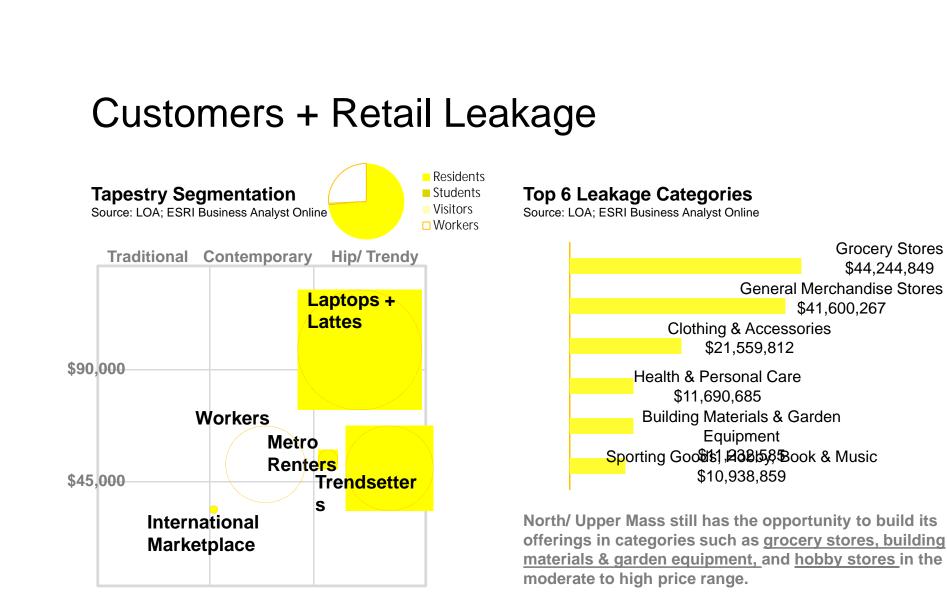
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Grocery Stores

\$44,244,849

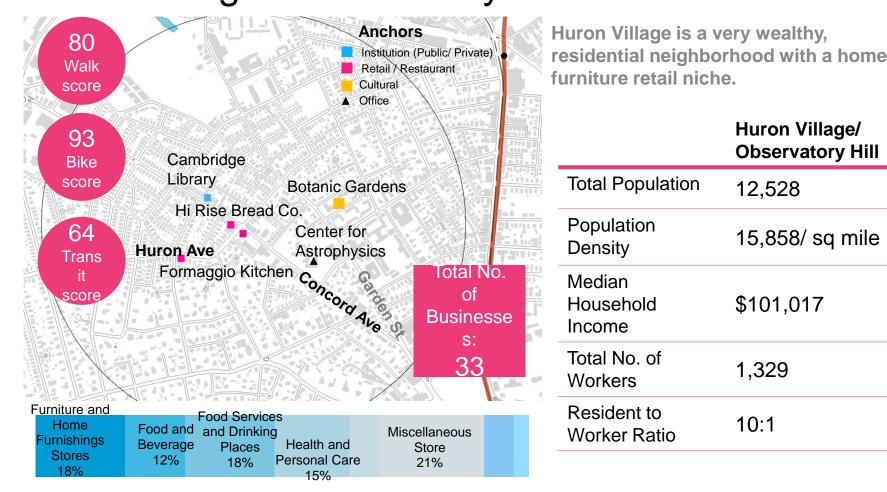
General Merchandise Stores

\$41,600,267

Huron Village/ Observatory Hill

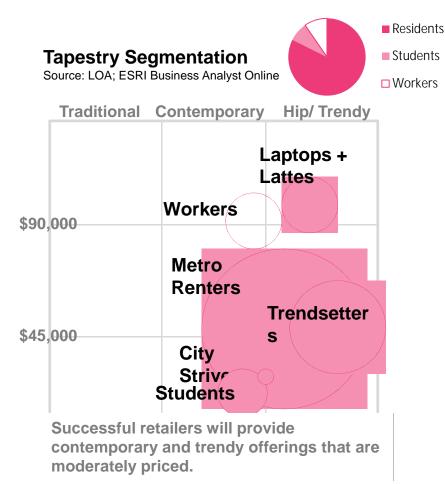
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Top 6 Leakage Categories Source: LOA; ESRI Business Analyst Online



Huron Village has the highest leakage of \$358 million in the city of Cambridge. However, there are no available retail spaces for lease in the area.