Housing Choices by Generation

**Millennials: Born 1981-1997 (currently 21-38 years old)**
Also known as Generation Y, this is the most diverse generation and most likely to live in cities, and also the most likely to be expecting to move in the next five years.

**Generation X: Born 1965-1980 (currently 38-54 years old)**
Predominantly owners of single-family homes and are the least likely to desire urban amenities, and may be expecting to move to larger quarters within five years.

**Baby Boomers: Born 1946-1964 (currently 54-72 years old)**
The most likely to live in the suburbs and unlike generations X they are more likely to be moving to smaller homes than larger ones in the next five years.

**Silent Generation: Born 1925-1945 (currently 73-94 years old)**
This generation is most likely to already live in rural areas and small towns. If they move, it will be to a more convenient and accessible area.

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“Missing Middle” Housing Types

Missing Middle Housing is a range of multi-unit or clustered housing types compatible in scale with single-family homes that help meet the growing demand for walkable urban living. These types provide diverse housing options along a spectrum of affordability, including duplexes, fourplexes, and bungalow courts, to support walkable communities, locally-serving retail, and public transportation options. Missing Middle Housing provides a solution to the mismatch between the available U.S. housing stock and shifting demographics combined with the growing demand for walkability.

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**Location**
When Americans were asked where they would like to live, 42% say a rural/small town area, 29% say cities, and 27% say the suburbs.

**Walkability**
52% of Americans would like to live in a place where they do not need to use a car very often.