

# **Actual vs Potential Consumption Report**

#### **OVERVIEW**

This document will take you through the process of creating an Actual vs Potential Consumption report. This report uses customer consumption to help you identify the level of potential for detail level analysis areas in your market area.

The Actual vs Potential consumption report requires both:

- An imported file to capture your actual customer consumption by geography
- A standard or custom consumption profile to capture your expected customer consumption

The report output is based on the concept that you can plot the ratio of each analysis area's actual consumption index and market demand index on a grid whose four quadrants each represent one of the following market strategies:

- Invest Indicates that you should invest for growth. If your actual consumption penetration is
  less than or equal to the average and the potential is greater than or equal to the average, your
  actual performance is below opportunity.
- Dominate Indicates that you should continue to dominate and protect these areas. If your
  actual and potential consumption penetration are greater than or equal to the average
  penetration, your penetration is high and so is the opportunity.
- Maintain Indicates that you should maintain your investment but not expect further growth. If
  your actual consumption penetration is more than the average and the potential is less than
  average, your actual performance is exceeding the expected opportunity based on the area's
  demographic composition.
- Innovate Indicates that you should minimize your efforts or consider marketing a different product. If your actual and potential consumption penetration are both less than average, this indicates that the opportunity is low.



### LOCATE THE REPORT

1. From the homepage, click on Reports.

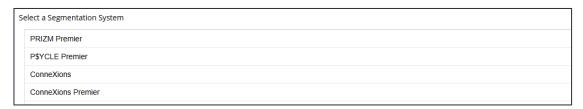


2. Select Segmentation Reports → Locator Reports → Actual Vs Potential Consumption.

# **SELECT REPORT INPUTS**

#### **Select Segmentation System and a Base**

1. Select a segmentation system.



2. Select the base you'd like to use.

Note: If you license ZIP+6 level distributions, it is generally recommended to select Households (ZIP+6 Based) as your base, as this level provides a greater level of granularity for the segment distributions than the ZIP+4 level.





# **Select Consumption Profile and Actual Customer Consumption Variable**

- 1. Select a profile from:
  - My Profiles contains your custom profiles
  - Claritas Profiles contains the syndicated profiles you license

Note: The expected behavior measured in the selected consumption profile must be comparable to the behavior captured in your customer consumption variable.



2. Select the customer consumption variable.

Note: Consumption variables are located in the My Data folder in a subfolder with the original file name, and will include 'Consumption' in the variable name.



#### Select Analysis Area and Level of Detail

1. Select the analysis area(s) you want included in your report.

Note: Clicking on the folder (without opening it) will select all areas contained within the folder.

Note: The selected analysis area must cover the same extent as the previously selected consumption variable.





2. Select the level of detail. The options are:

LEVEL OF DETAIL	
LEVEL OF DETAIL	DEFINITION
As Selected	Creates individual columns for each analysis area in the selected order.
Component	Creates individual columns for all the analysis area components you selected (State, County, ZIP Code, etc.)

Note: The selected geography level must be either the same level contained in your actual customer consumption file or a geography level that is larger than what is contained in your file (so that the customer consumption can be rolled up to the selected level).

3. To include parent geographies in the report, set Include Parent Geographies to ON. When the Parent Geography pop-up window appears, click the Name and/or Code check box next to the parent geography(ies) that you want appended to the report.



#### **Add Additional Options**

- 1. (Optional) You can specify to calculate the market demand index and actual consumption index to the analysis area.
  - If you leave this prompt OFF, the indexes will be calculated based on the total U.S. Choose this option if:
    - You want to analyze how the areas compare to the U.S. average.
    - You want to have a consistent base when running data for other geographies in the future.
  - If this prompt is changed to ON, the indexes will be calculated based on the extent of the selected analysis area(s). Choose this option if:
    - You want to analyze or rank how the analysis areas compare to each other.
    - You want your focus to be regional.





2. To include a map in your report output, set Include Map to ON.



3. Specify if you want to include labels and select a color scheme for your map.



#### **Specify Report Output Details**

1. Specify your report output type and enter the report name. Click Submit.



#### **REVIEW REPORT OUTPUT**

#### If Creating Excel Output

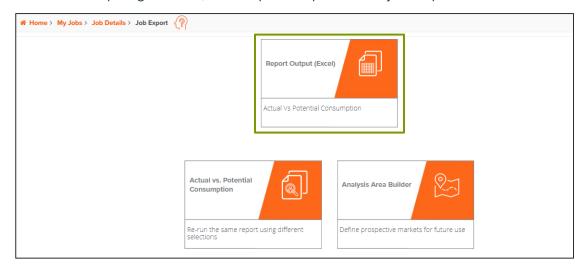
1. While the report generates, you can either wait for the report to complete or you are given the option to navigate away from the current page.

Note: If you move on to another task, your report output can be retrieved from My Jobs.





2. After the report generates, click Report Output to view your report.



# **If Creating Interactive Output**

1. Once your report generates it will be displayed on the screen.



