







Who's Participating and Not Participating in My Programs Anyways?

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Today's Discussion:

Fort Collins focused the question from "who's participating" to:

- 1. Are there demographic segments that are disproportionately represented in our residential programs?
- 2. Are we paying rebates to recently constructed homes or older homes?
- 3. Are we disproportionately supporting upgrade incentives amongst low, medium or high energy use customers?

Fort Collins

Fort Collins Utilities

- 60,000 residential customers
- Residential programs being offered
 - Audits
 - Rebates/contractors for upgrades
 - Appliance rebates/recycling
 - Other: retail lighting, home energy reports, load management, solar, water
- Participation annually
 - 600 audits, 300 home improvements, 1500 appliances
- Full suite of business programs



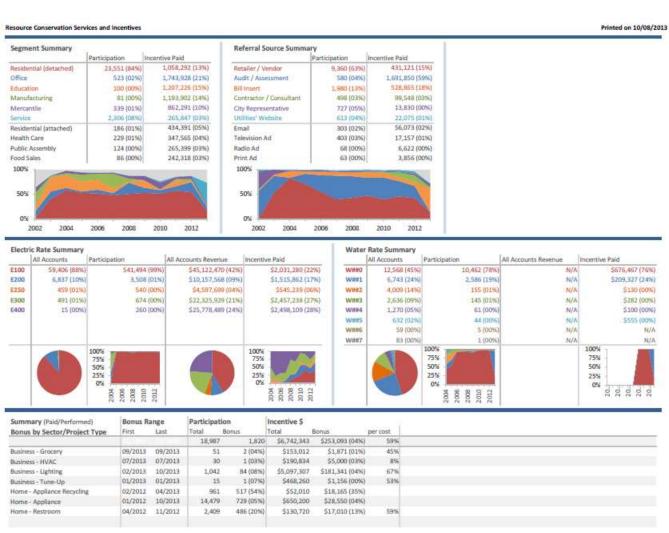




Fort Collins

Tracking and reporting

- Lot's of data
- Historically lacking insight

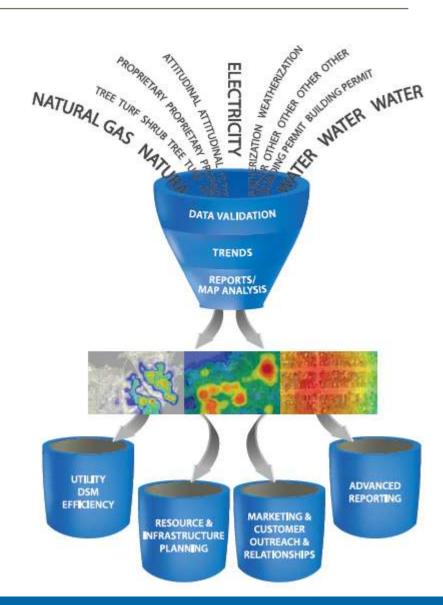


Strategic Intelligence Management System (SIMS)

- Utility Billing Data
- Building Characteristics
- Demographic Data
- Weather Data

Internal Utility Data Insights Tool

- Characterize customers (segments)
- Evaluation
- Targeting

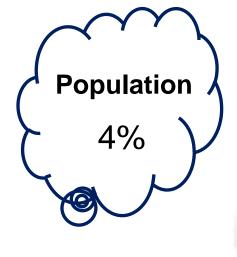


Calculating the Performance Index

$$\textbf{P.I.} = \frac{Proportion_{Program}}{Proportion_{Population}}$$

$$P.I. = \frac{0.08}{0.04}$$

$$P.I. = 2$$







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Nielsen PRIZM Lifestage Groups

PRIZM household segmentation

- 66 segments
- Based on a variety of demographic, consumer behavior, media preferences, socioeconomic and urbanization attributes.

Nielsen has condensed the 66 PRIZM codes down to 11 Lifestage groups

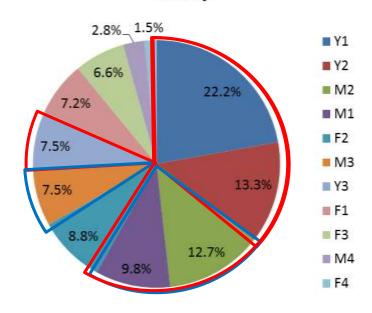
- 3 Lifestage classes
 - Younger Years (no kids at home)
 - Family Life (has kids at home)
 - Mature Years (mix of kids depending on age)
- Affluence
 - Low to High



Summary of PRIZM Lifestage Groups

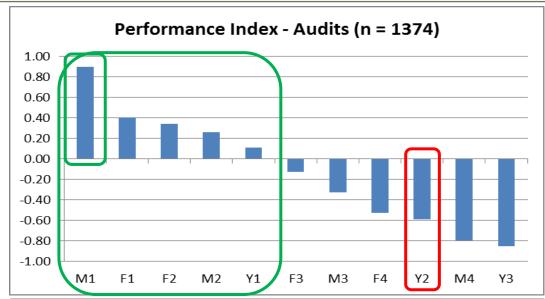
- Only household level matches were used in this analysis
 - ~ 75% of residential customers had a household level match
- Over 70% of non-household level matches were in the "Young" lifestage class
- "Young" lifestage class is by far the largest class ~ 43%
- "Mature Years" ~ 30%
- Middle to upper affluence of "Young" and "Mature Years" ~ 58%

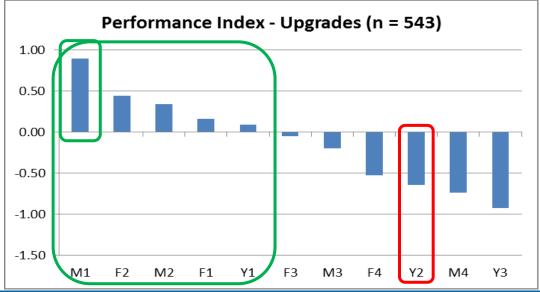
Composition of FCU Customers by Lifestage Group



Who's Getting an Audit or Completing Upgrades?

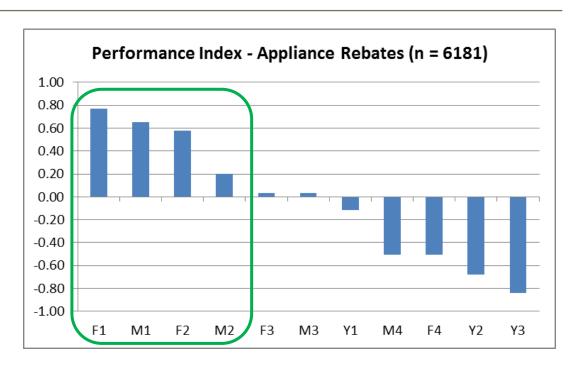
- The "Affluent Empty Nests" (M1) are 90% more likely to get an audit or an upgrade
- The more affluent across all Lifestage classes are over performing – except the "Young Achievers" (Y2)





Who's Getting an Appliance Rebate?

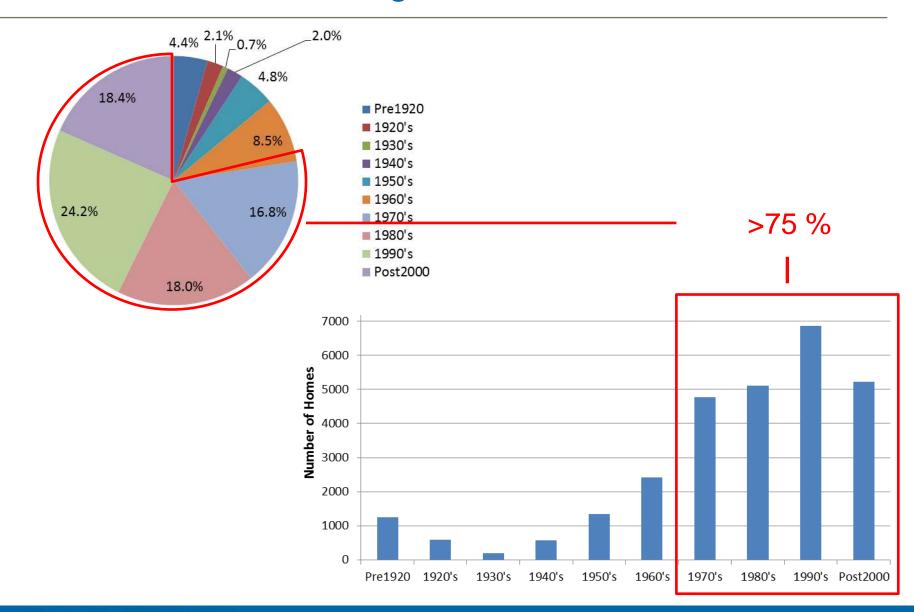
 The more affluent across "Family" and "Mature" Lifestage classes are over performing



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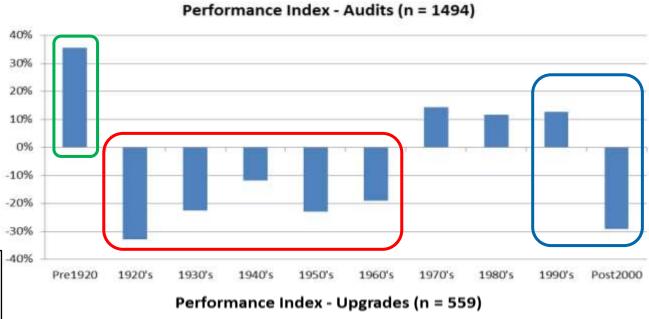
Distribution of Construction Age Across Fort Collins' Homes

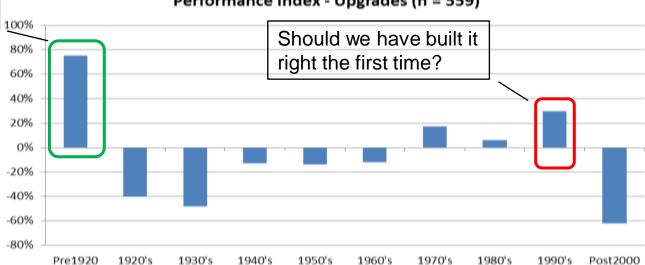


Who's Getting an Audit or Upgrades by Age of Construction

- Older homes?
- Relatively new homes?

Are these the old historic homes that attract a more energy conscious owner?

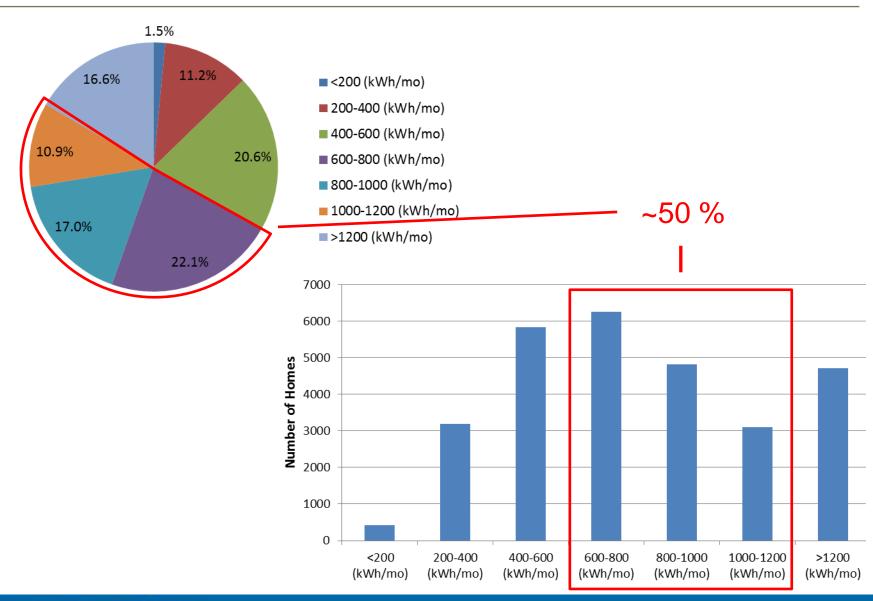




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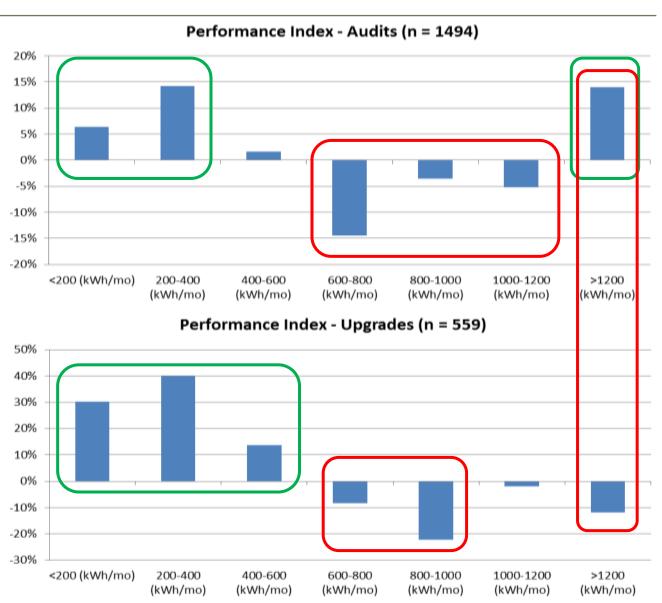
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Distribution of Energy Use Across Fort Collins' Homes



Who's Getting an Audit or Upgrades by Amount of Energy Used

- Really high and really low users
- Average to high users are underperforming
- Lower energy users are much more likely to make upgrades
- Where are the average to high users?
- Really high users are not converting



What does this mean for Fort Collins' programs?

- Program structure and outreach is working amongst some segments and demographics, but weak in others
 - Keep mining the segments which are participating, there's plenty to do
 - Find new tools and/or programs to reach underrepresented segments
 - Messaging, financing, ease-of-participation
- Alignment between initiatives
 - Advanced meter data via web portal
 - Mobile applications
 - Home Efficiency Reports
 - Demand response



- Continue to assess program participation by customer segments
 - Develop a baseline with which to track progress and identify opportunities
- Foster a culture of data driven decision making





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