

Retail Leakage and Surplus Analysis

The Retail Leakage and Surplus Analysis examines the quantitative aspect of the community's retail opportunities. It is a guide to understanding retail opportunities but it is not an analysis that indicates unconditional opportunities. The analysis is sometimes called "a gap analysis" or "a supply and demand analysis" and can aid in the following:

- *Indicating how well the retail needs of local residents are being met
- *Uncovering unmet demand and possible opportunities
- *Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the local retail sector
- *Measuring the difference between actual and potential retail sales

Understanding Retail Leakage

Retail leakage means that residents are spending more for products than local businesses capture. Retail sales leakage suggests that there is unmet demand in the trade area and that the community can support additional store space for that type of business.

However, retail leakage does not necessarily translate into opportunity. For example, there could be a strong competitor in a neighboring community that dominates the market for that type of product or store.

Understanding Retail Surplus

A retail surplus means that the community's trade area is capturing the local market plus attracting non-local shoppers. A retail surplus does not necessarily mean that the community cannot support additional business. Many communities have developed strong clusters of stores that have broad geographic appeal. Examples of these types of retailers include: sporting goods stores, home furnishing stores, restaurants, and other specialty operations that become destination retailers and draw customers from outside the trade area.

Examining the quantitative aspects (Leakage/Surplus) is only part of the evaluation of community's retail opportunities. Before any conclusions can be drawn about potential business expansion or recruitment opportunities, qualitative considerations such as trade area psychographics and buying habits must be analyzed in context of other market factors.



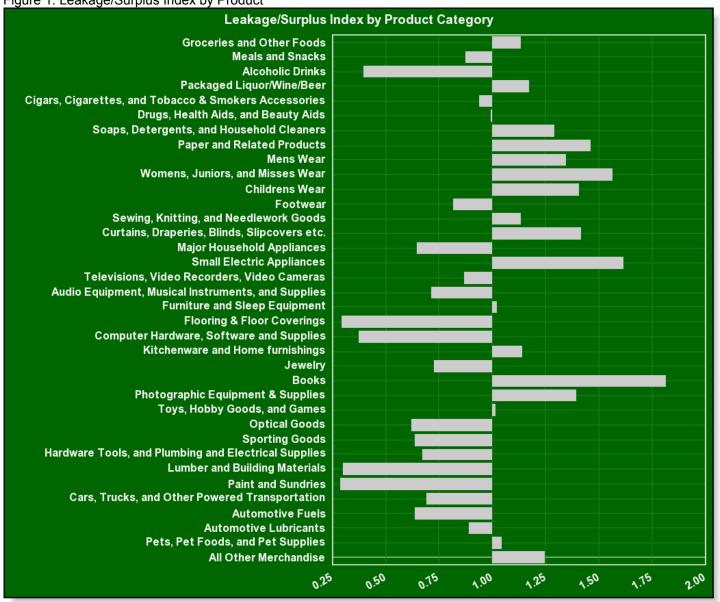
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Leakage/Surplus Index by Product

The Leakage/Surplus Index provides a relative comparison of the supply and demand across retail product categories. It is calculated by dividing actual sales by potential sales. An index greater than 1.0 means that the community is attracting retail sales (surplus) from outside the trade area. If the index is less than 1.0 it means that out-shopping is taking place and the community is not successfully drawing its own residents.

Leakage/Surplus Index (Figure 1) shows the strengths and weaknesses of a community's retail market by product.

Figure 1. Leakage/Surplus Index by Product





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The sales potential and the actual sales potential by product category and the resulting index are shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2. Sales Potential and Actual Sales by Product

Product Type	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Groceries and Other Foods	36,578,711	41,494,354	1.1
Meals and Snacks	20,776,894	18,141,283	0.9
Alcoholic Drinks	2,200,590	873,168	0.4
Packaged Liquor/Wine/Beer	4,375,967	5,121,917	1.2
Cigars, Cigarettes, and Tobacco & Smokers Accessories	5,460,368	5,122,505	0.9
Drugs, Health Aids, and Beauty Aids	23,209,483	23,068,769	1.0
Soaps, Detergents, and Household Cleaners	1,898,385	2,454,211	1.3
Paper and Related Products	1,484,928	2,170,040	1.5
Mens Wear	4,303,289	5,788,223	1.3
Womens, Juniors, and Misses Wear	7,054,270	11,048,499	1.6
Childrens Wear	2,451,128	3,444,795	1.4
Footwear	3,397,152	2,773,370	0.8
Sewing, Knitting, and Needlework Goods	365,769	414,939	1.1
Curtains, Draperies, Blinds, Slipcovers etc.	1,480,116	2,095,400	1.4
Major Household Appliances	2,011,688	1,294,731	0.6
Small Electric Appliances	630,432	1,018,183	1.6
Televisions, Video Recorders, Video Cameras	1,652,832	1,431,297	0.9
Audio Equipment, Musical Instruments, and Supplies	2,147,955	1,535,628	0.7
Furniture and Sleep Equipment	4,196,414	4,292,952	1.0
Flooring & Floor Coverings	1,909,581	554,650	0.3
Computer Hardware, Software and Supplies	4,904,252	1,816,278	0.4
Kitchenware and Home furnishings	2,457,047	2,795,853	1.1
Jewelry	1,914,264	1,392,264	0.7
Books	922,090	1,673,268	1.8
Photographic Equipment & Supplies	494,258	689,381	1.4
Toys, Hobby Goods, and Games	1,936,579	1,963,625	1.0
Optical Goods	472,892	292,989	0.6
Sporting Goods	3,114,112	1,977,331	0.6
Hardware Tools, and Plumbing and Electrical Supplies	16,046,700	10,812,146	0.7
Lumber and Building Materials	12,761,728	3,808,979	0.3
Paint and Sundries	1,885,426	536,169	0.3
Cars, Trucks, and Other Powered Transportation	42,569,575	29,488,729	0.7
Automotive Fuels	22,260,047	14,084,288	0.6
Automotive Lubricants	9,182,999	8,155,592	0.9
Pets, Pet Foods, and Pet Supplies	1,514,423	1,581,346	1.0
All Other Merchandise	6,951,169	8,665,476	1.2



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Leakage/Surplus Index by Major Store Type

The quantitative comparison of retail leakage and surplus in the twelve major store types shown in the chart and table below provides an initial measure of market opportunities. Combining this analysis with the knowledge of the local retail situation will take the process of identifying retail possibilities one step further.

Figure 3 provides the leakage/surplus indices and following is the sales potential and actual sales for major store types.

Figure 3. Leakage/Surplus Index and Actual and Potential Sales by Major Store Types



Store Type	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	52,396,259	36,238,284	0.69
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	6,235,272	3,800,664	0.61
Electronics & Appliances Stores	5,473,208	1,769,090	0.32
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supply Dealers	28,522,354	11,828,012	0.41
Food & Beverage Stores	32,333,412	33,149,264	1.03
Health & Personal Care Stores	16,141,231	18,523,643	1.15
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	9,887,392	7,204,631	0.73
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	3,985,567	2,515,378	0.63
General Merchandise Stores	30,050,135	56,928,155	1.89
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	6,311,365	10,047,577	1.59
Foodservice & Drinking Places	21,423,294	17,313,401	0.81
GAFO	57,945,200	77,297,861	1.33
Total Retail Sales (Including Food Service & Drinking Places)	256,973,529	223,872,640	0.87

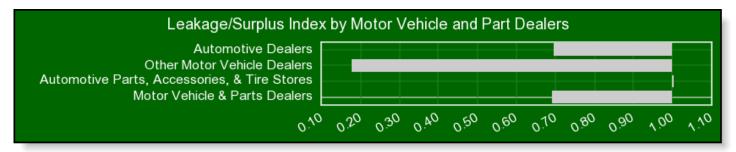
^{*} GAFO refers to discount retailers that typically include the following departments: general merchandise; clothing and clothing accessories; furniture and home furnishings; electronics and appliances; sporting goods, hobby, books and music; and office supplies.



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Leakage/Surplus Analysis by Sub-Categories of Major Retail Types

Additional leakage/surplus details are provided on subcategories of stores in each of the twelve major store types. These details can help further identity possible business expansion opportunities.



Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Automotive Dealers	45,553,463	31,671,851	0.70
Other Motor Vehicle Dealers	2,782,782	494,249	0.18
Automotive Parts, Accessories, & Tire Stores	4,060,012	4,072,184	1.00
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	52,396,259	36,238,284	0.69



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Electronics and Appliance Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Household Appliances Stores	1,019,370	339,504	0.33
Radio Television and Other Electronics Stores	3,235,169	892,583	0.28
Appliance, Television, and Other Electronics Stores	4,254,539	1,232,087	0.29
Computer and Software Stores	1,018,220	537,003	0.53
Camera & Photographic Equipment Stores	200,448	0	0.00
Electronics & Appliances Stores	5,473,208	1,769,090	0.32



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Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Furniture Stores	3,413,550	3,198,998	0.94
Home Furnishing Stores	2,821,721	601,666	0.21
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	6,235,272	3,800,664	0.61



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Building Material, Garden Equipment and Supply Dealers	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Home Centers	9,729,366	0	0.00
Paint and Wallpaper Stores	642,461	341,001	0.53
Hardware Stores	1,962,196	645,772	0.33
Building Materials, Lumberyards	4,555,157	1,928,297	0.42
Other Building Materials Dealers	13,745,236	5,654,660	0.41
Building Material & Supply Dealers	26,079,261	6,641,433	0.25
Outdoor Power Equipment Stores	414,234	1,045,180	2.52
Nursery and Garden Centers	2,028,858	4,141,398	2.04
Lawn and Garden Equipment and Supplies Stores	2,443,093	5,186,579	2.12
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supply Dealers	28,522,354	11,828,012	0.41



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Food and Beverage Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores	27,931,124	29,589,682	1.06
Convenience Stores	1,433,100	1,047,853	0.73
Grocery Stores	29,364,225	30,637,535	1.04
Specialty Food Stores	984,563	39,665	0.04
Beer, Wine, & Liquor Stores	1,984,624	2,472,063	1.25
Food & Beverage Stores	32,333,412	33,149,264	1.03



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Health and Personal Care Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Pharmacies and Drug Stores	14,052,119	17,726,347	1.26
Cosmetics, Beauty Supplies and Perfume Stores	605,773	490,001	0.81
Optical Goods Stores	406,415	218,000	0.54
Other Health and Personal Care Stores	1,076,922	89,295	0.08
Health & Personal Care Stores	16,141,231	18,523,643	1.15



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Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Mens Clothing Stores	468,430	43,196	0.09
Womens Clothing Stores	1,712,436	2,653,713	1.55
Childrens and Infants Clothing Stores	501,478	255,001	0.51
Family Clothing Stores	3,880,294	4,149,009	1.07
Clothing Accessories Stores	149,679	0	0.00
Other Clothing Stores	465,786	102,000	0.22
Clothing Stores	7,178,106	7,202,919	1.00
Shoe Stores	1,525,906	1,711	0.00
Jewelry Stores	1,081,895	0	0.00
Luggage, & Leather Goods Stores	101,483	0	0.00
Jewelry, Luggage, & Leather Goods Stores	1,183,379	0	0.00
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	9,887,392	7,204,631	0.73



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Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book and Music Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Sporting Goods Stores	1,548,028	419,000	0.27
Hobby, Toys and Games Stores	954,280	15,725	0.02
Sew/Needlework/Piece Goods Stores	227,576	197,657	0.87
Musical Instrument and Supplies Stores	256,786	156,998	0.61
Sporting Goods, Hobby, & Musical Instrument Stores	2,986,671	789,380	0.26
Book Stores	598,188	1,173,997	1.96
News Dealers and Newsstands	48,791	0	0.00
Book Stores and News Dealers	646,979	1,173,997	1.81
Prerecorded Tape, Compact Disc, and Record Stores	351,916	552,001	1.57
Book, Periodical, & Music Stores	998,896	1,725,998	1.73
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, & Music Stores	3,985,567	2,515,378	0.63



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General Merchandise Stores	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Department Stores excluding leased depts.	13,546,723	31,593,610	2.33
Warehouse Clubs and Super Stores	14,312,073	24,835,364	1.74
All Other General Merchandise Stores	2,191,338	499,180	0.23
Other General Merchandise Stores	16,503,411	25,334,544	1.54
General Merchandise Stores	30,050,135	56,928,155	1.89



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Miscellaneous Store Retailers	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Florists	473,417	858,601	1.81
Office Supplies and Stationery Stores	1,321,971	4,758,207	3.60
Gift, Novelty, and Souvenir Stores	991,652	321,733	0.32
Office Supplies, Stationery, & Gift Stores	2,313,624	5,079,940	2.20
Used Merchandise Stores	483,898	855,600	1.77
Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers	3,040,424	3,253,435	1.07
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	6,311,365	10,047,577	1.59



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Foodservice and Drinking Places	Potential	Actual Sales	Leakage/Surplus Index
Full-service Restaurants	9,693,693	2,965,446	0.31
Limited-service Eating Places	9,073,527	11,602,293	1.28
Special Foodservices	1,756,680	2,408,001	1.37
Drinking Places -Alcoholic Beverages	899,393	337,660	0.38
Foodservice & Drinking Places	21,423,294	17,313,401	0.81



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Sources and Methodology

Household demand estimates are derived by combining data from the Consumer Expenditures Survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics with current household demographic estimates from Claritas. The demand estimates only account for household expenditures. Demand is defined as the estimated dollar amount spent by a household that resides in the area of analysis for a specified retail store type or merchandise line item.

Supply estimates are generated from the Census of Retail Trade, a component of the Economic Census. County-level sales tax data is allocated to low levels of geography using business sales estimates, business locations, and employee counts provided by Claritas' Business Facts® database. Supply includes all products sold at retail outlets in a specified area for a one-year period. Supply is defined as the estimated total retail sales for a retail store type or merchandise line item.

Source: Retail Market Power (Claritas).