

# Economic Uncertainty and the Financial State of Canadian Households

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# Economic Landscape in Canada

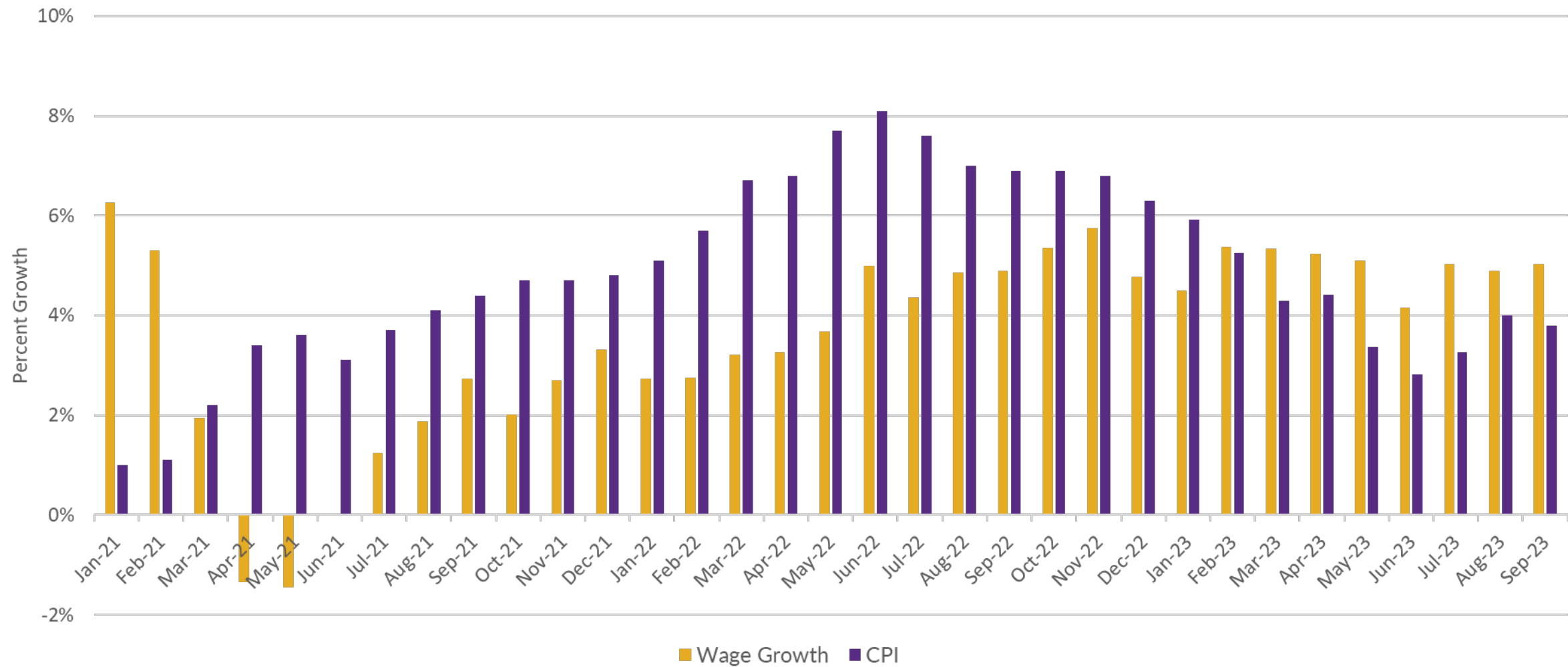
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Canadian households are feeling the effects of a rapidly changing economy



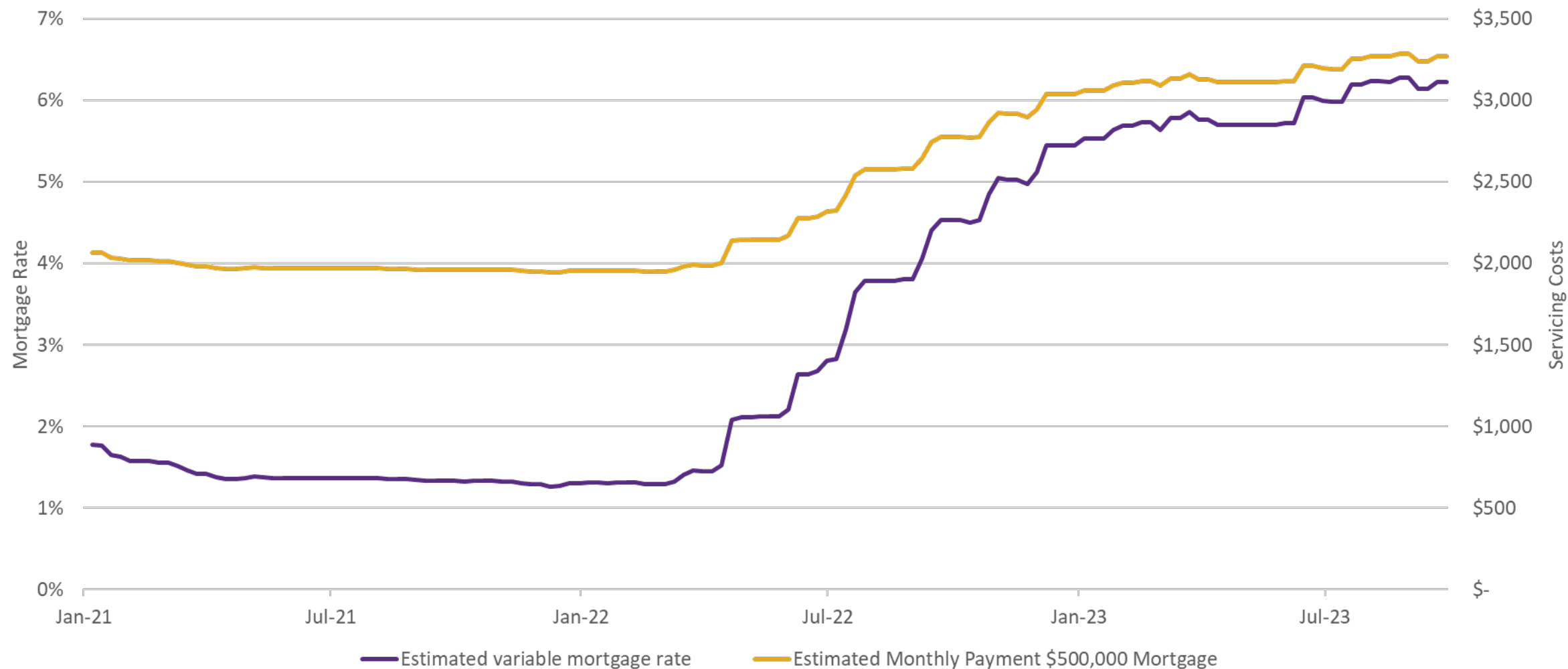
# Wages Catching Up with Inflation

Annualized CPI and Wage Growth



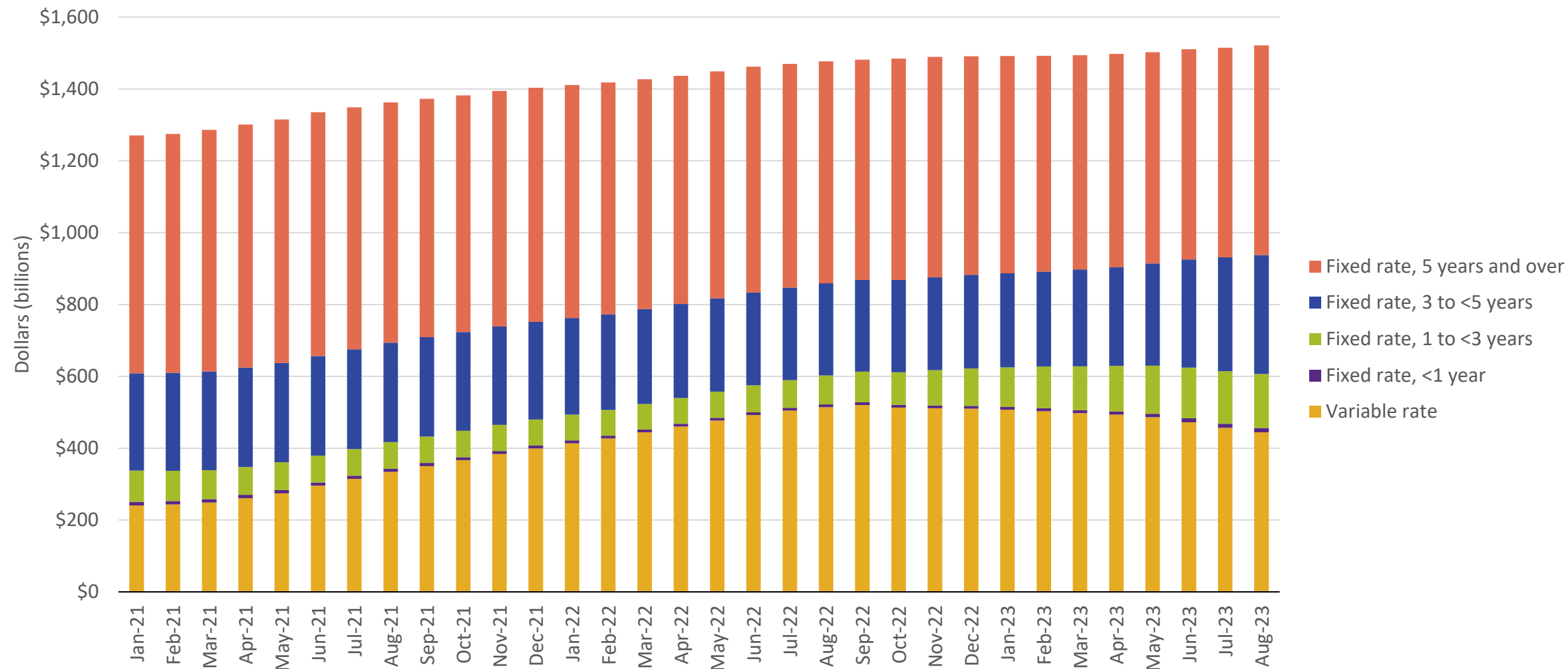
# Soaring Interest Rates and Mortgage Servicing Costs

Variable Mortgage Rates and Servicing Costs



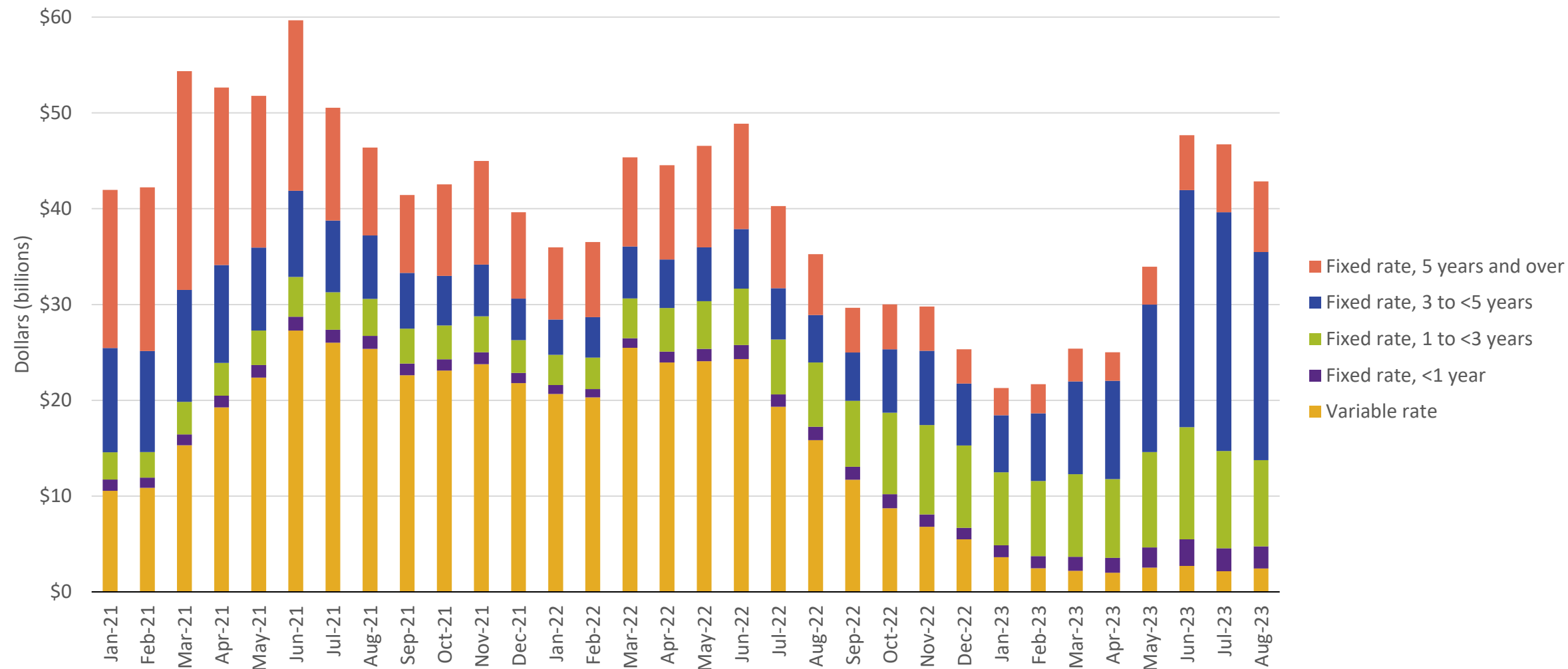
# Mortgage Pipeline Refinancing Into Higher Rates

Chartered Banks – Outstanding Mortgage Balances



# Unprecedented Variable Rate Mortgage Originations

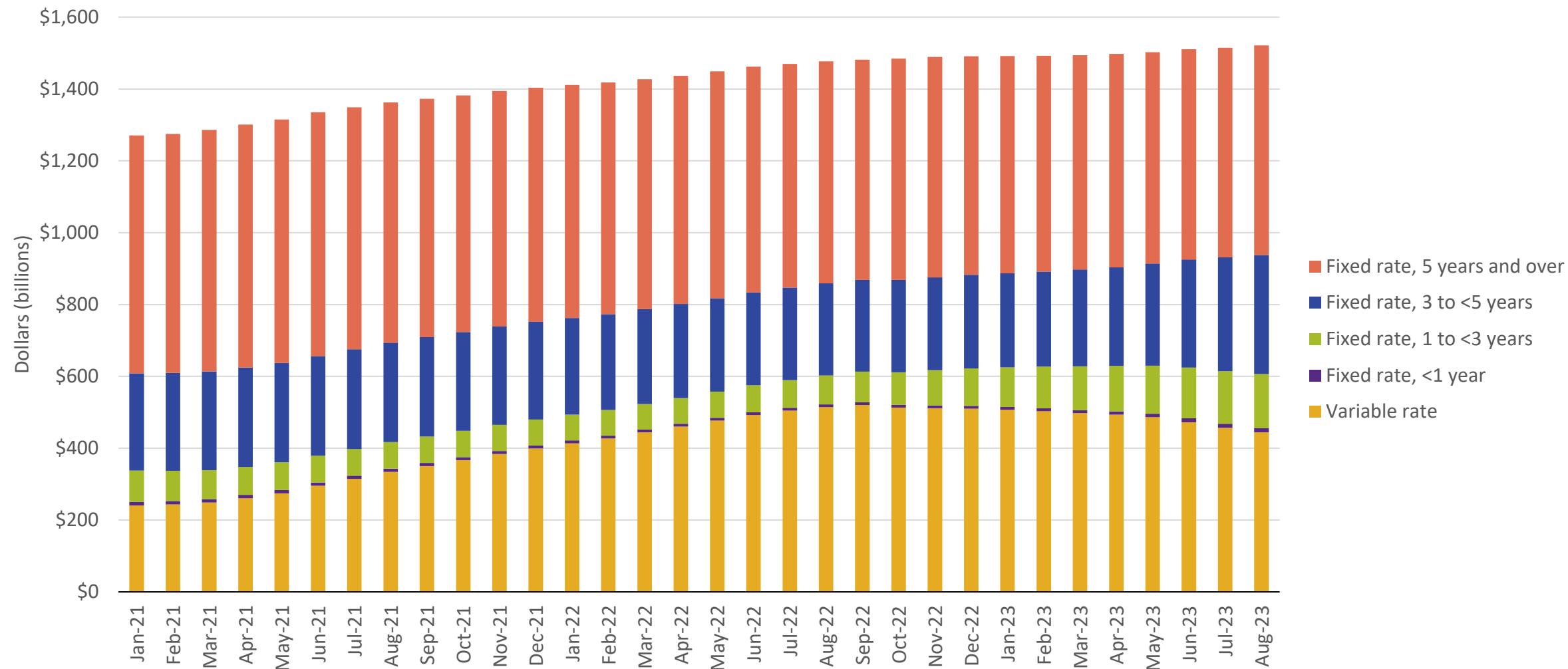
Chartered Banks – New Mortgage Funds





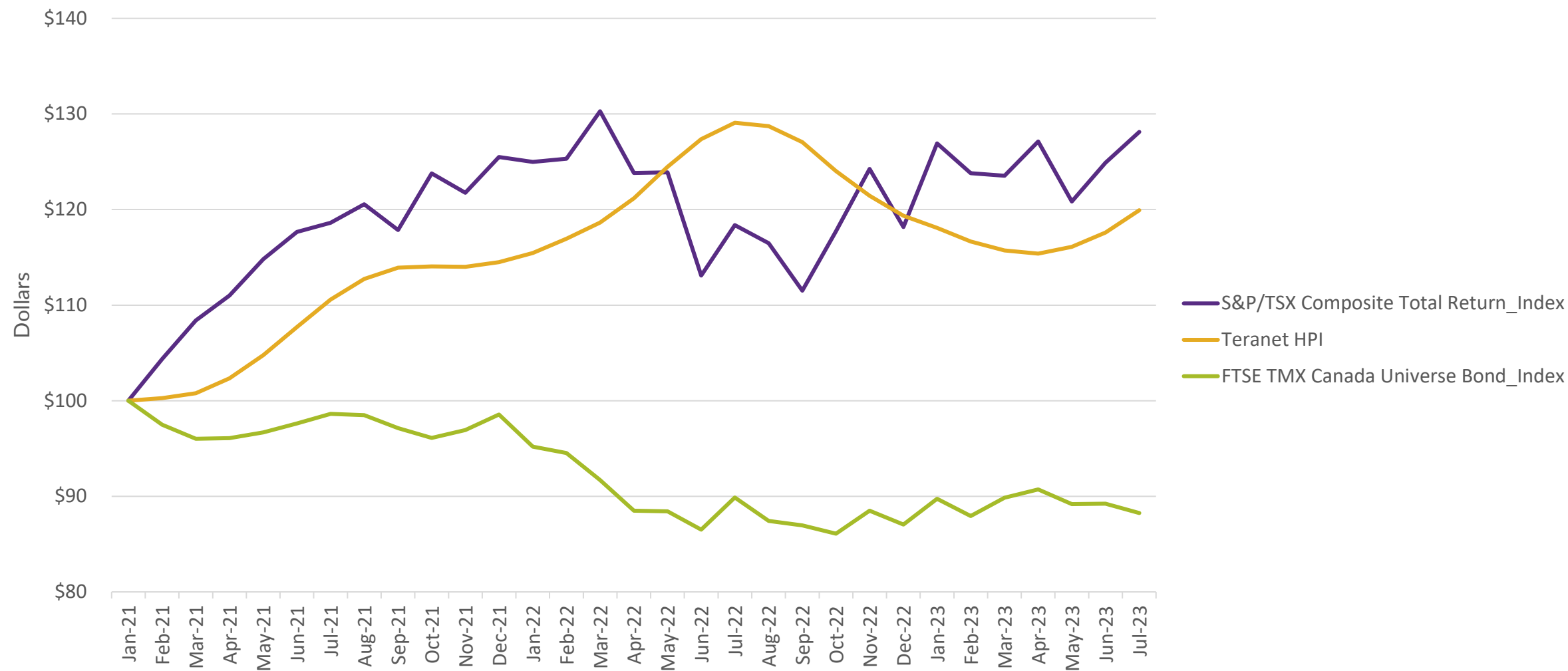
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# Markets Going Sideways Amid Uncertainty

Market Performance Indicators



# WealthScapes Suite of Products

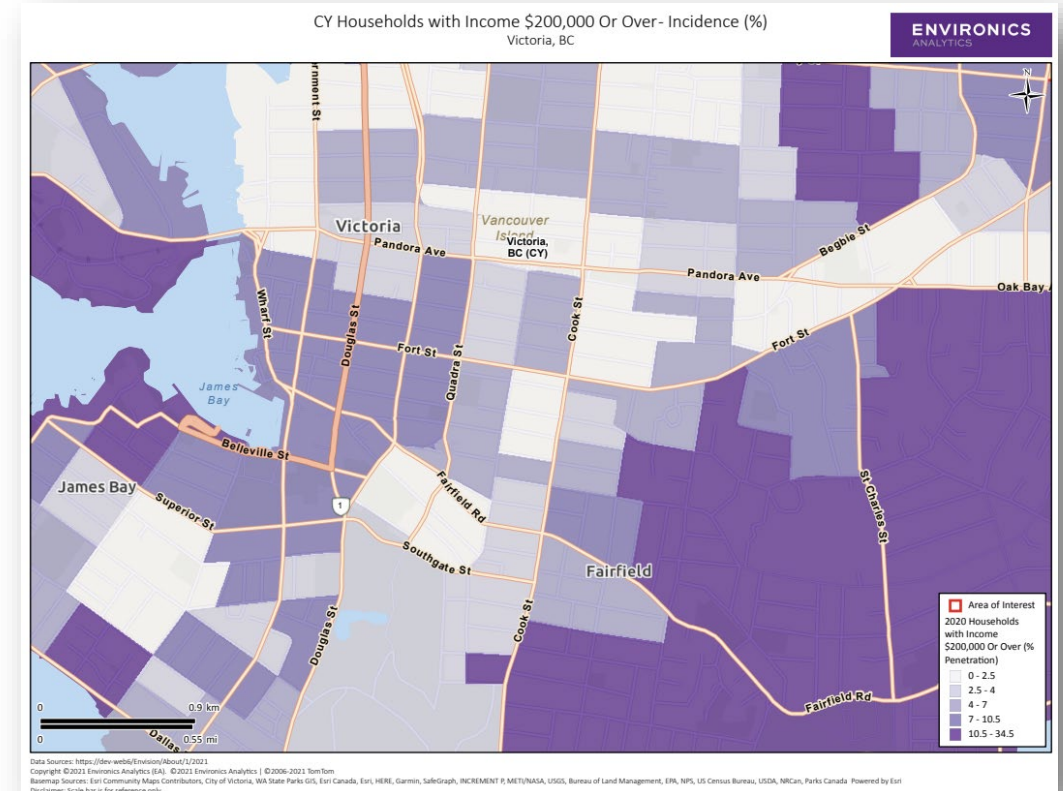
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Targeted geodemographic view of household wealth to give your organization the insights it needs



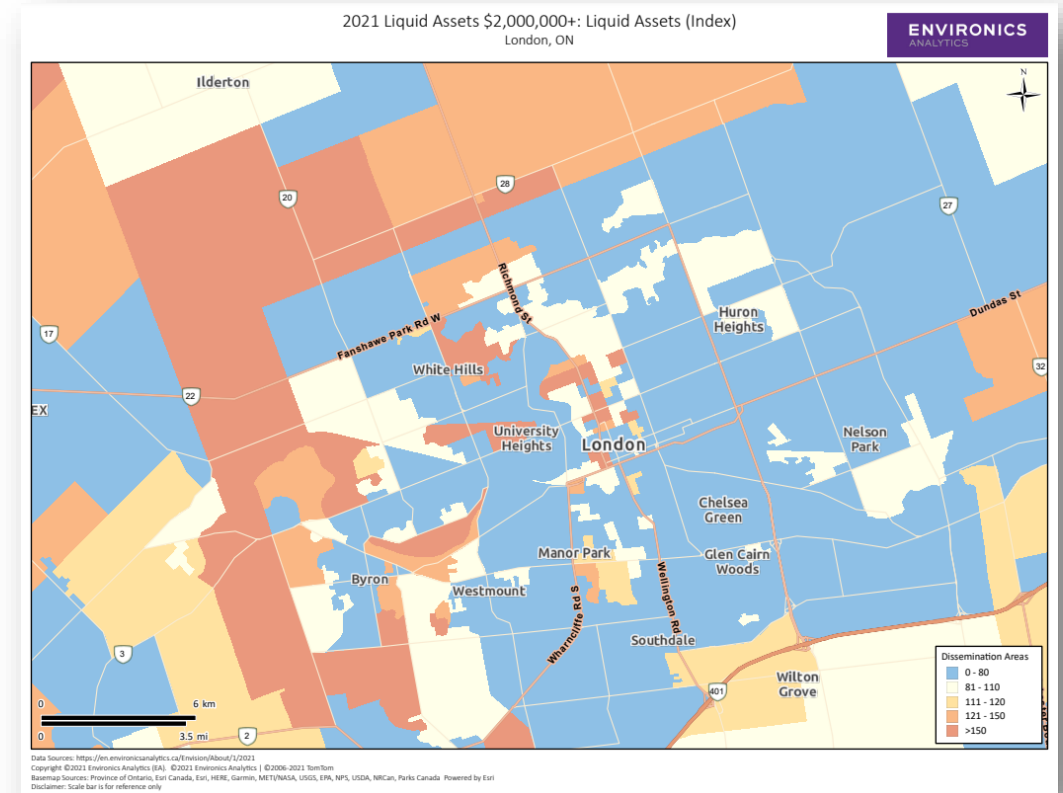
# What Is It?

- 216 key financial and investment variables to understand Canadian's assets, liabilities, and income
- Recently rebuilt using a new methodology that allows for easier integration for new data sources, increases stability in our micro estimates, and improves the alignment of the product across geography
- Built using sophisticated modelling techniques and controlled with data from authoritative sources (e.g., Bank of Canada, Canada Revenue Agency, and Statistics Canada)
- Financial institutions, charitable organizations, and large retailers can use WealthScapes to better understand the financial and investment behaviour of their customers



# What Is It?

- LiquidAssets measures the distribution of households by liquid asset holdings and further classifies the distribution by maintainer age or household income
- Provides a detailed view of the liquid asset value of Canadian households as well as their overall financial position down to the dissemination area level
- Use LiquidAssets with PRIZM to calculate potential sales opportunities and find high-value prospects based on high-income levels and accumulated assets

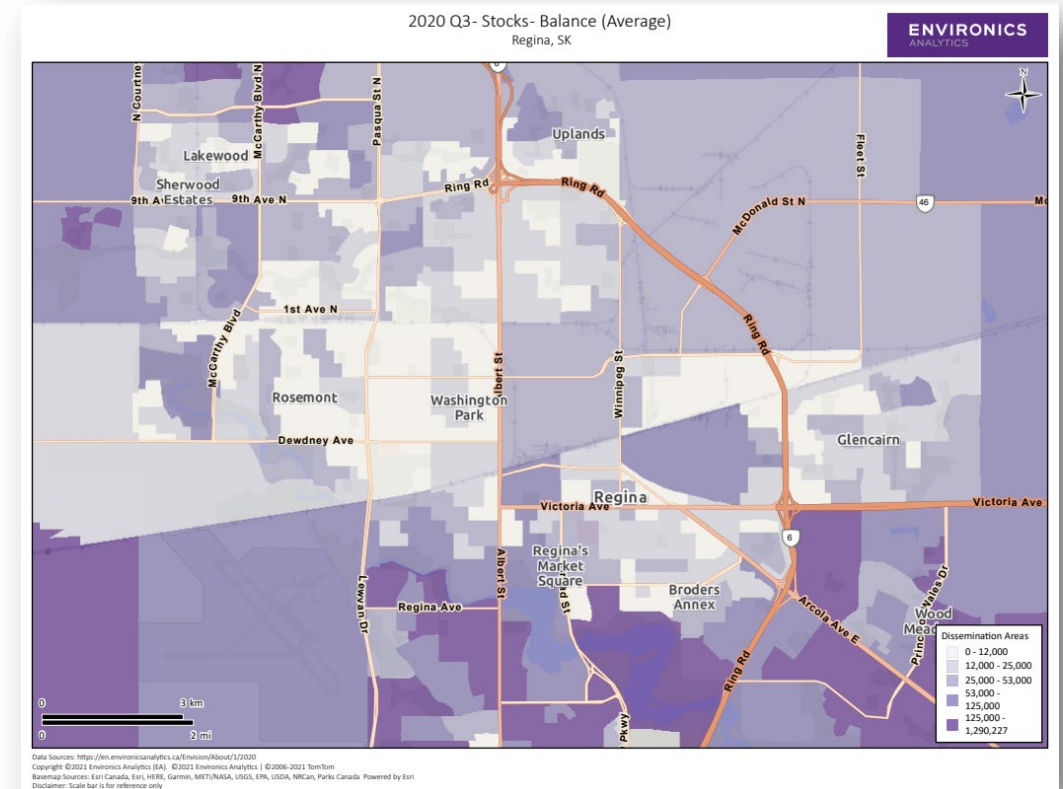


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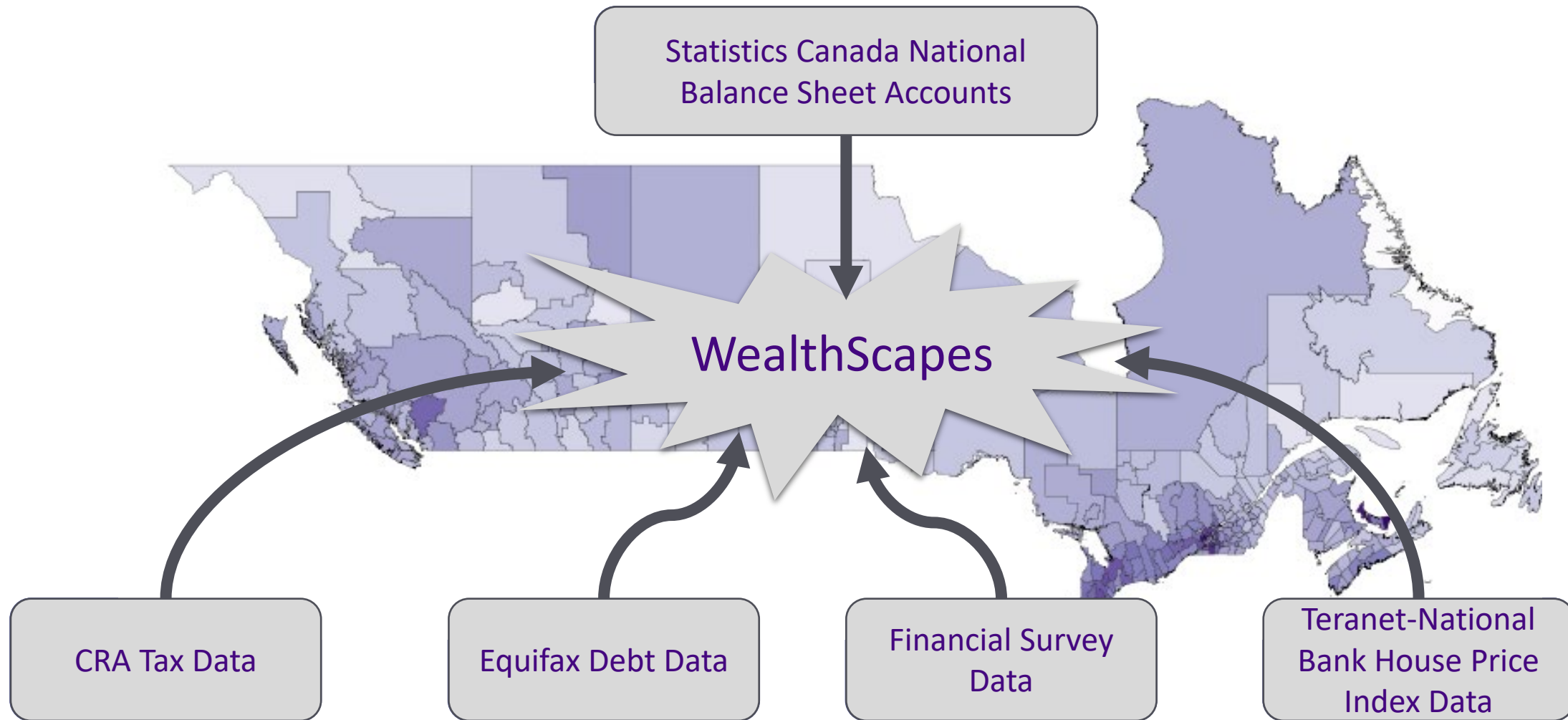
WealthTrends

- Set of 33 variables updated quarterly at the dissemination-area level
- Quarterly estimates are modelled using inputs and control totals from:
  - Equifax
  - Teranet
  - Canadian Financial Monitor
  - Bank of Canada
  - Labour Force Survey
  - National Economic Accounts
  - DemoStats
- WealthTrends can be used by financial institutions, retailers, and governments to adjust strategies to reflect the most recent economic conditions



# From Disparate Data to WealthScapes

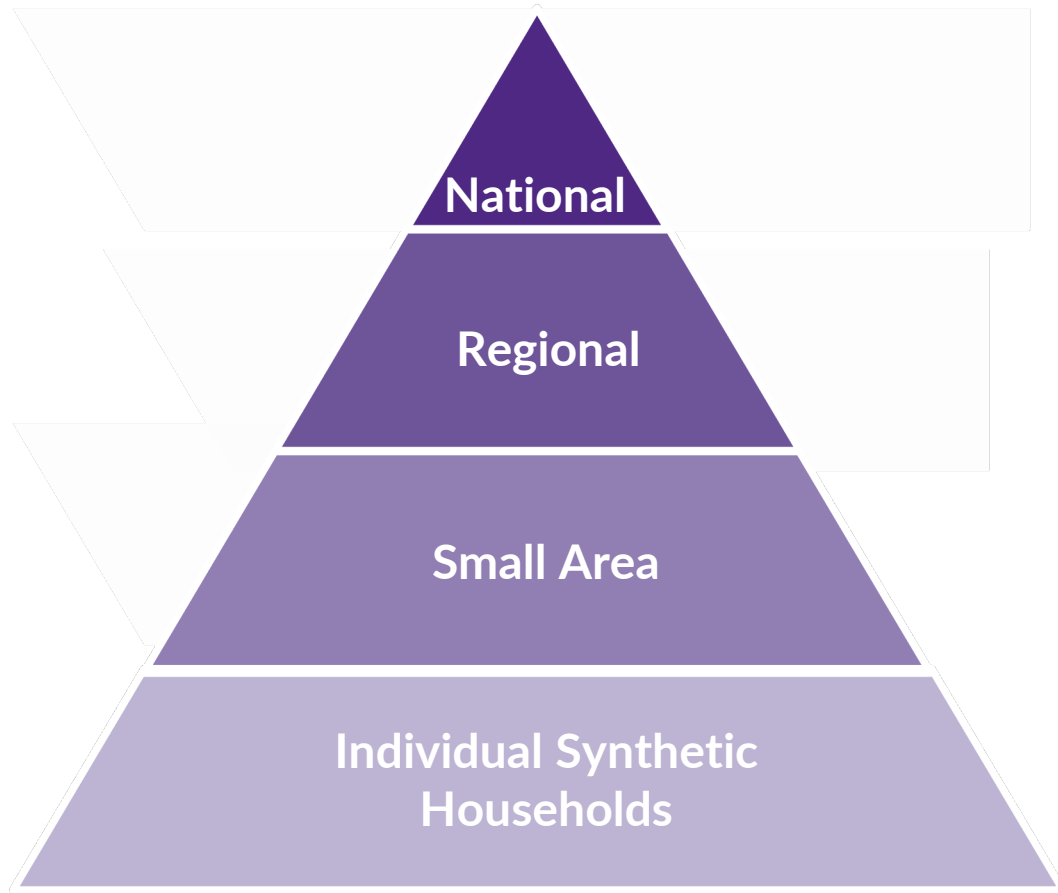
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# WealthScapes - Built On a Geodemographic Base

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## Data Sources

- Statistics Canada National Balance Sheet Accounts
- Pension Satellite Account
- Bank of Canada
- CANSIM
- Teranet HPI
- CREA HPI
- Equifax
- CRA Income Tax Data & Longitudinal Administrative Data
- CensusPlus
- Census
- Demostats Hypercube
- Statistics Canada Survey of Financial Security
- Canadian Financial Monitor
- Statistics Canada Canadian Income Survey



# WealthScapes Suite of Products

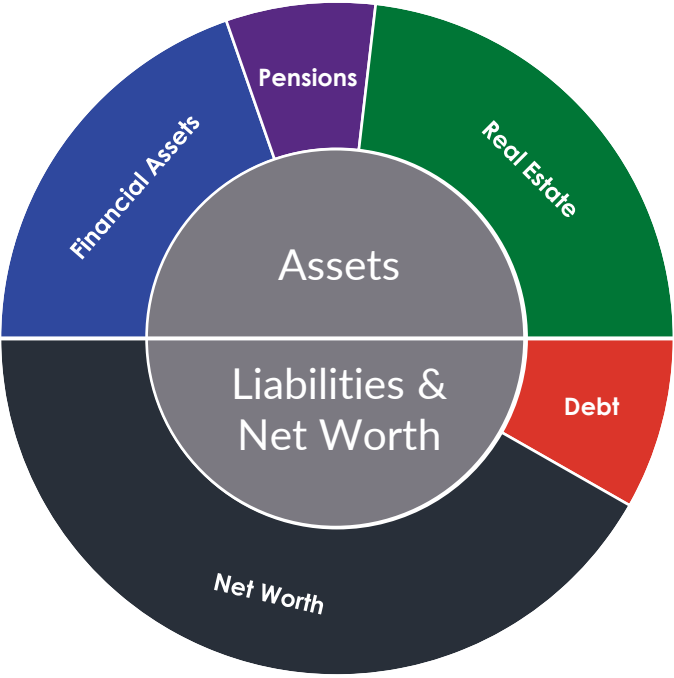
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Breaking down the household balance sheet



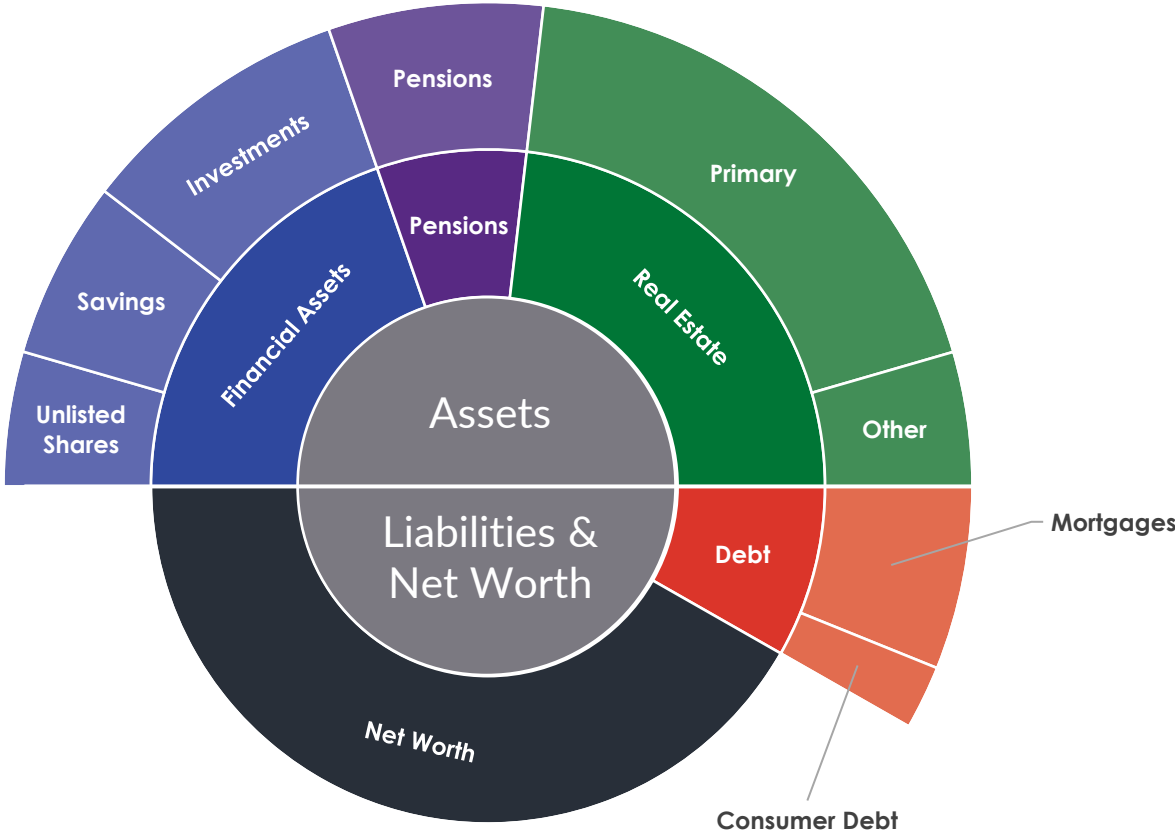
# WealthScapes' View of the Household Balance Sheet 2022Q4

Financial Assets	\$ 430,993
Pensions	\$ 157,147
Real Estate	\$ 507,624
Debt	\$ 180,726
Net Worth	\$ 915,037



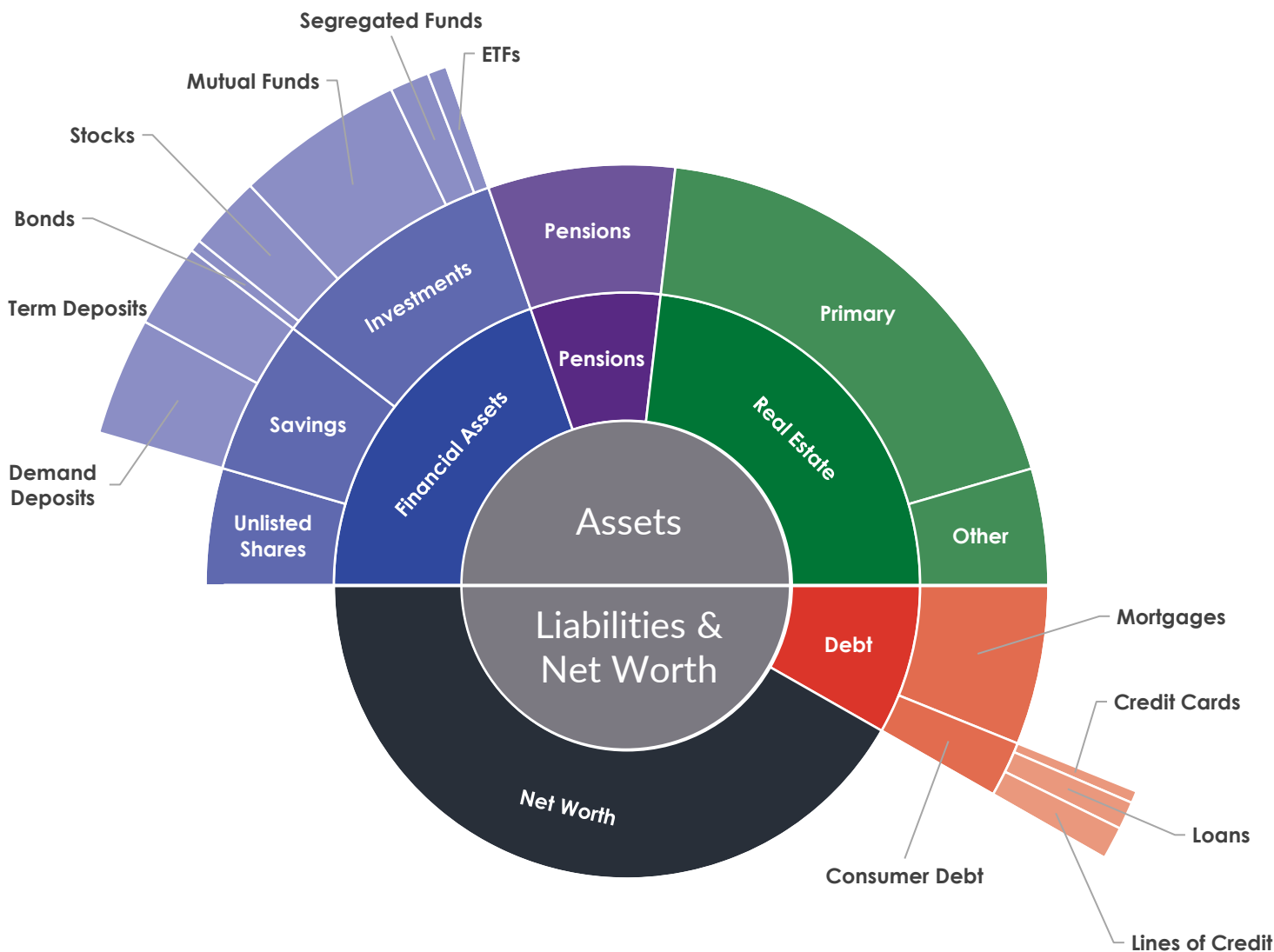
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<b>Financial Assets</b>	<b>\$ 430,993</b>
Unlisted Shares	\$ 98,503
Savings	\$ 130,419
<b>Investments</b>	<b>\$ 202,070</b>
<b>Pensions</b>	<b>\$ 157,147</b>
<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>\$ 507,624</b>
Primary	\$ 409,409
Other	\$ 98,215
<b>Debt</b>	<b>\$ 180,726</b>
Mortgages	\$ 134,000
Consumer Debt	\$ 46,726
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$ 915,037</b>

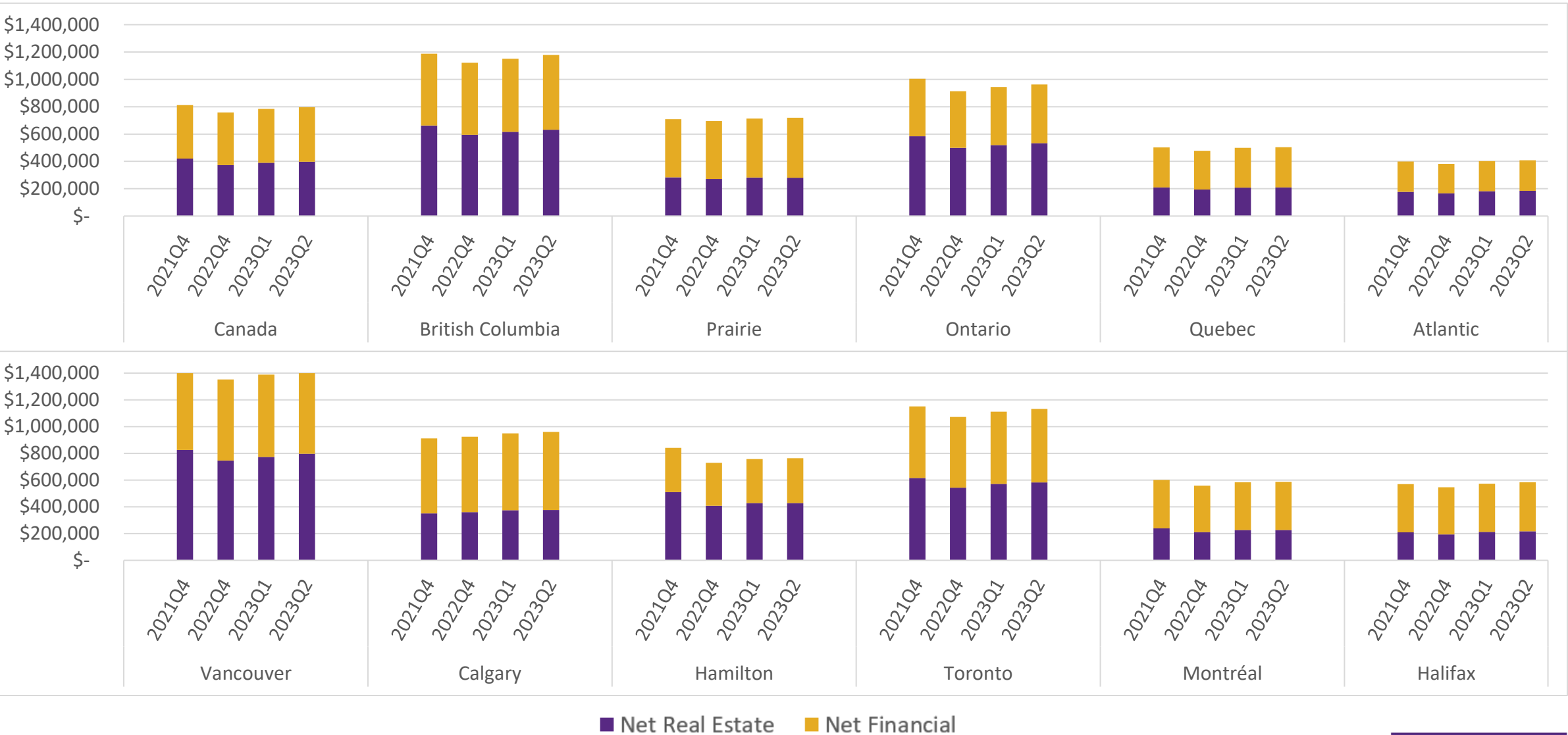


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<b>Financial Assets</b>	<b>\$ 430,993</b>
Unlisted Shares	\$ 98,503
Savings	\$ 130,419
Demand Deposits	\$ 76,173
Term Deposits	\$ 54,246
Investments	\$ 202,070
Bonds	\$ 7,665
Stocks	\$ 47,753
Mutual Funds	\$ 108,819
Segregated Funds	\$ 25,377
ETFs	\$ 12,456
<b>Pensions</b>	<b>\$ 157,147</b>
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Mortgages	\$ 134,000
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Credit Cards	\$ 7,786
Loans	\$ 17,938
Lines of Credit	\$ 21,003
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$ 915,037</b>



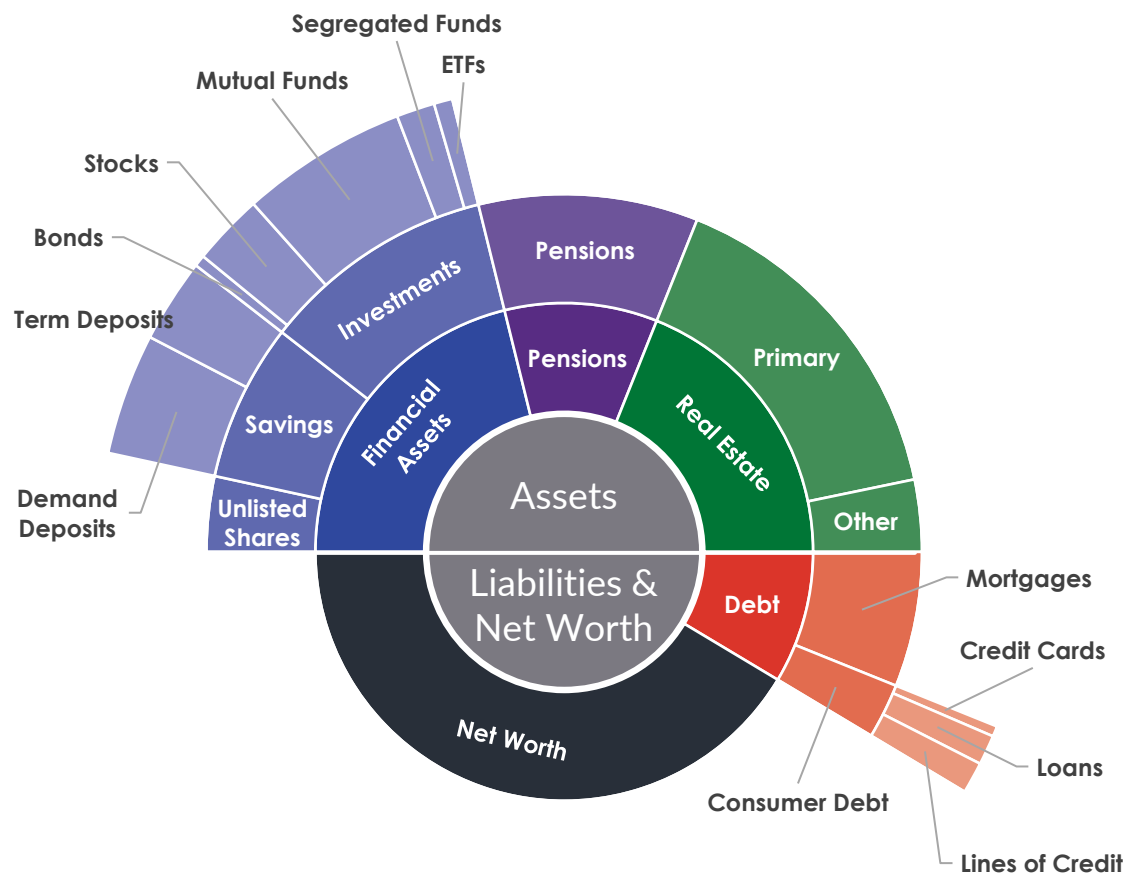
# Net Worth Trend by Region and CMA



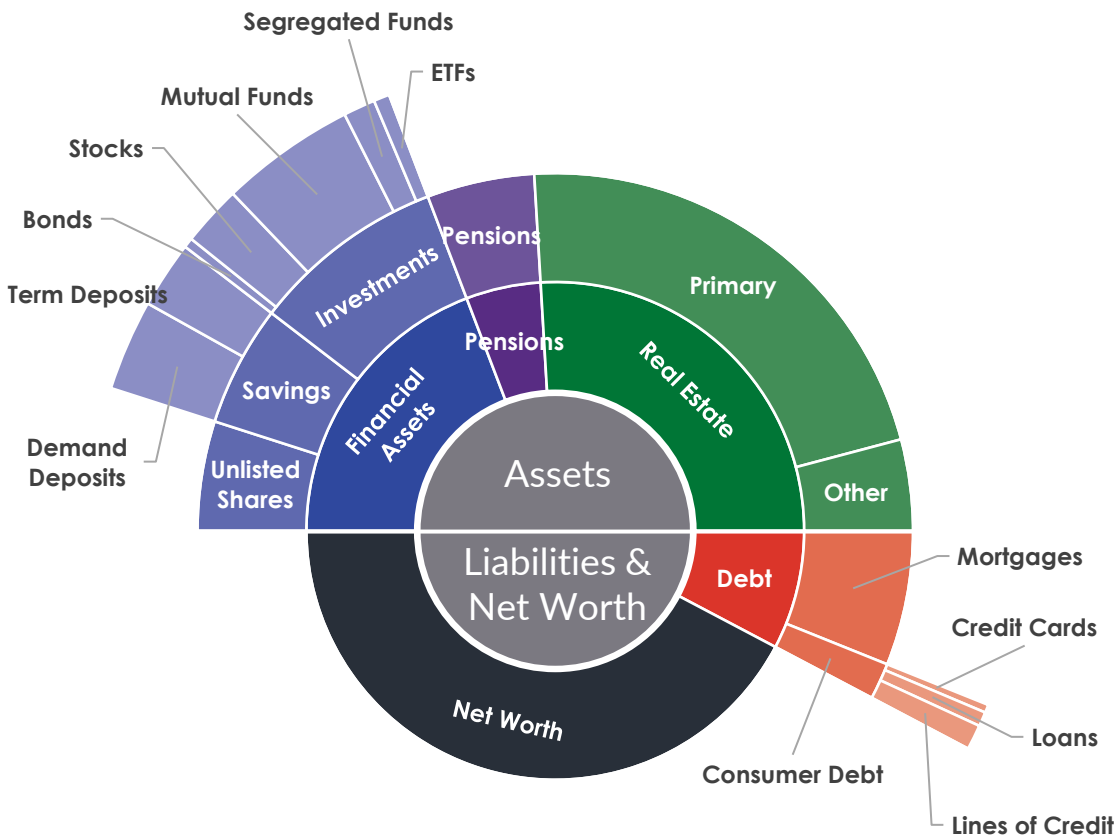
■ Net Real Estate ■ Net Financial

# Regional Differences Between Average Household Balance Sheets

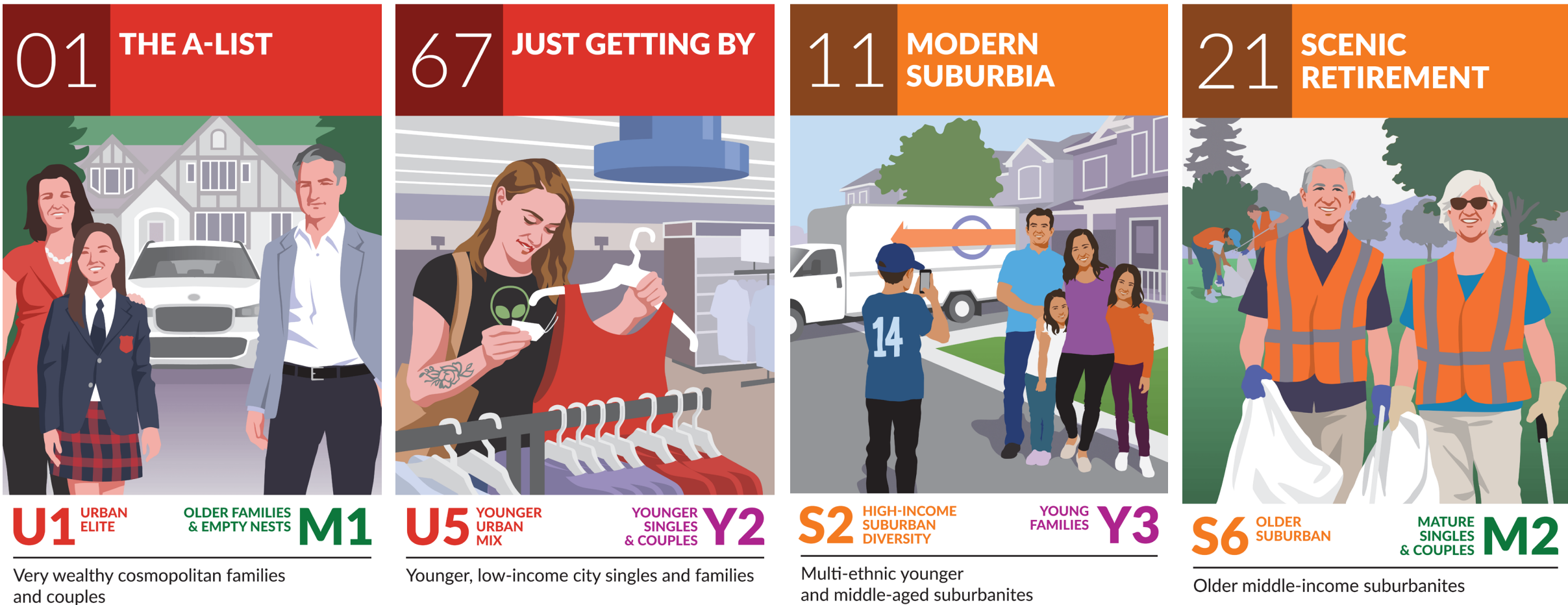
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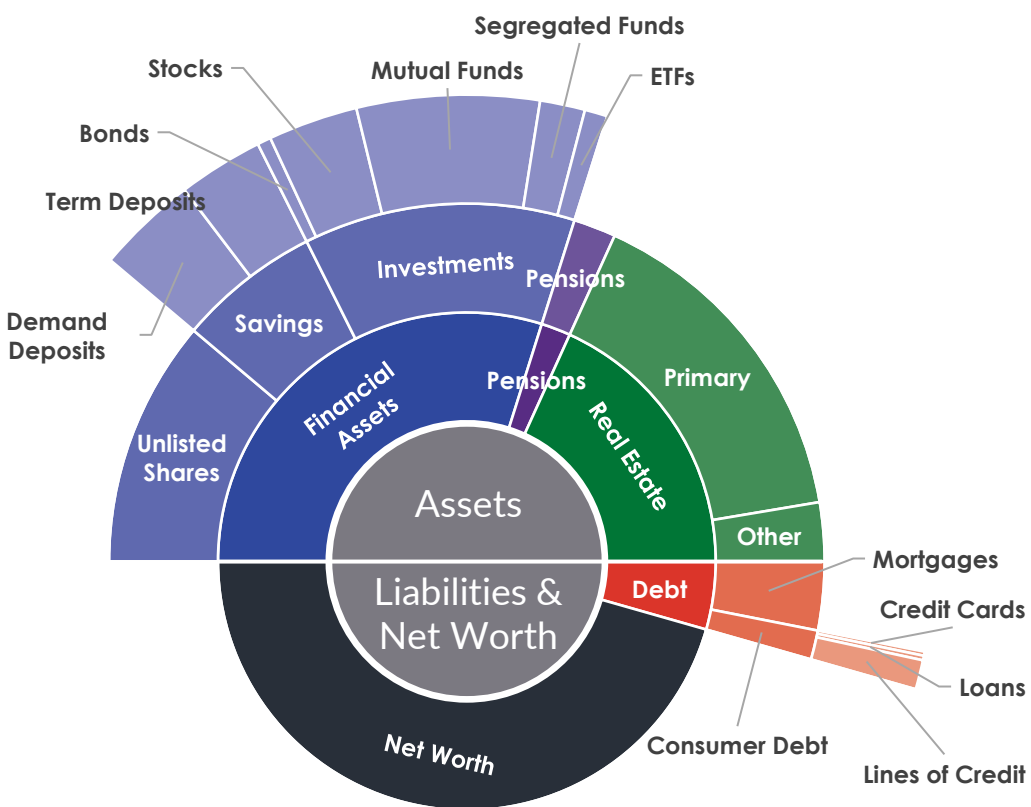


# PRIZM Profiles

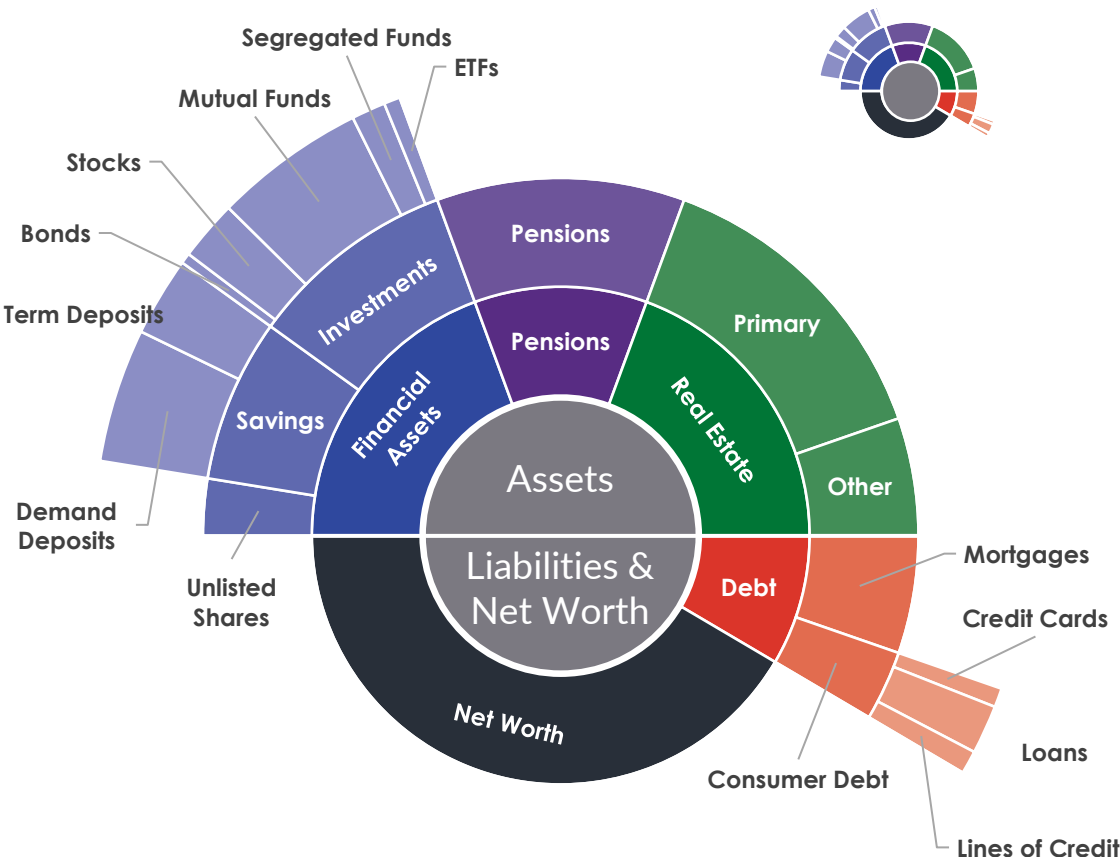


# Household Wealth – Contrasting PRIZM Segments

A-List (Disposable Income 300k)



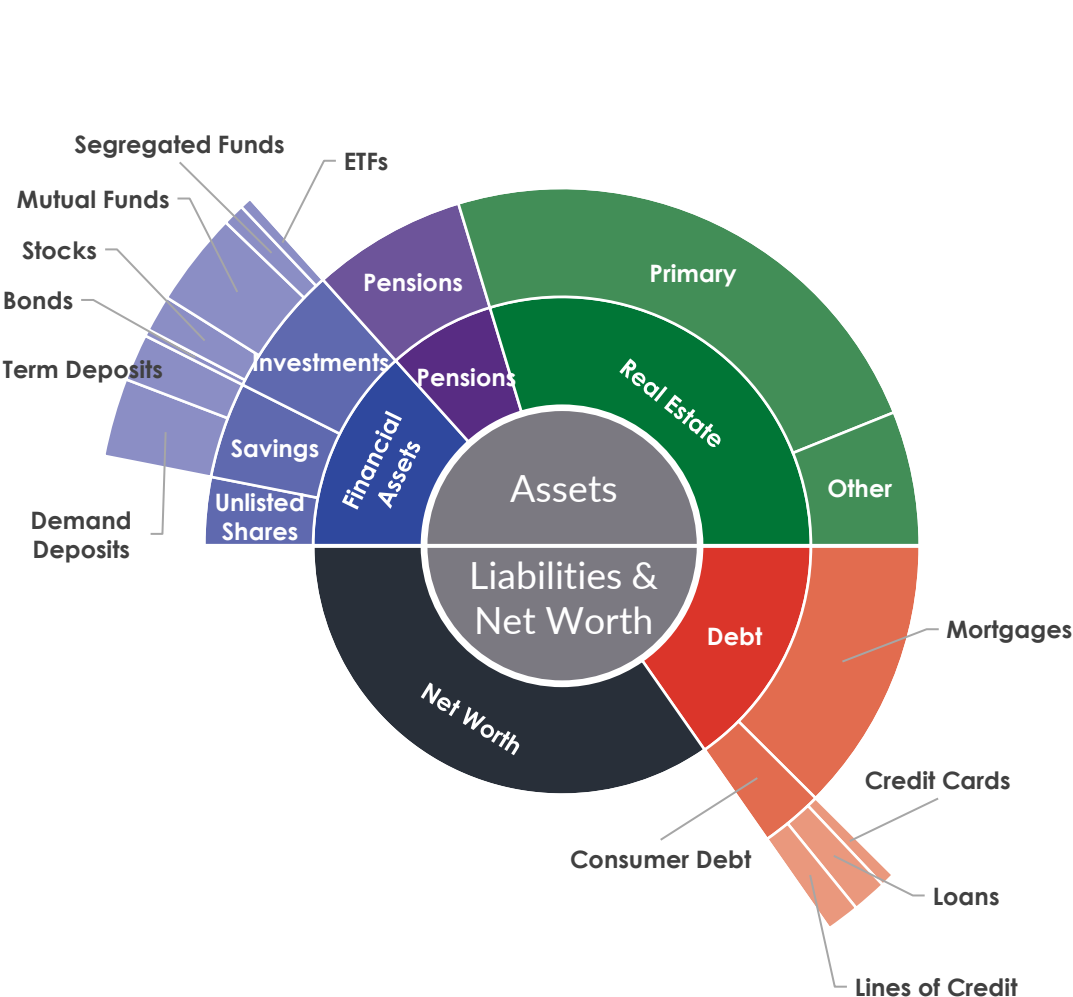
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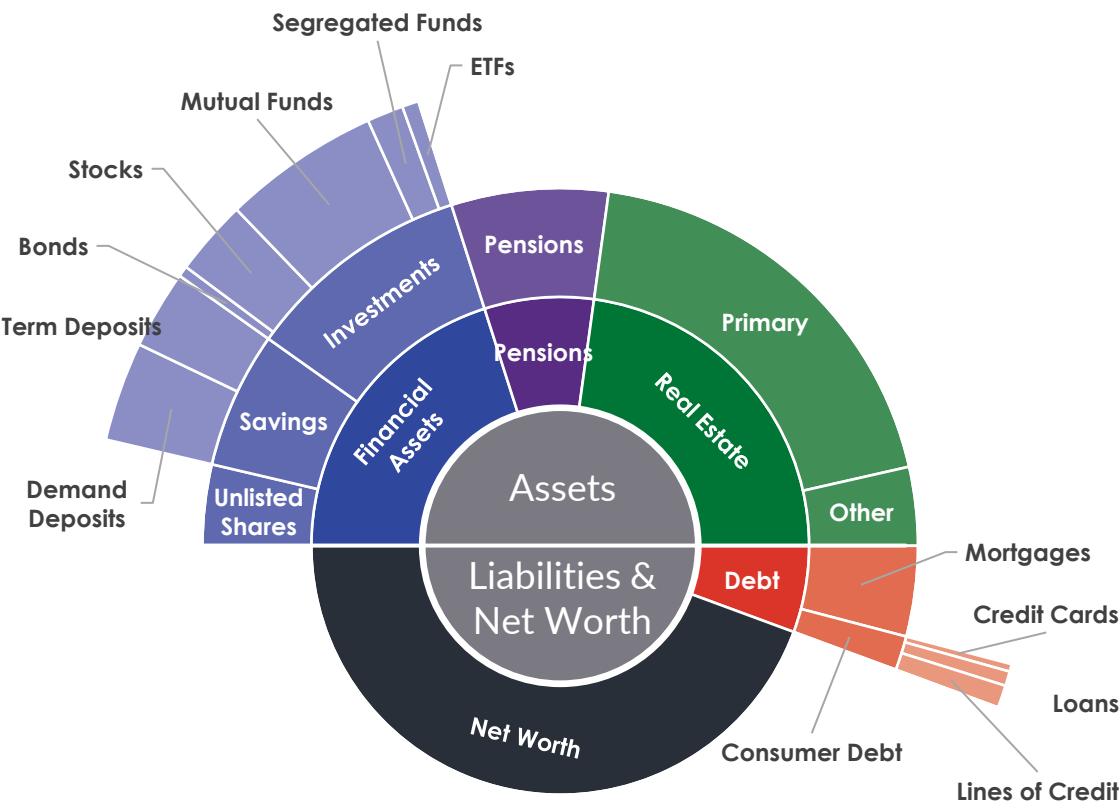


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Modern Suburbia



Scenic Retirement



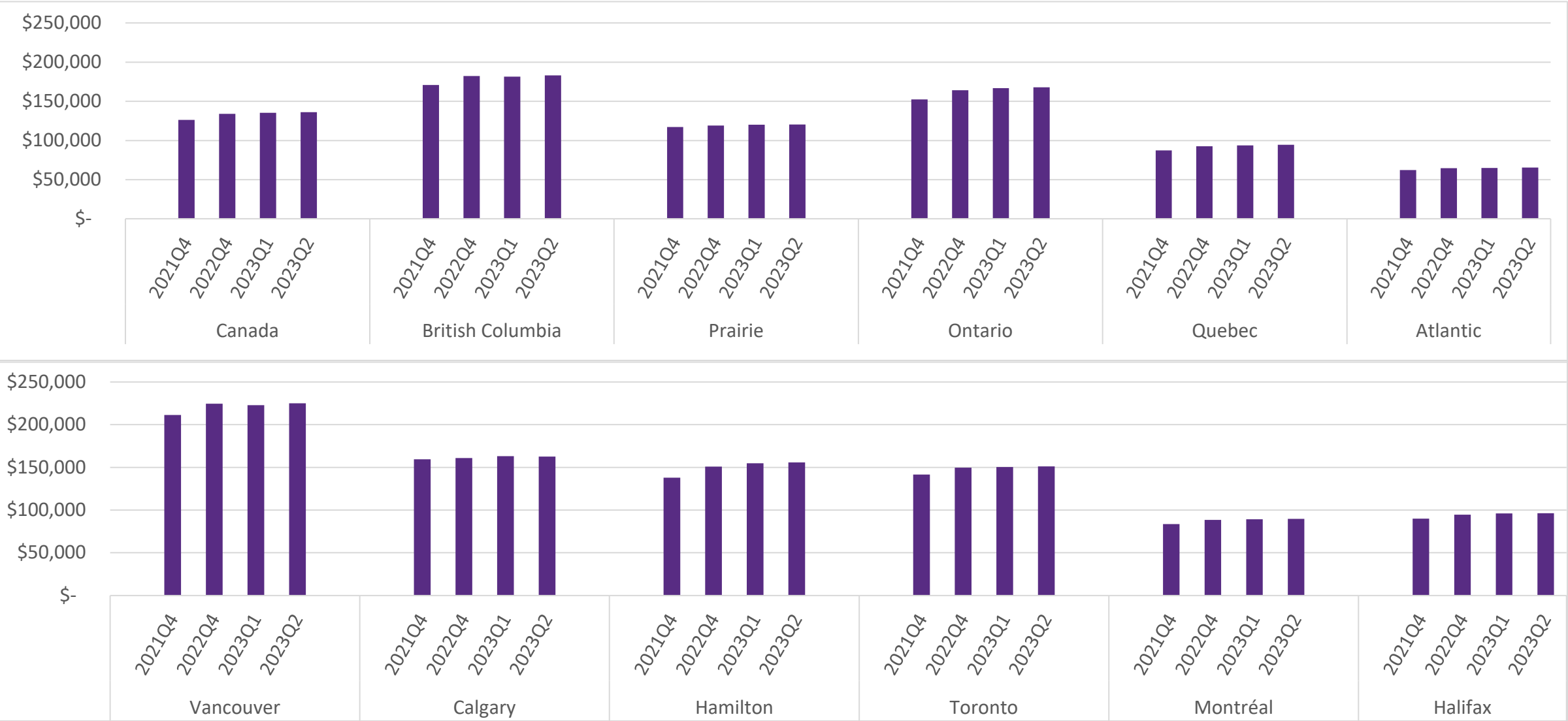
# Rising Borrowing Costs

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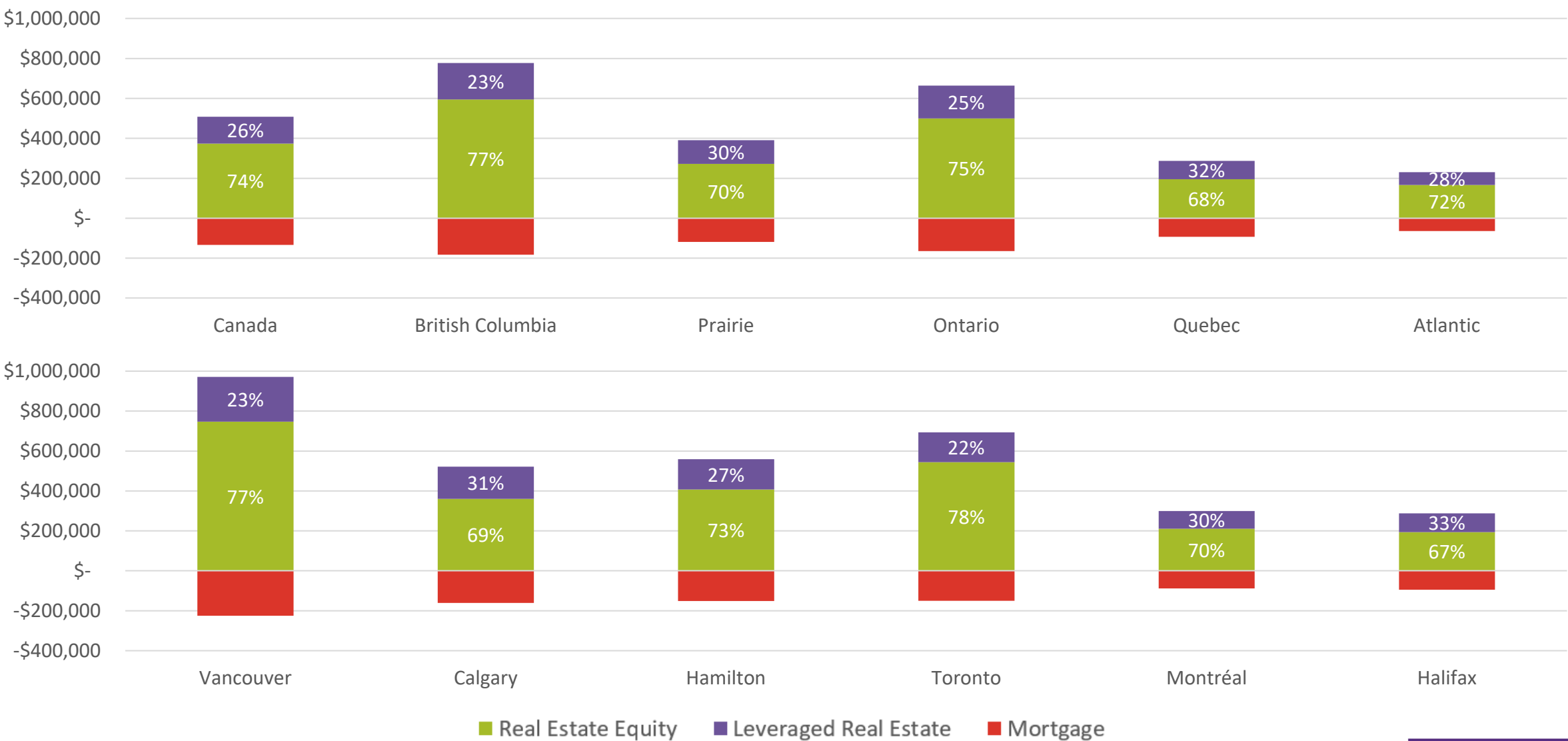
WealthScapes and LiquidAssets  
Insights



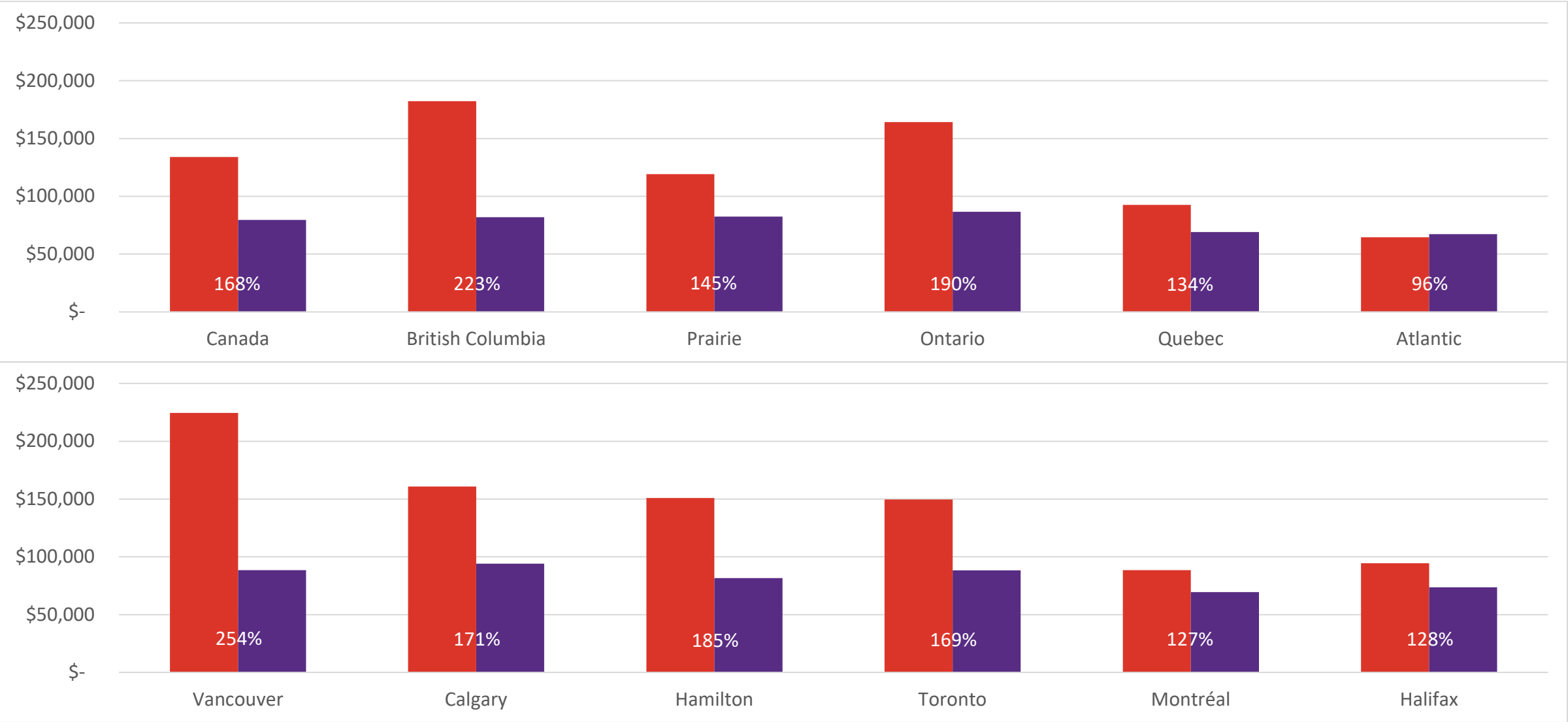
# Mortgage Balance Trends Across Regions and CMAs



# Real Estate, Mortgages and Net Equity Across Regions and CMAs

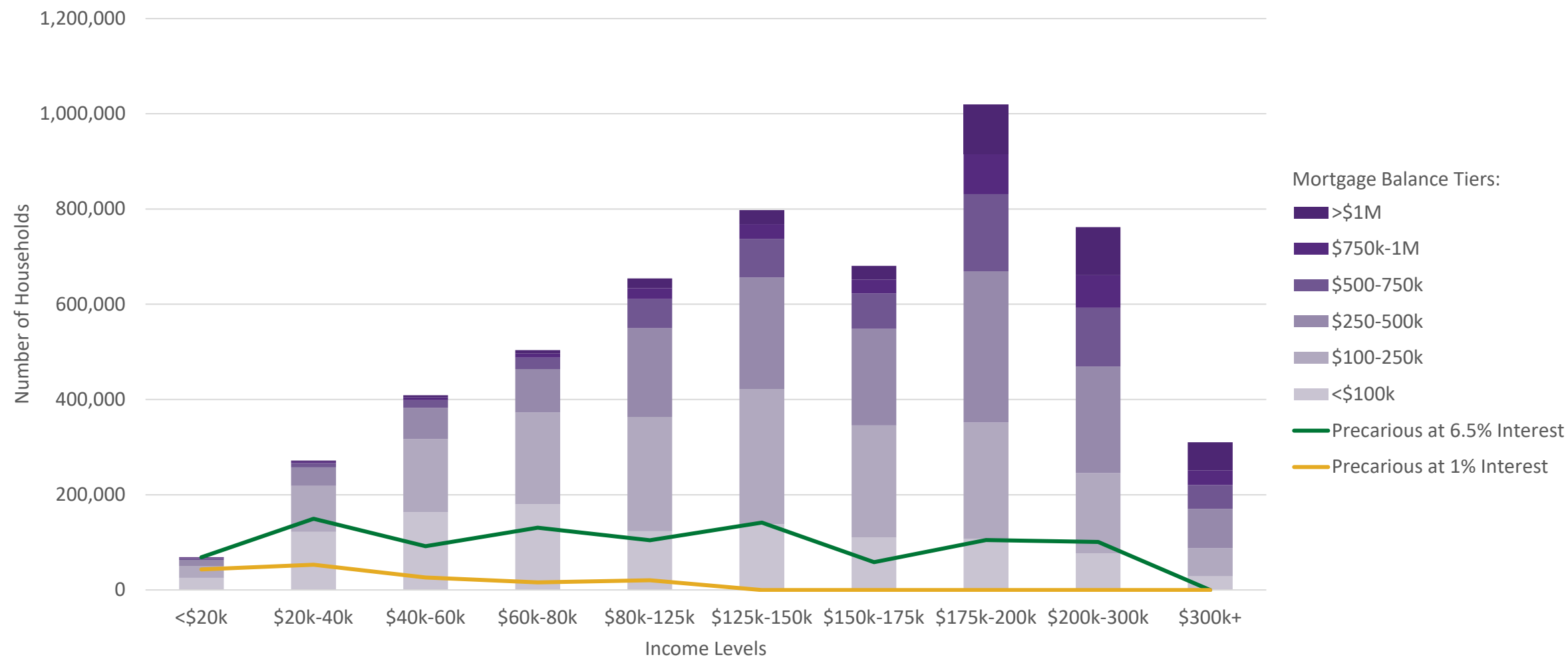


# Mortgage to Disposable Income Across Regions and CMAs



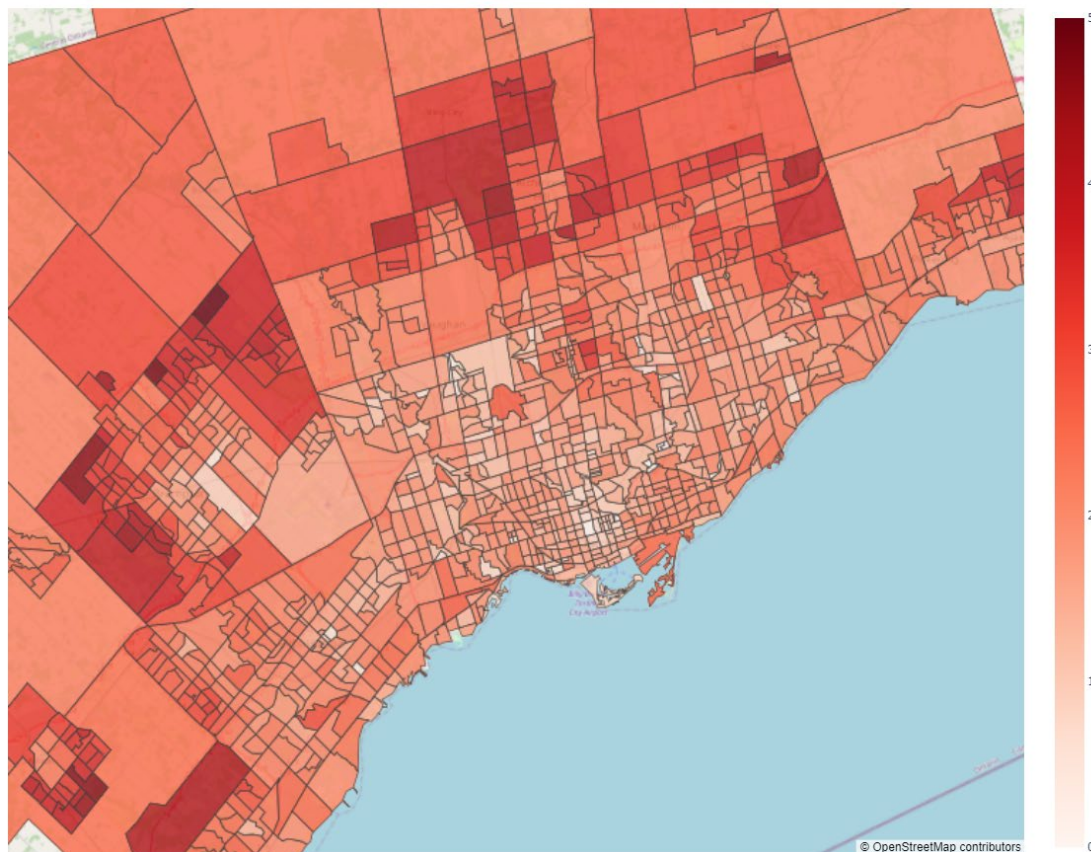
# Peaking Into The Distributions – Finding Vulnerable Households

Mortgage Balance by Income, # Households

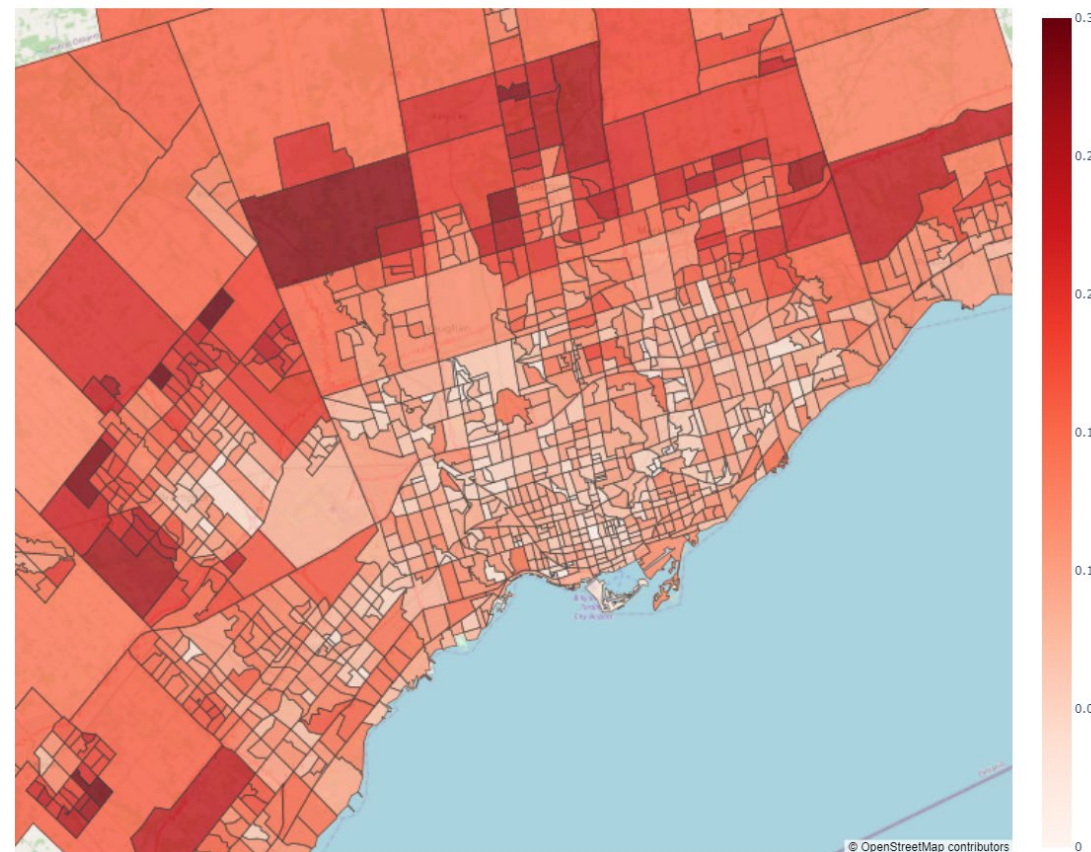


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Debt to disposable income



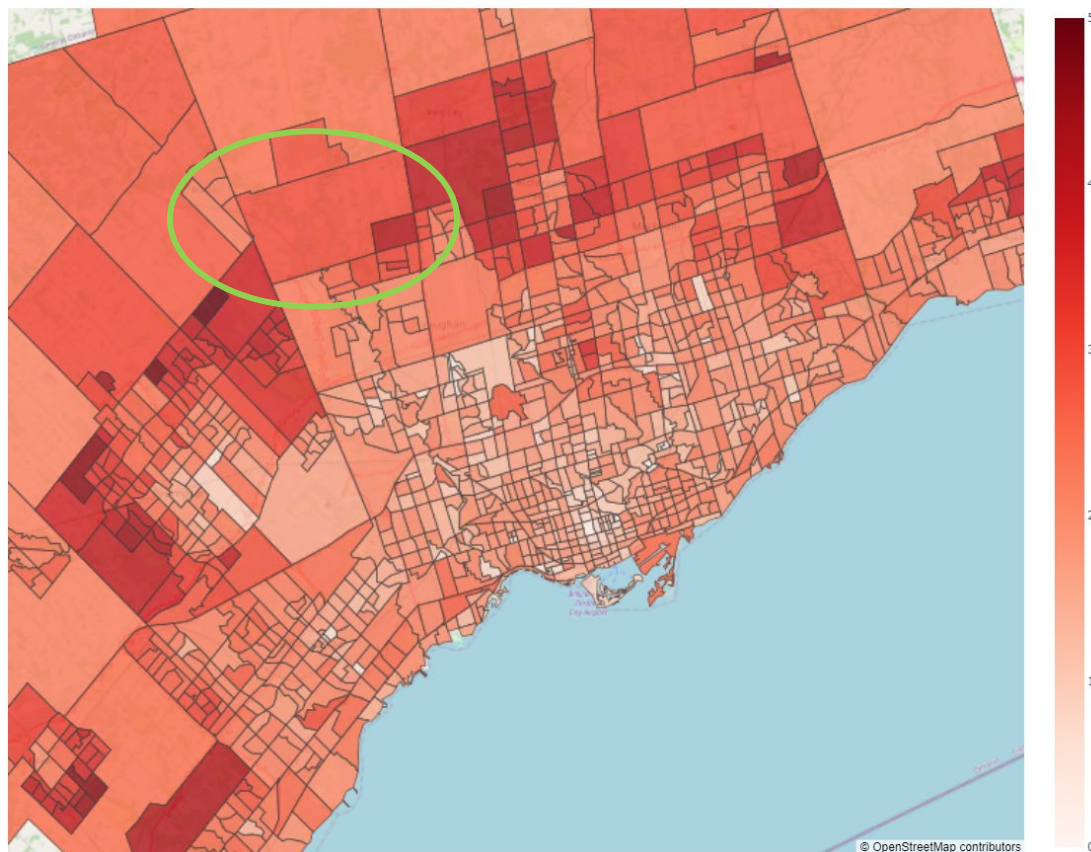
Percent at-risk households



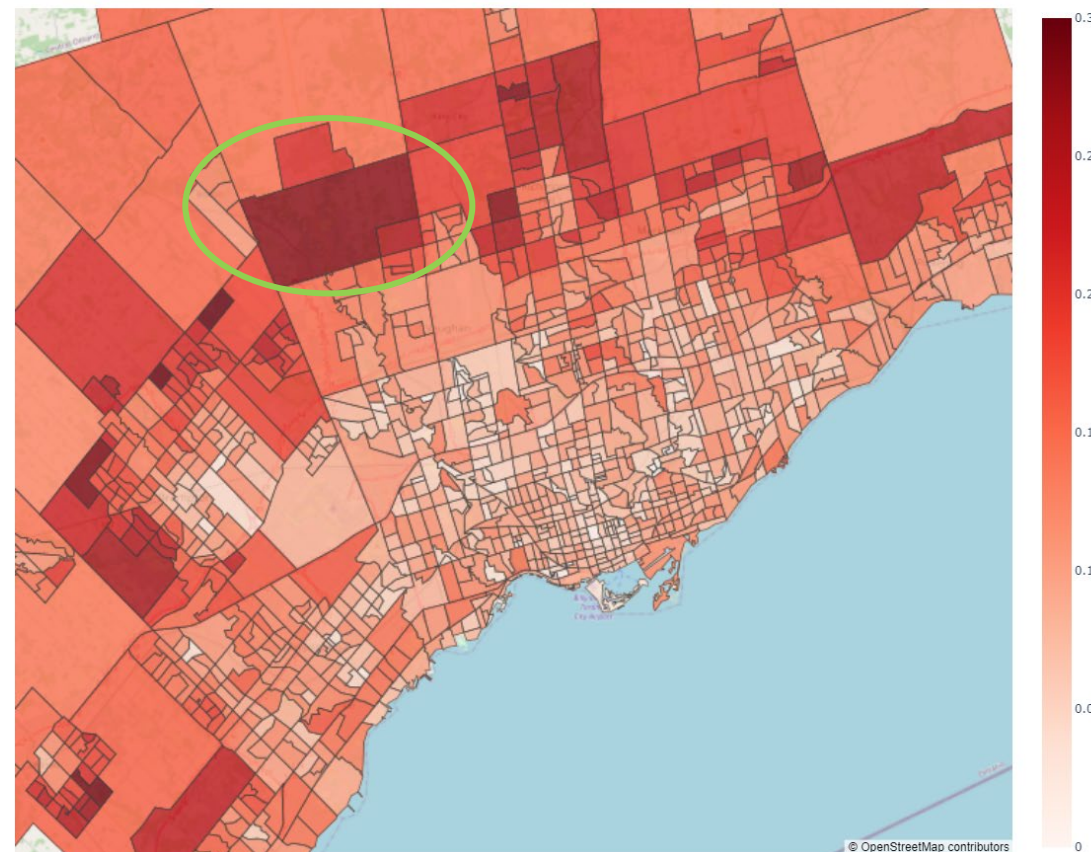


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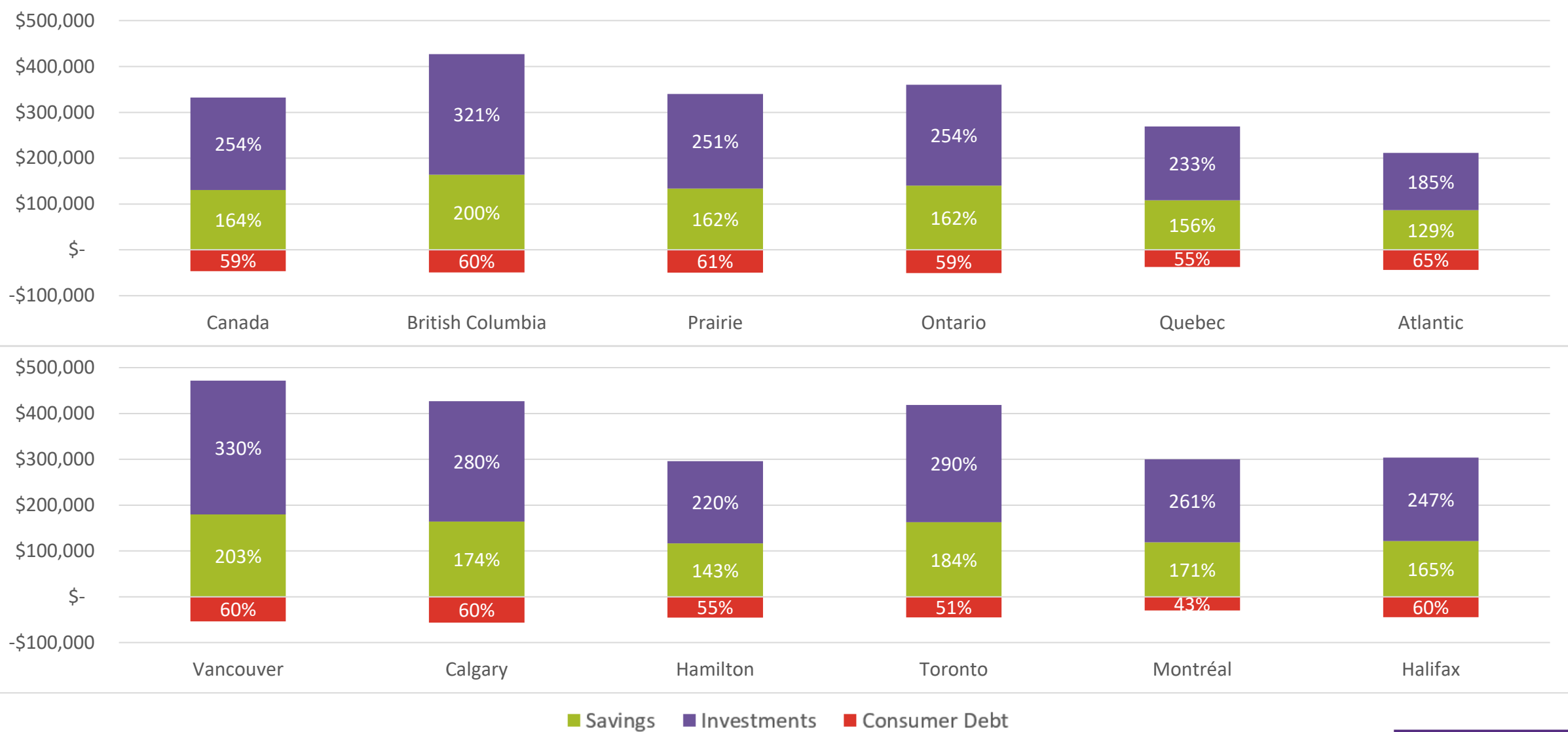
# WealthScapes Suite of Products

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Savings buffers and emergency funds

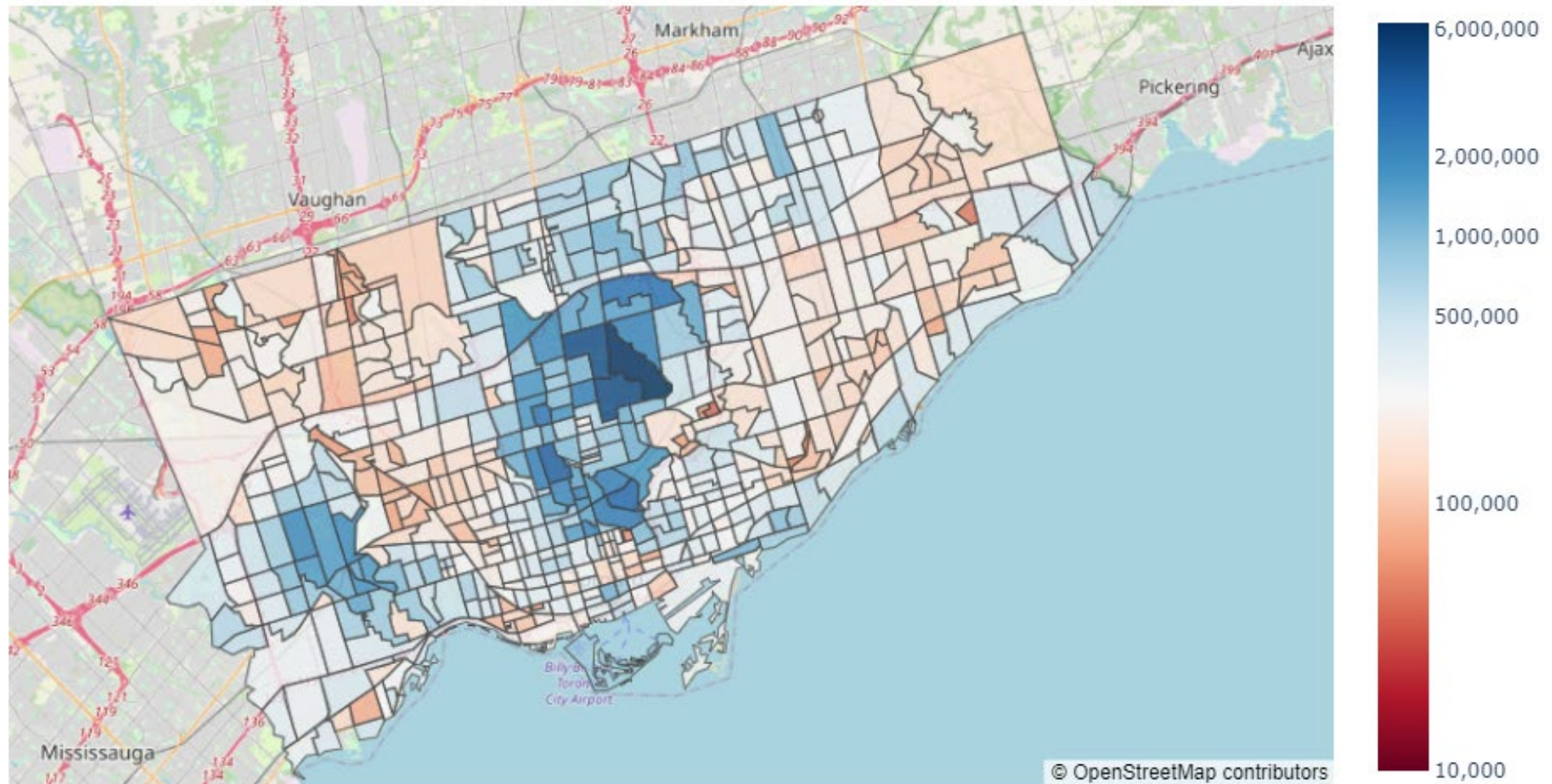


# LiquidAssets and Consumer Debt by Region and CMA

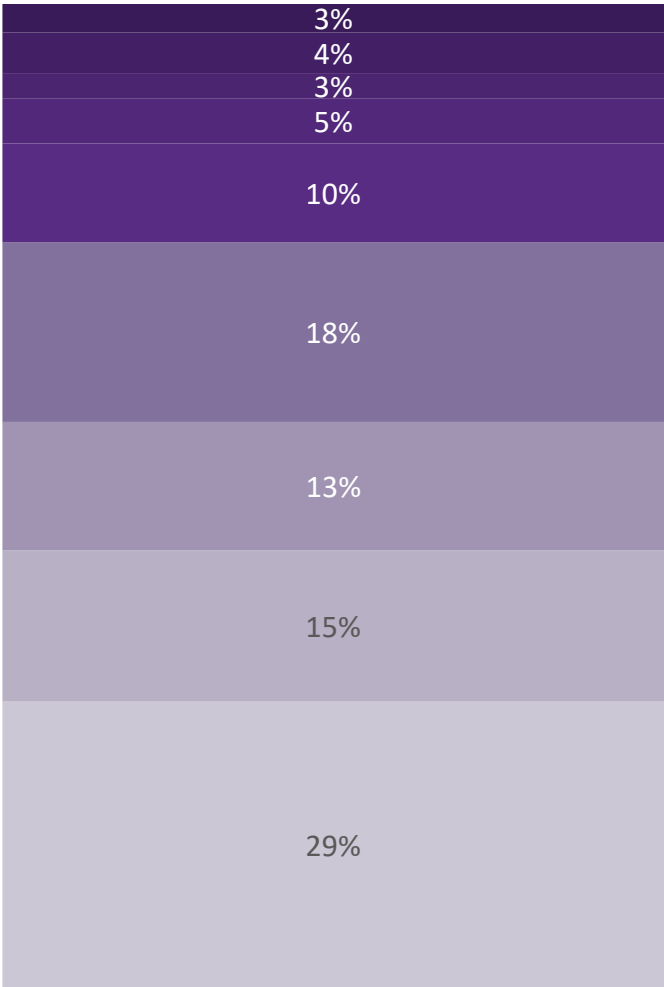


# Average LiquidAssets Balances – Financially Vulnerable or Resilient?

Average Liquid Assets



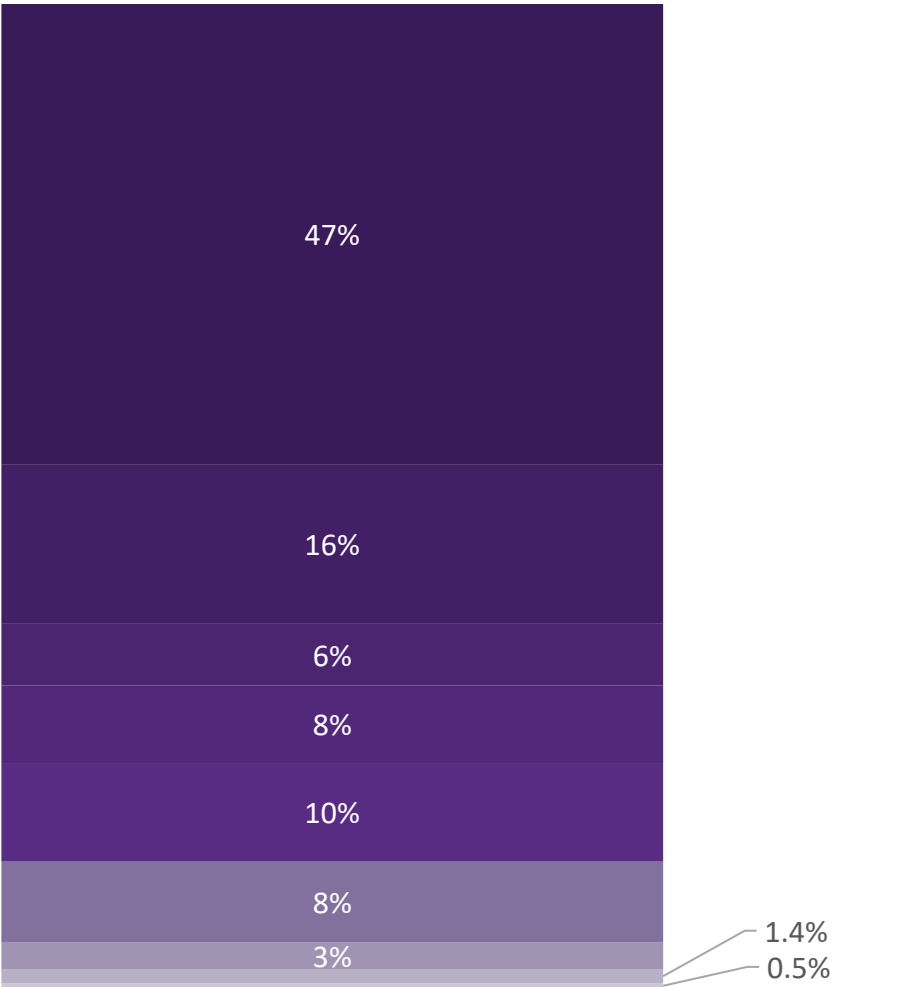
# Using LiquidAssets to Look Beyond the Averages



% OF HOUSEHOLDS

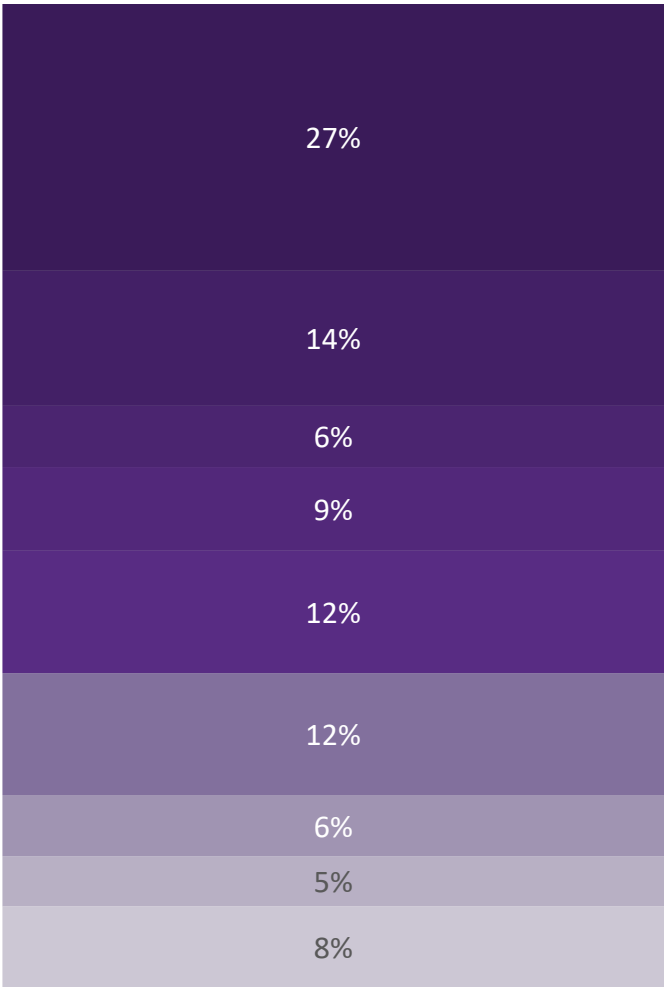
Liquid Asset Tiers:

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% OF TOTAL LIQUID ASSET HELD

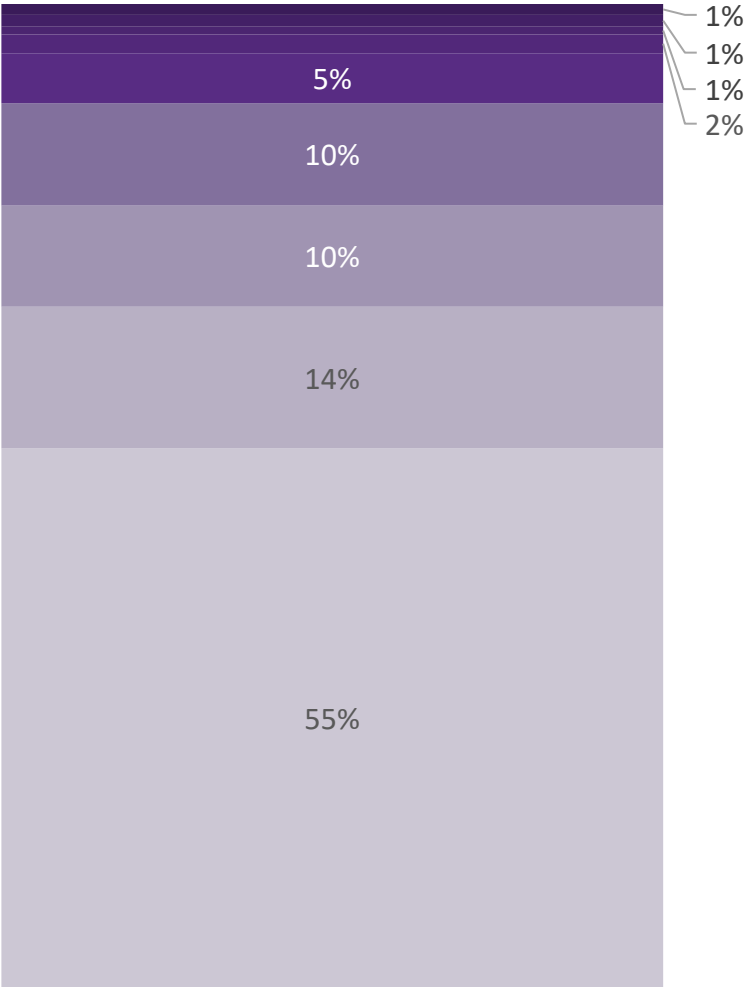
# LiquidAssets by Contrasting PRIZM segments



THE A-LIST

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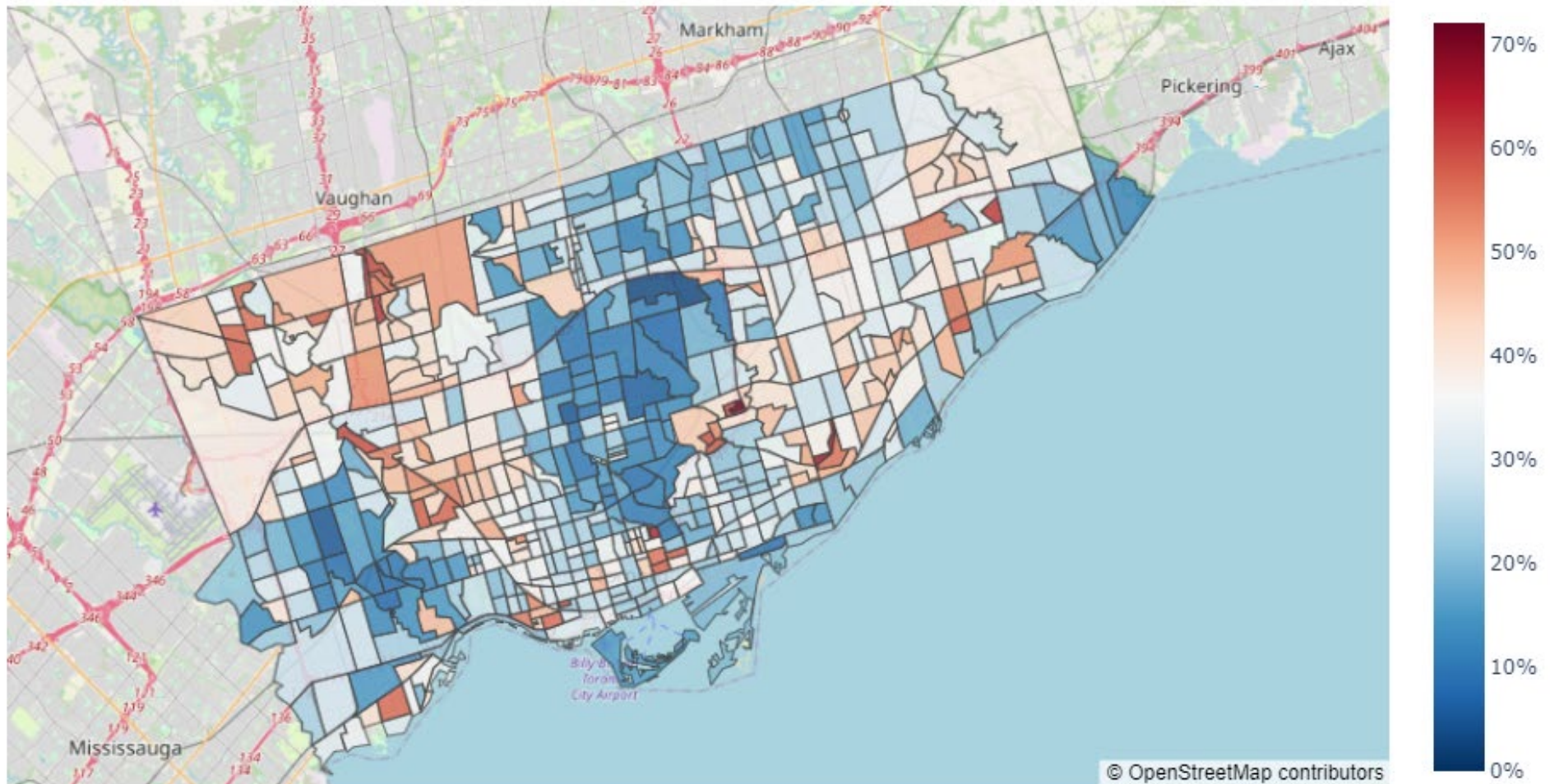


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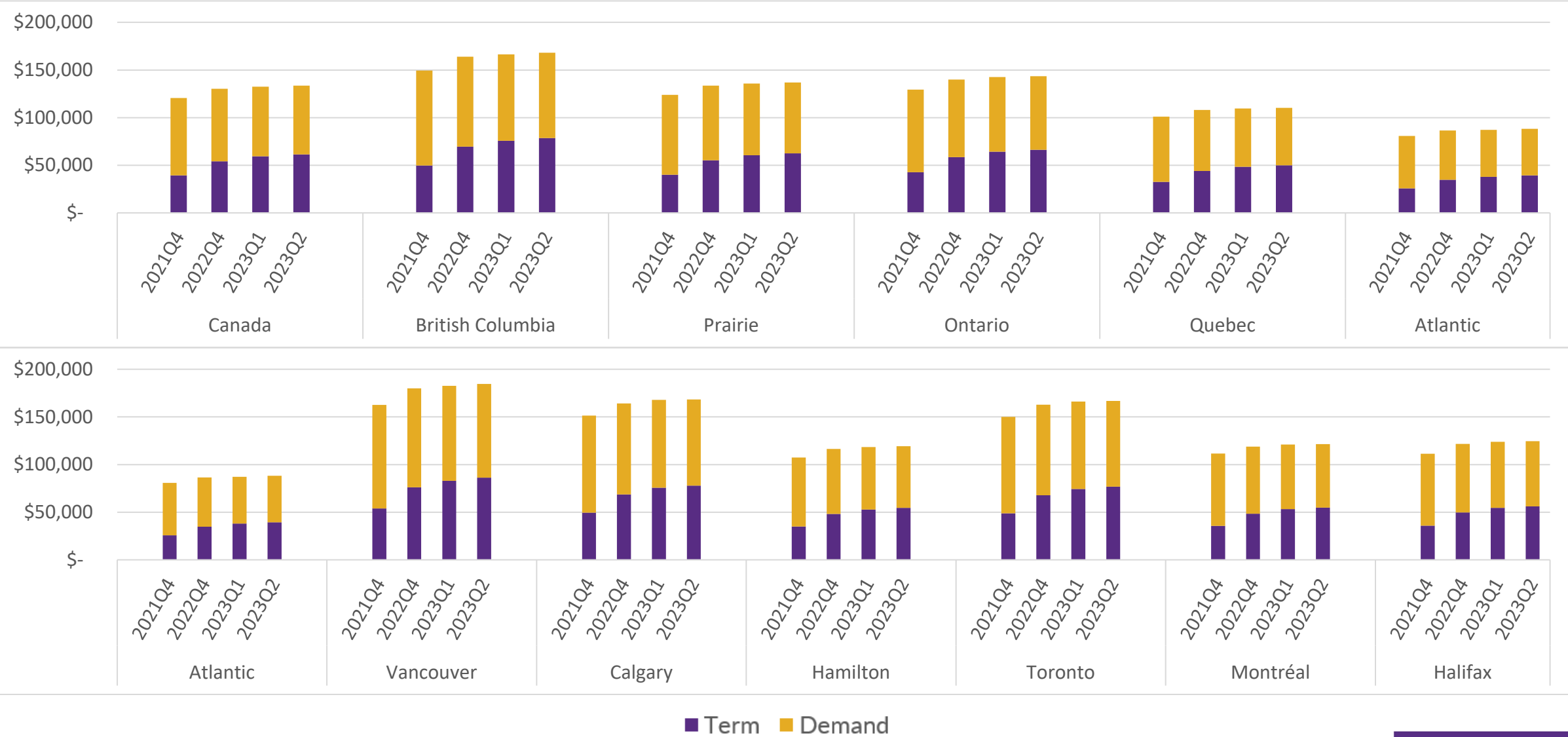


# A Better Way to Look – Financially Vulnerable or Resilient?

Percent of Households with Less than \$20,000 of Liquid Assets



# Term Deposit Balances Surge Across the Country (Regions and CMAs)



# WealthScapes Use Cases

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# Using WealthScapes to Intentionally Grow & Inform Strategy

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## Evaluate Market & Product Opportunities

Understand product penetration, market share and average wallet share nationally and regionally to identify growth opportunity and inform strategy



## Advisor Trade Area Analysis & Goal Setting

Inform Advisors and Brokers of the available dollars by neighborhood to enable them to target new customers and neighbourhoods tactically



## Enhance Growth & Retention Strategies

Evaluate the current and potential value of your clients and identify servicing strategies that will help to deepen your relationships and grow intentionally



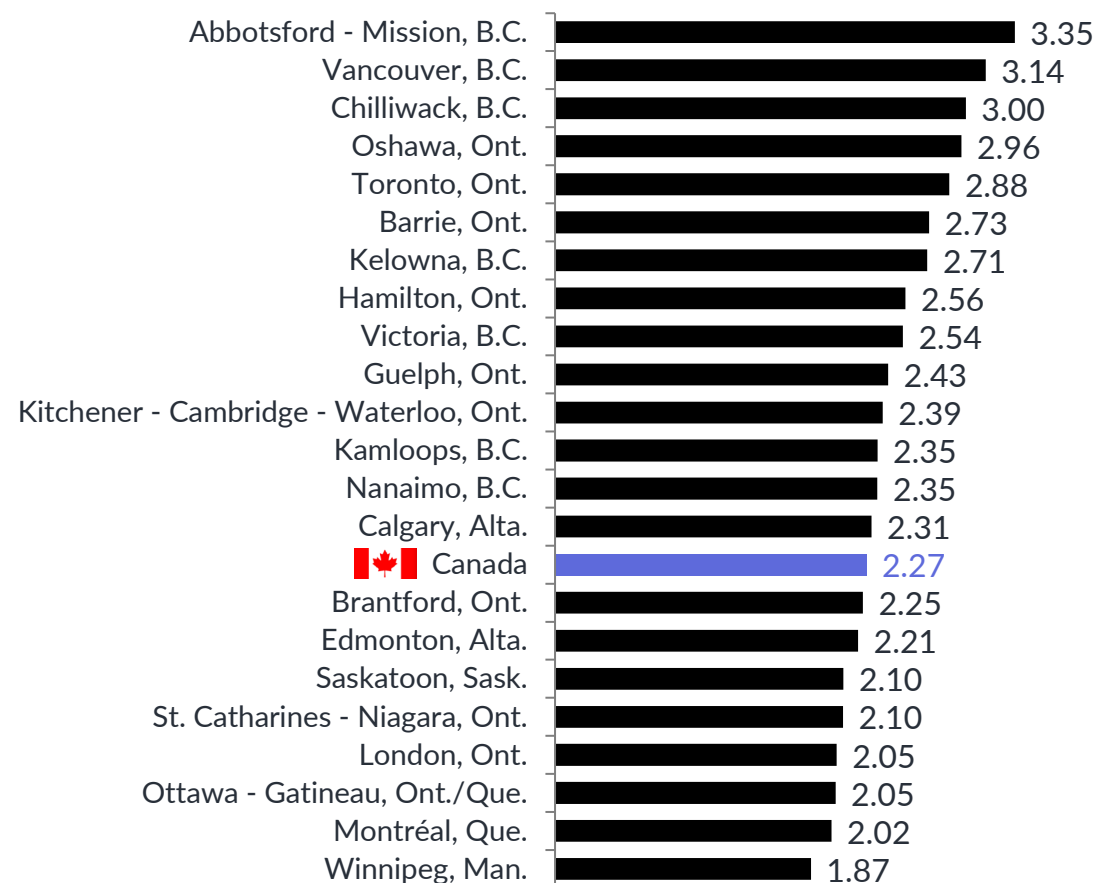
## Modeling

Use financial data at the postal code to identify lift and enhance offers and predict upsell, cross-sell, and acquisition strategy

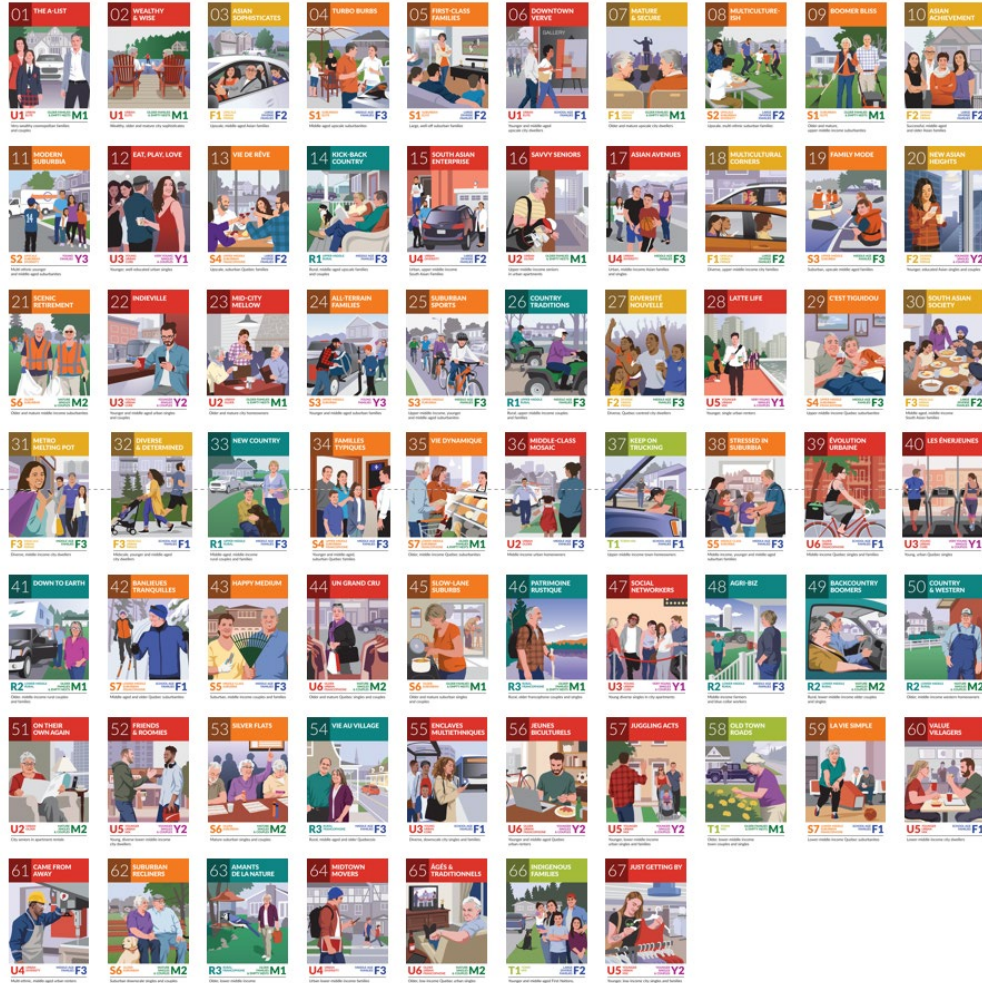
# Debt Highest in Areas in B.C and Ontario

## Debt to Disposable Income Ratio, 2022

Top 20 CMAs, Montreal and Winnipeg



# Using PRIZM to Identify Financial Assets



The PRIZM segmentation system classifies Canada's neighbourhoods at a postal code-level into actionable, lifestyle segments.

## PRIZM Captures:



Aging population



Increased cultural diversity



More urban lifestyles; Emerging urban Fringe



Emergence of Millennial lifestyles



Evolving household types

M4W 3H1 Uniqueness of each 6-digit postal code

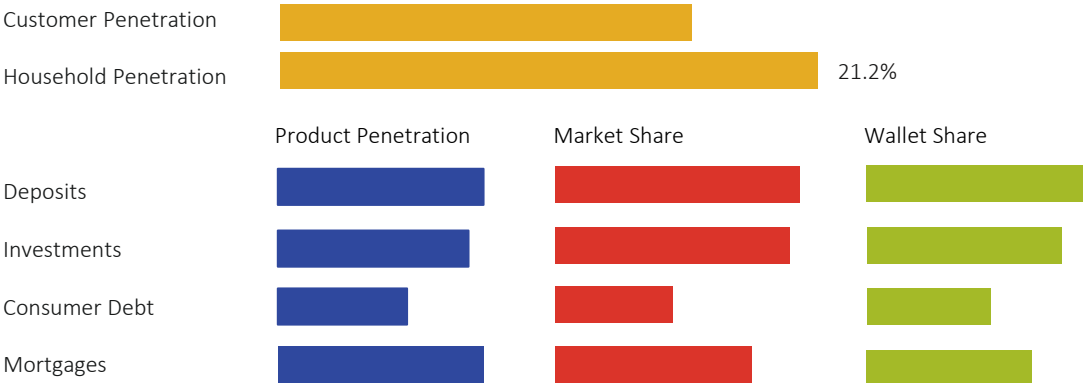
*PRIZM acts as a data currency/common language that can be used across the organization to align on targeting priorities*

# Savings & Investment Vehicles Vary by Demographics

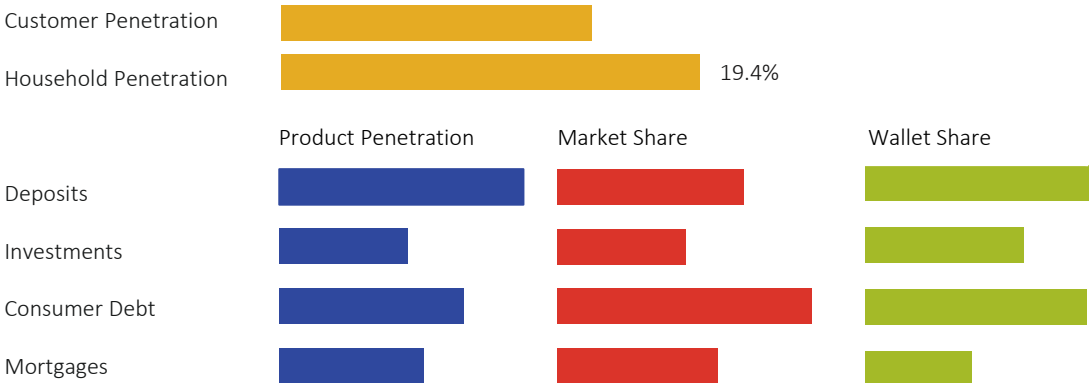
		RRSP	RESP	TFSA	GIC	Stocks	Bonds	Debt to Discretionary Income
15	South Asian Enterprise	104	190	97	96	96	95	157
10	Asian Achievement	110	164	119	120	127	131	139
30	South Asian Society	80	151	80	85	84	83	134
9	Boomer Bliss	118	120	119	126	133	135	95
16	Savvy Seniors	105	90	121	121	128	127	89
21	Scenic Retirement	100	81	114	121	122	118	88
11	Modern Suburbia	129	159	107	96	101	103	145
22	Indieville	107	96	113	103	109	115	92
12	Eat, Play, Love	114	42	117	104	119	132	81
29	C'est Tiguidou	123	116	109	113	111	109	91
27	Diversité Nouvelle	113	128	107	107	106	104	97

# Comparing Opportunities by Province

## British Columbia

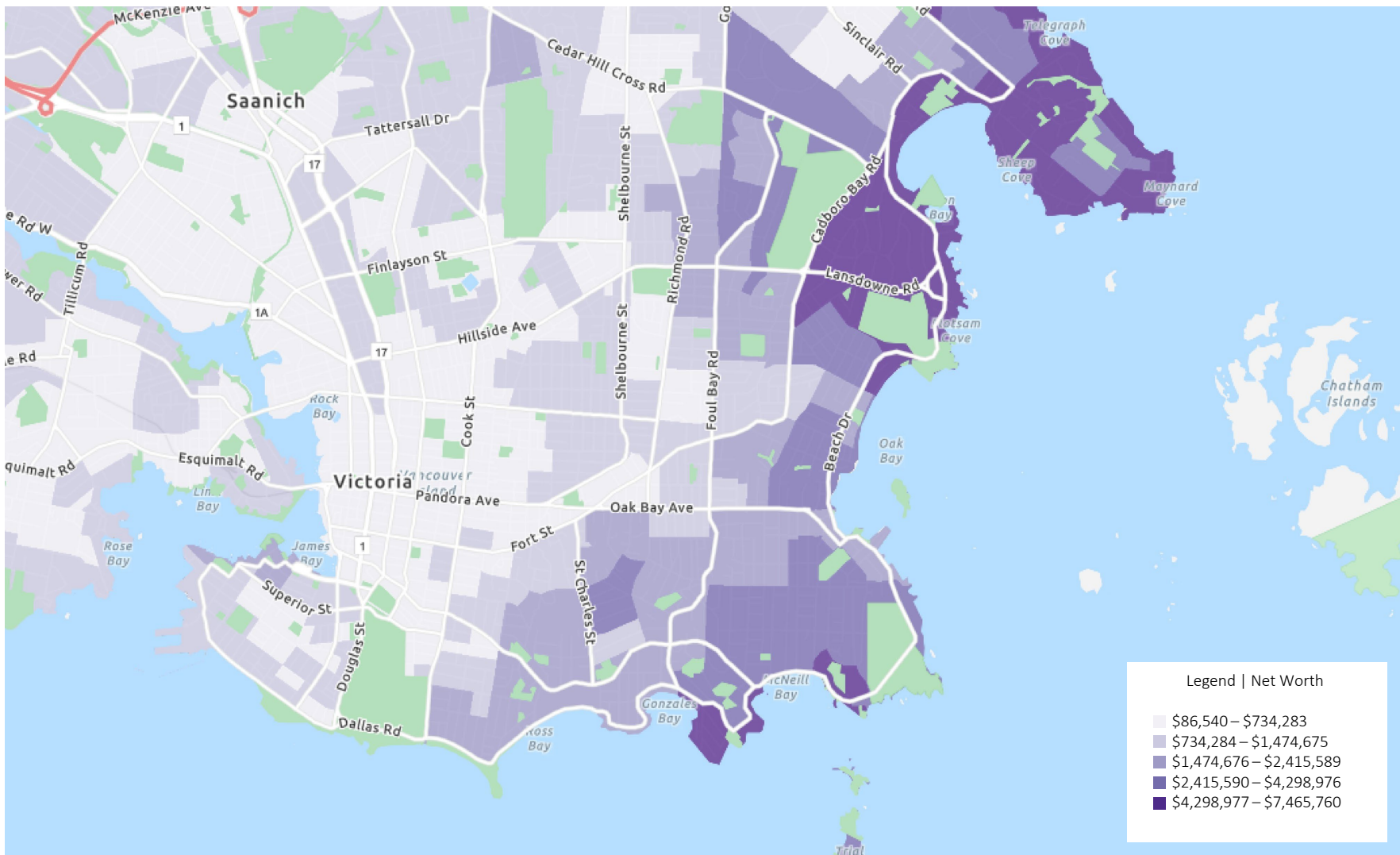


## Ontario



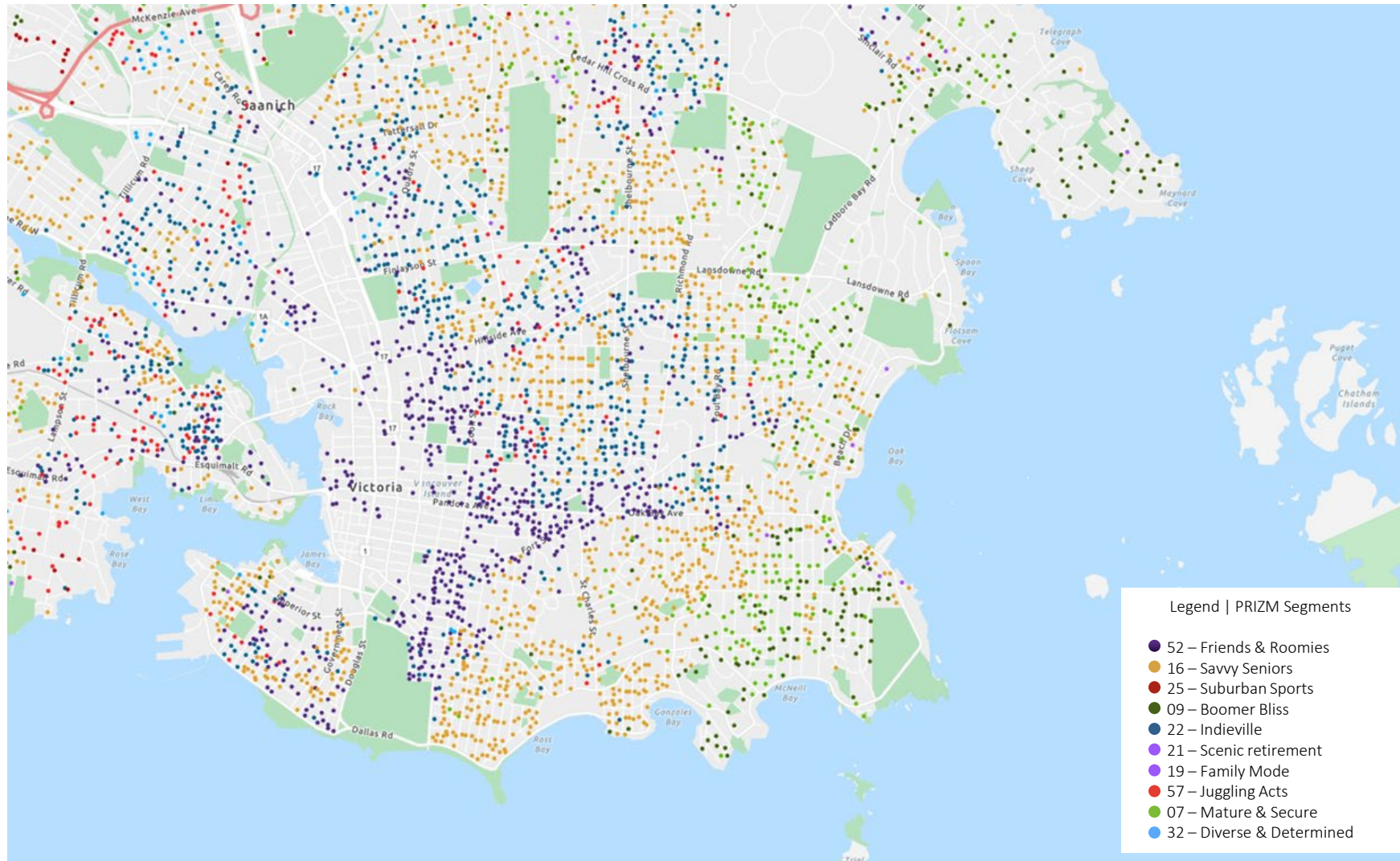


# Understand Wealth Profiles by Trade Areas for Advisor Intelligence



Inform Advisors & Brokers about current and prospective clients by understanding custom key markets of interest in terms of their wealth profile to understand opportunities and inform approach

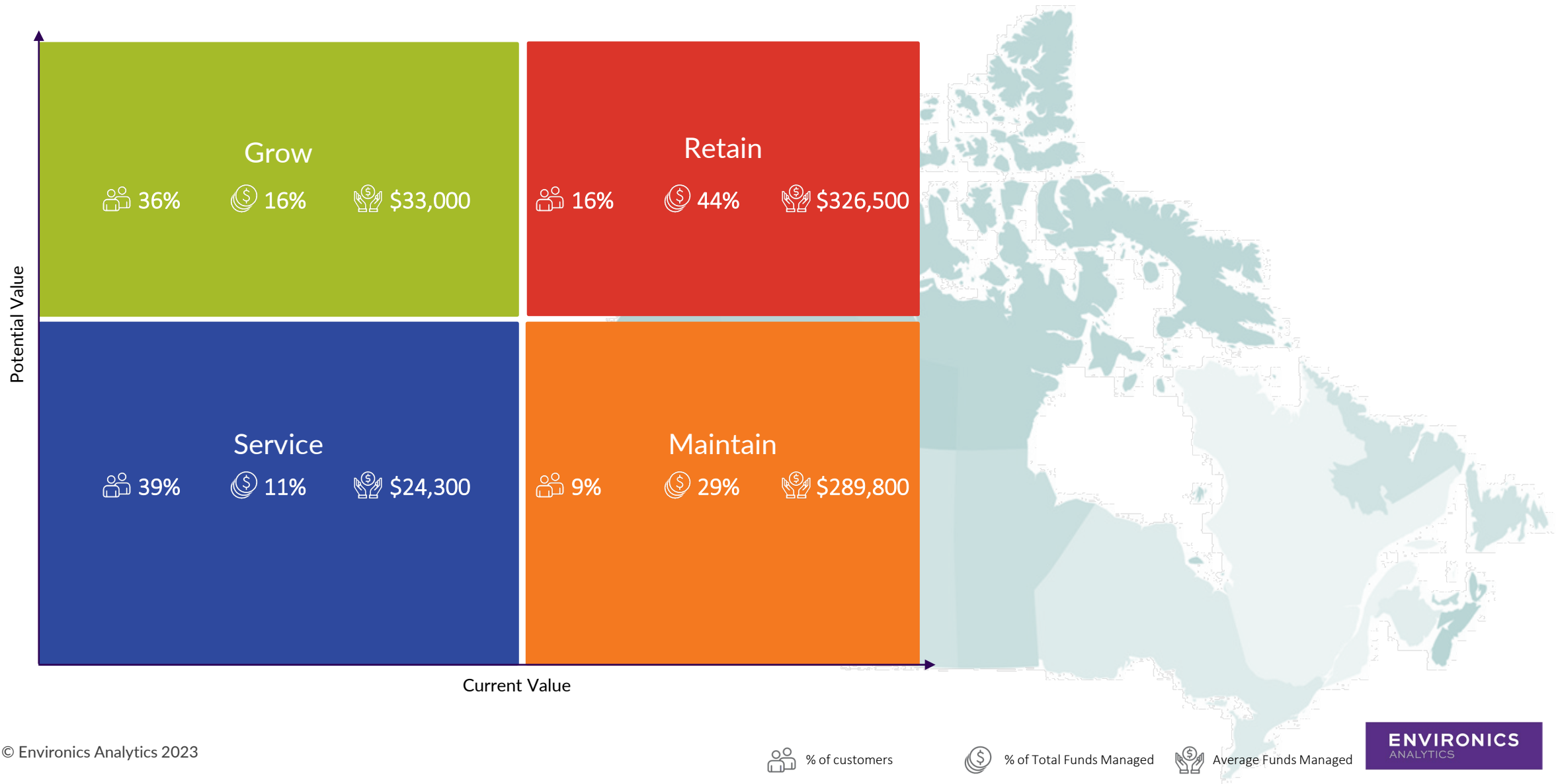
# Overlay Demographic & Behavioural Data for a 360° Lens



Understand the opportunity holistically, and inform approach, by overlaying lifestyle and demographic data

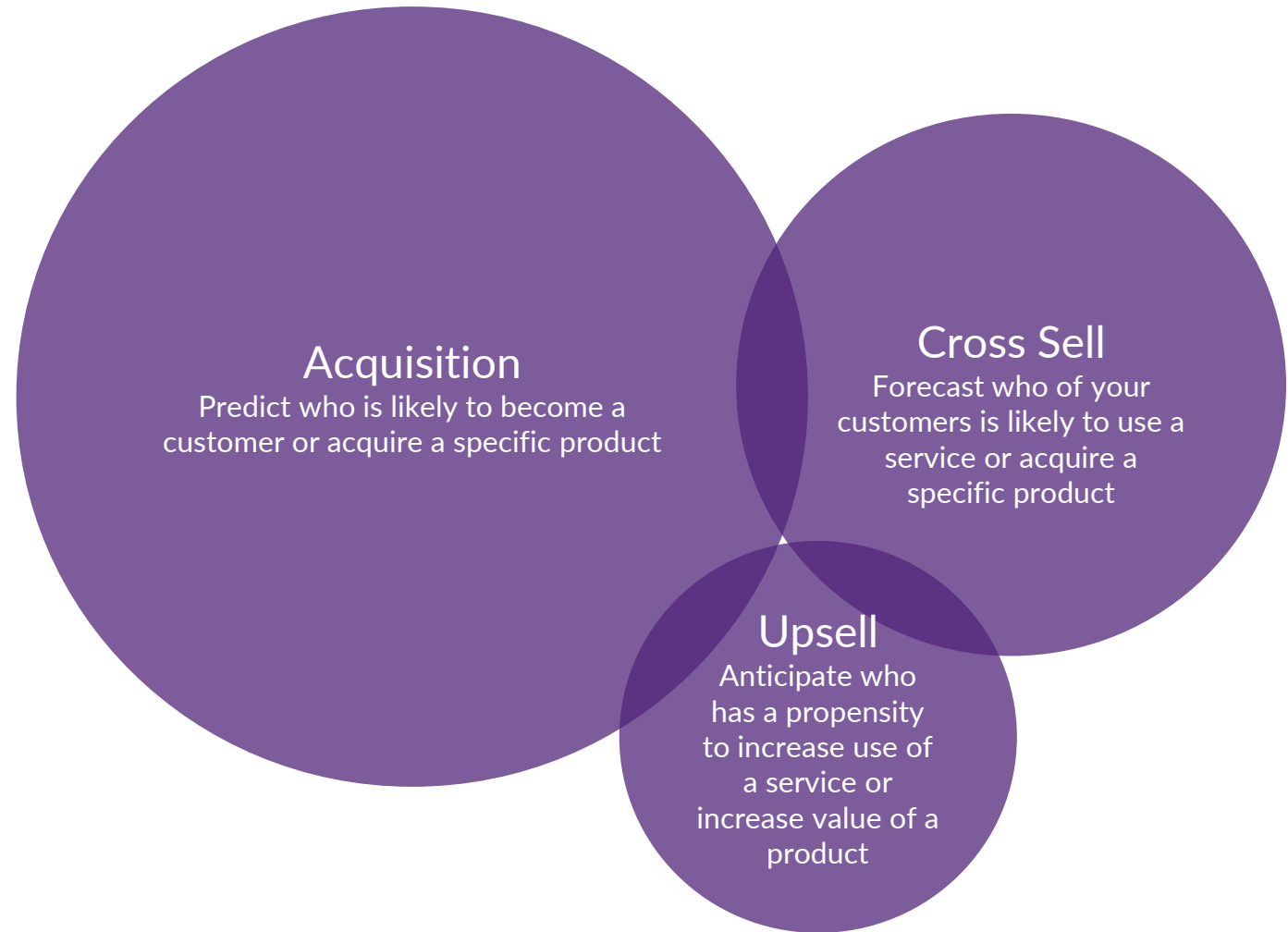


# Strategically Segment Your Customer Portfolio



## Predictive Modeling

Harness historical and current first- and third-party data to predict behaviour and inform strategy for upsell, cross sell and acquisition efforts



# Questions

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