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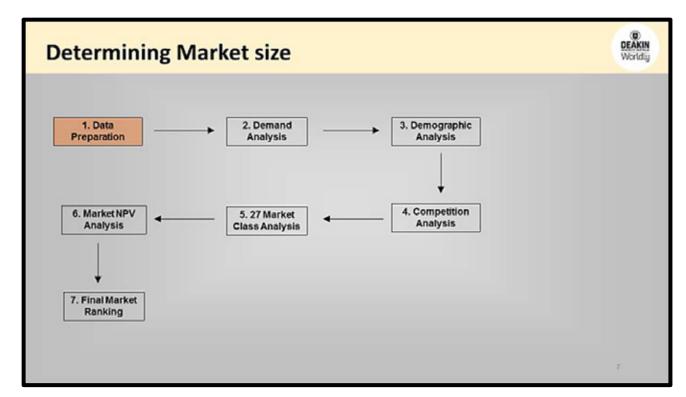


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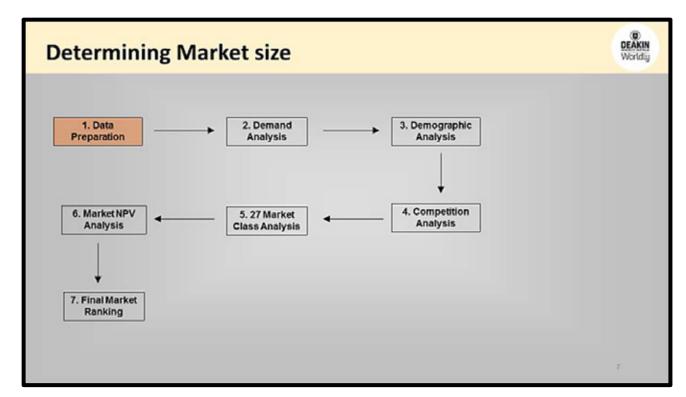


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Data preparation involved loading all the various data into MapInfo and an Access database and geocoding residential paint data into each block groups across the United States. At this time it's worth defining some of the key US demographics terms. The three most relevant terms are shown in Fig. 2.

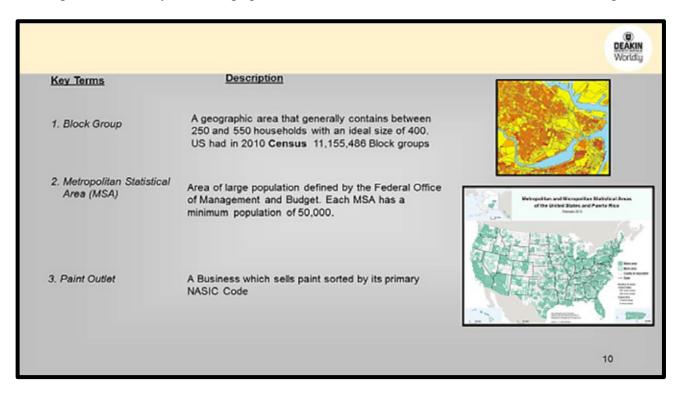


Fig. 2. Key Geographic Terms

The Block Group is the principal geographic reporting area for statistics in the United States and is the principal geographic area that was used for the Store Location System. Key statistics that were captured at the Block level that were critical for this project are shown in Fig. 3.

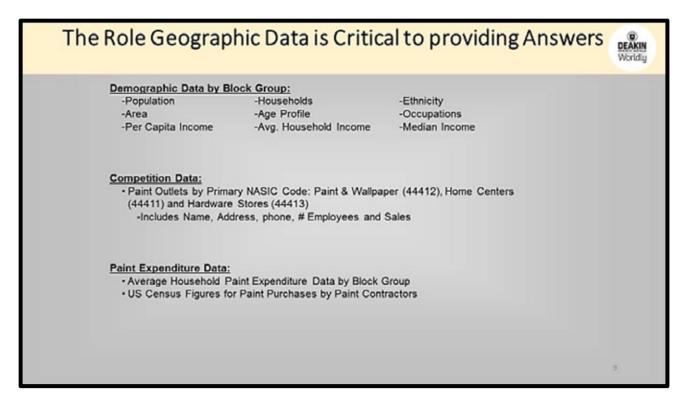


Fig. 3. Critical data used in this ICI Project

Once the initial geographic data was loaded into the GIS the question was what to do with it?

Demographic Analysis

Demographic analysis was performed on both the residential and commercial in the United States. The residential demographic analysis consisted of 7 steps as illustrated in Fig. 4.

A portion of the greater Seattle block group area and the entire Seattle MSA boundary area is shown in Fig. 4.

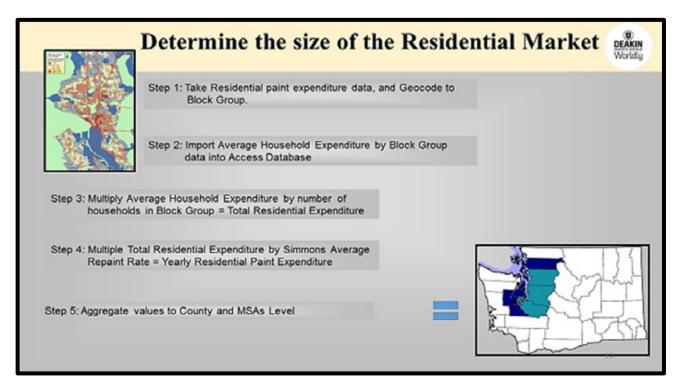


Fig. 4. Residential Demographic Paint Analysis

The residential analysis consists of 5 steps as shown in Figure 4. The commercial demographic analysis consisted of 3 steps as illustrated in Figure 5.

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In both the residential and commercial block groups results were aggregated to the MSA level. The same methodology was used to determine the residential and commercial paint expenditure in 350 MSA metropolitan areas across the United States.

Once the demographic analysis was completed the next task was to determine how many paint stores there were in the United States, their respective locations and estimated sales turnovers.

The locating and the tallying of the number of paint stores was a simple process. The estimating the store turnover required a series of procedures that would take the information gained from the residential and commercial demographic analysis and apply it to each respective paint outlet in the United States.

Those procedures included:

- Geocoding all paint stores in the United States.
- Do a drive time analysis on the paint stores using 5, 10, 15 and 20 minute timeframes.
- Geocoding all paint contractors in the United States.
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Geocoding is the process of converting addresses (like a street address) into geographic coordinates (like latitude and longitude), which you can use to place markers on a map, or position the map. (Fig. 6).

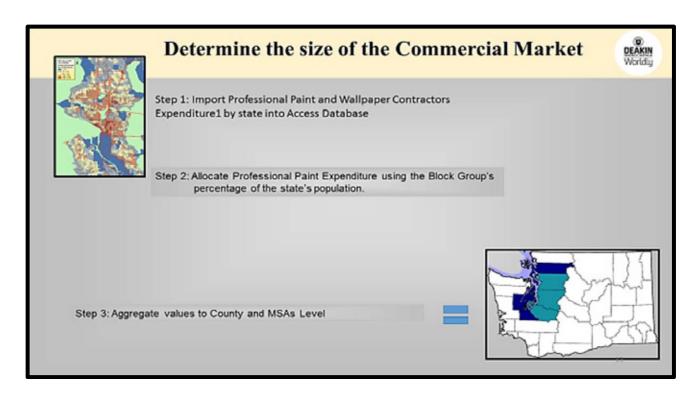


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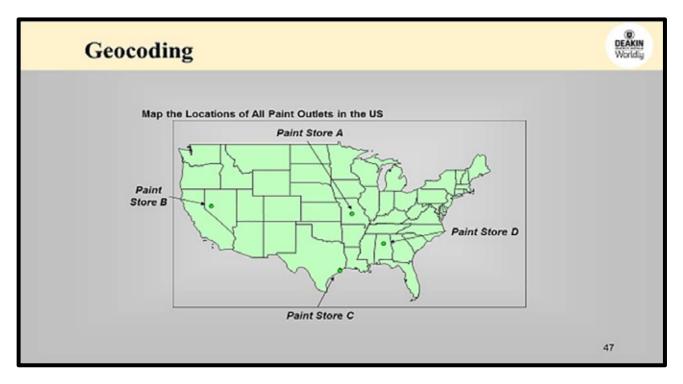


Fig. 6. Geocoding All Paint Stores

Once the geocoding process was completed the United States was classified in 27 Market classes using demographic analysis. ICI store profit and market share percentage was also calculated at this point.

The next step was to calculate the Net Present Value (NPV) for the paint sales in each of the ICI paint stores as shown in Fig. 7.

The final product was an MSA market ranking which ranked all 350 markets as to residential and commercial/industrial estimated sales values as shown in Fig. 6. The ranking also included the NPV value for each ICI Store and for the 350 MSA markets.

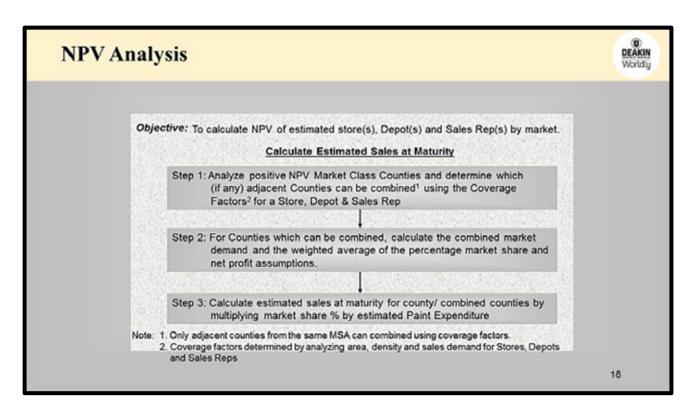


Fig. 7. NPV Value for Paint Stores

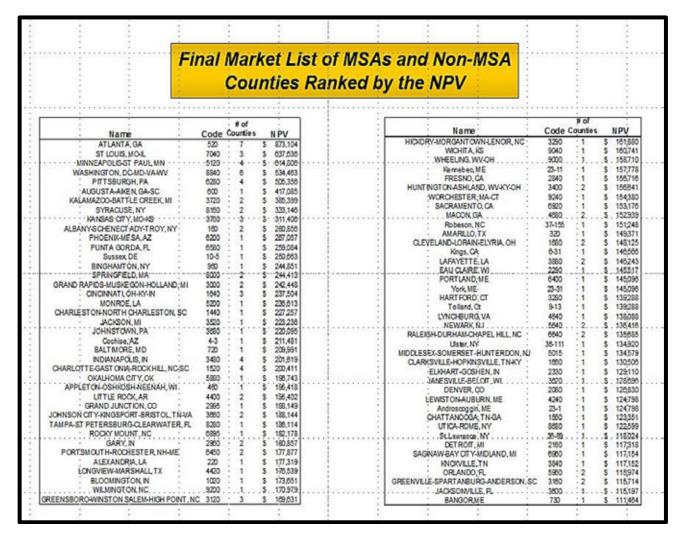


Fig. 8. Final Market ranking

Results for Task 1

The US paint market was estimated to a have a value in excess of \$3 billion per annum with ICI Paints having a 24% to 26% market share.

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The purpose of Step 2 is to quantify the dollar value catchment area of each ICI paint store location. Each of the components in Step 2 was done in sequential order to determine whether or not the existing ICI stores were in the right location and whether they were at their optimum financial performance and viability.

The Catchment area process included a series of drive times analysis for each block group and each store. The process is shown in Fig. 9.

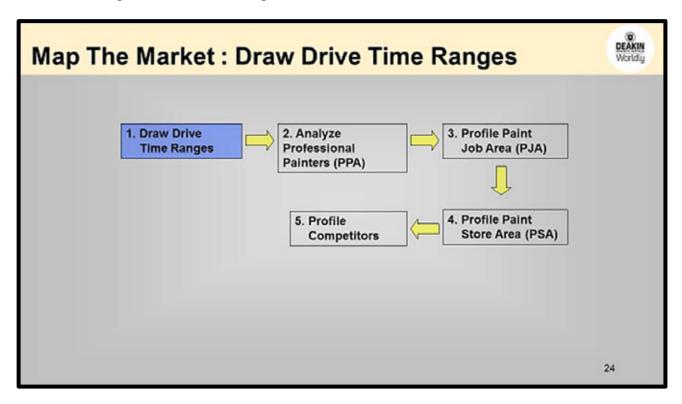


Fig. 9. Draw Drive Times

A series of drive times (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins) for block group were the first to be drawn (Fig. 10).

The reason for doing a drive time analysis for each block group in the 350 MSA market assisted:

- Analysing the existing store(s) profitability.
- Performed a breakeven analysis for store opening and store relocation.
- Determined whether ICI existing store(s) should be kept relocated or closed based on their financial performance.

• Identified existing store(s) market coverage, network gaps and potential new sites. An example of the block group drive time analysis is shown in Fig. 11.

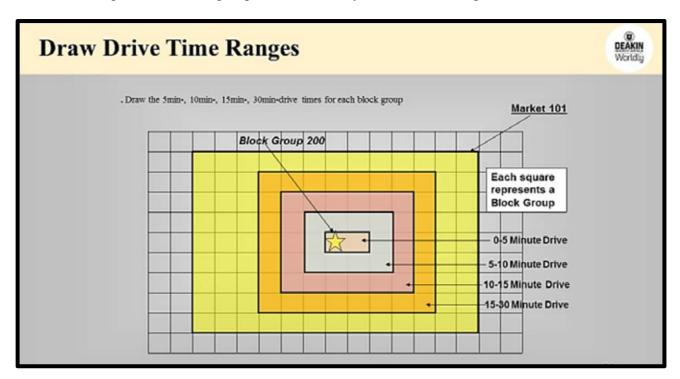


Fig. 10. Block Group Drive Time Ranges

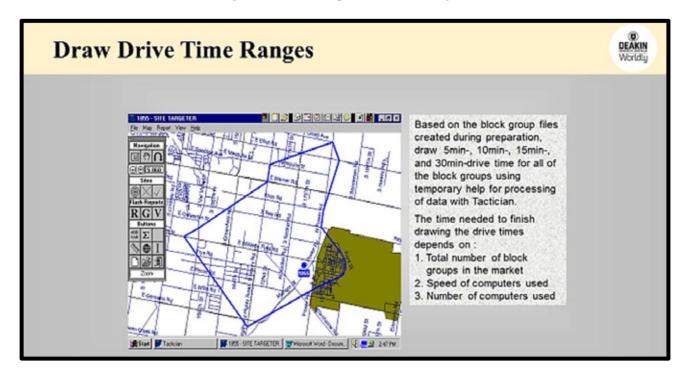


Fig. 11. Block Group Drive Time

Step 2 was to identify quantify and analyse the number of painters per MSA area in the United States. All professional painter information was incorporated into a database that contained the following information (Fig. 12).

A drive time analysis of all professional painters was undertaken to determine the maximum coverage area. This process along with painter surveys and extrapolated sales data allowed the painters to be ranked as to yearly turnover as shown in Fig. 13.

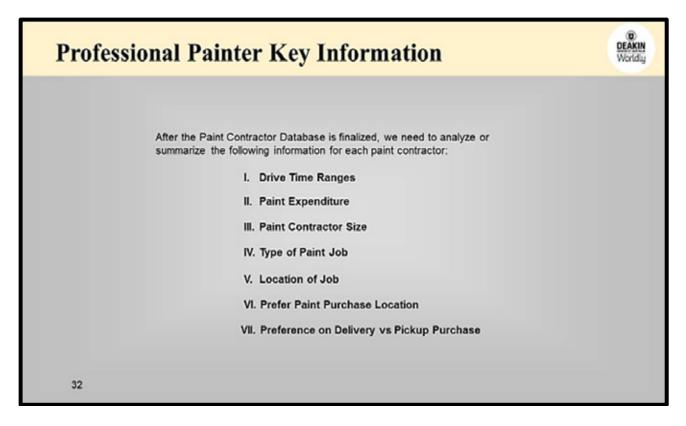


Fig. 12. Information in the Professional Painter Database

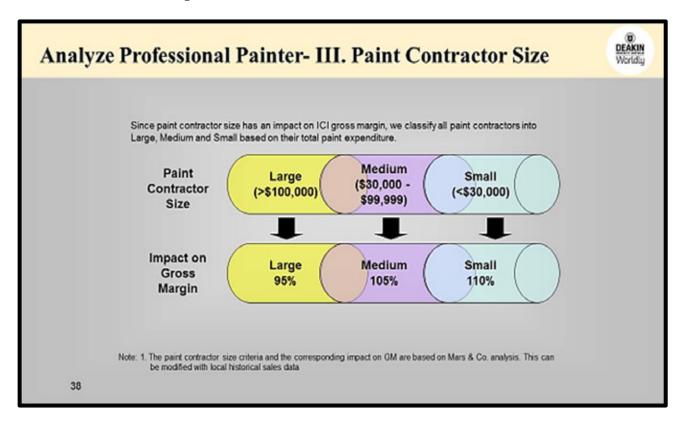


Fig. 13. Paint contractor size

All information gathered on professional painters was contained in a Painter Coverage Model as shown in Fig. 14.

Step 3 was the profiling the MSA paint area. This step involved quantifying the various zoning and building types per block group.

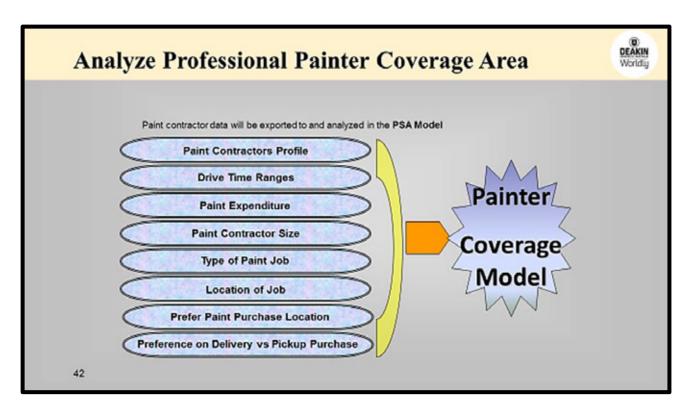


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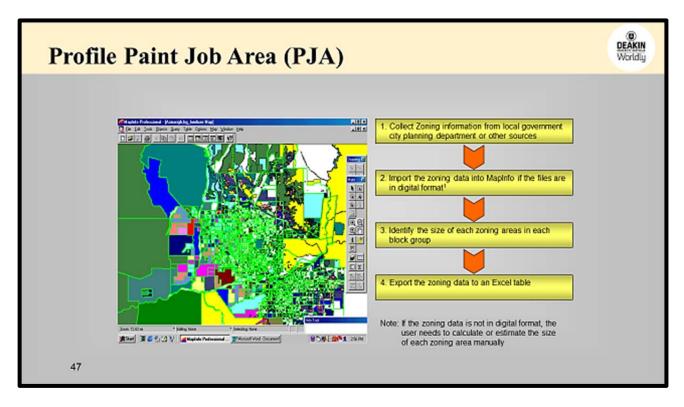


Fig. 15. Profiling the Various Paint areas

The data that was obtained through this process is shown in Fig. 16. As illustrated in Fig. 16 the type of sales segment (i.e. residential, commercial or industrial) was segmented by the various zoning types.

Fig. 17 shows an allocation table indicating the potential commercial paint job area (i.e. the potential total area that could be painted per block group). The information in Fig. 17 directly influences the profitability calculations for each existing paint store.

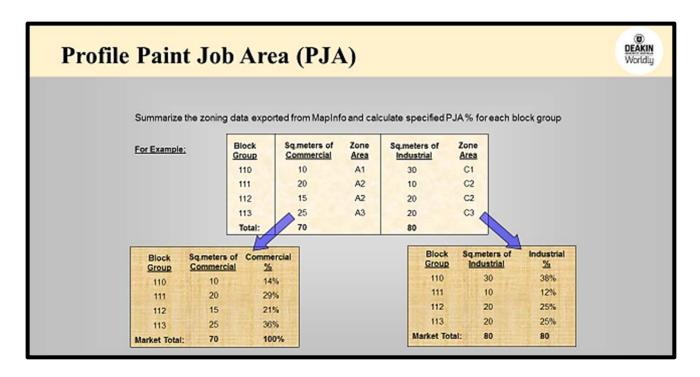


Fig. 16. Summarized zoning data

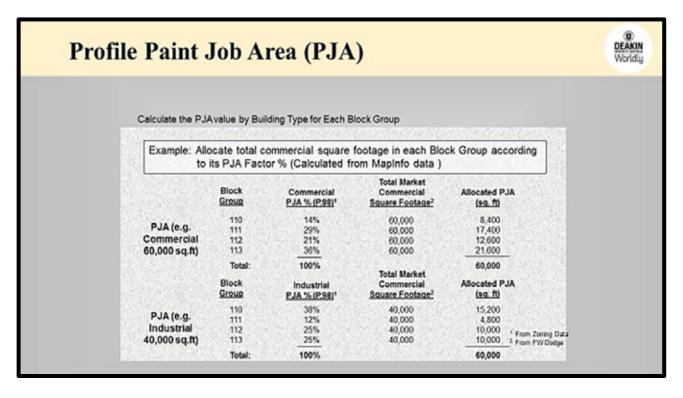


Fig. 17. Building type per Block Group

The results from Fig. 17 influenced or guided the question *are my current stores in the right or optimal sales location or is there a better location for each ICI store?* This decision is based on what type of paint market currently exists in each respective store area.

Step 4 shows how each existing paint store will have its own unique store profile. The store profile is comprised of retail and commercial sales. Fig. 18 shows how a store profile is comprised of residential, commercial and industrial sales components.

The residential component is further broken down into single or multi residential dwellings while the commercial component is broken down into public and regular commercial sectors.

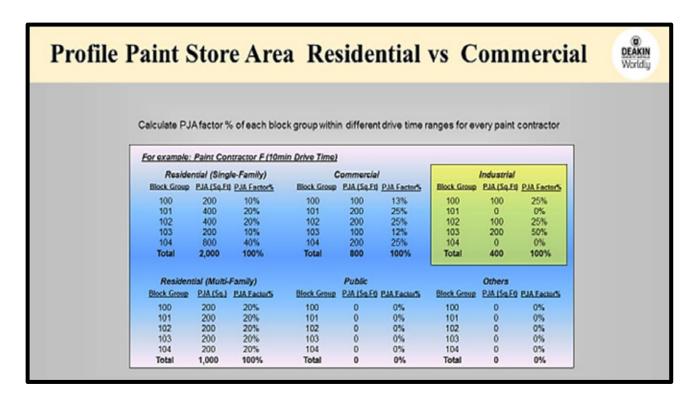


Fig. 18. Residential vs Commercial components

The retail sales component is similar in all stores with the differences occurring in the commercial and industrial components. Fig. 19 highlights the two components of the professional painter commercial and industrial market, delivery sales and pickup sales.

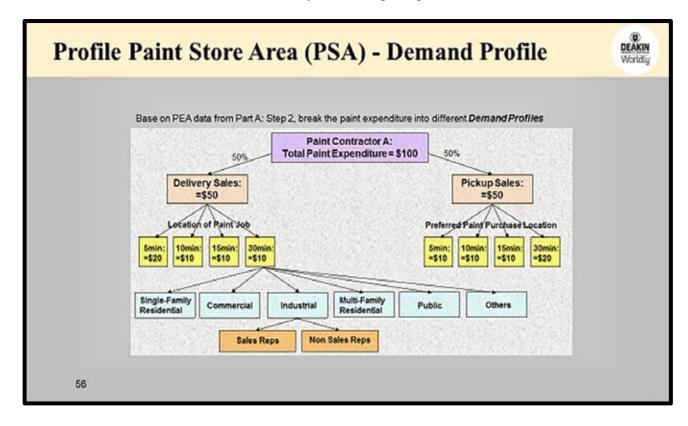


Fig. 19. Commercial and Industrial Sales Profiles

Step 5 is profiling all other paint stores in the 350 MSA's. The process for the task is the same as was used to profile existing ICI stores.

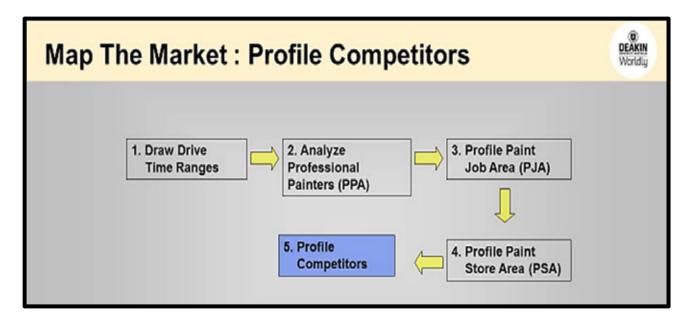


Fig. 20. Profiling Competitors

The process included:

- Identify the location, block group and brand association of each store in each MSA;
- Geocode each store;
- Do a drive time analysis on each store (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins);
- Number of Painters in the competitors area;
- Type of paint jobs in the competitors area; and
- Preference as to Delivery vs Pickup purchases.

Results for Task 2 Location

The results for Step 2 identified every paint store, professional painter and estimated total paint volumes by type of building for 350 MSA areas.

Task 3 Optimal store Location

Task 3 objective is:

- To identify the ideal location(s) for paint store(s); and
- To estimate the impact of the ideal network on ICI's performance in the market.

Step 3 is comprised of 7 steps as shown in Fig. 21. The Competition Analysis is based on existing paint retail outlets' market share, level of competition, drive time ranges, drive time factors, delivery versus pickup sales and PSA value of block groups, estimate the amount of PSA value that each existing paint retail outlet would capture under the competition model.

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For pickup sales, stores have competitive advantage over other stores if they are closer to the location where a painter prefers to purchase paint. Therefore, a drive time factor is applied to adjust the competitiveness of each store in relation to its drive time factor (e.g. 70% of market share on block groups that are within 10min drive time range of a store site).

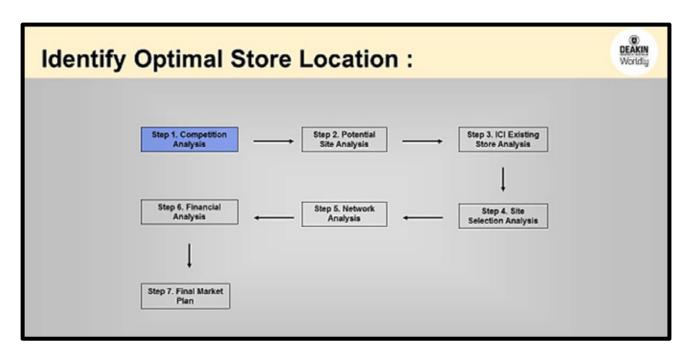


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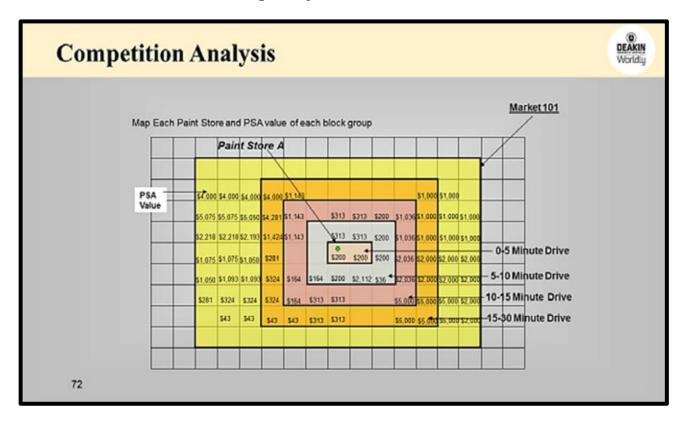


Fig. 22. Drive Time Analysis for all Competition Paint Stores

An example of the impact delivery versus pick up sales would have on an individual stores is shown in Fig. 23.

Step 2 involves potential site analysis where the objective is to calculate the estimated paint sales area value and the corresponding gross margin captured by each potential site. The potential site analysis required mapping all the potential paint stores.

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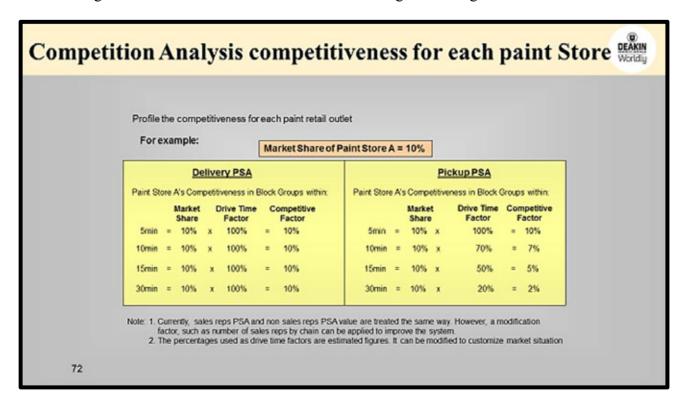


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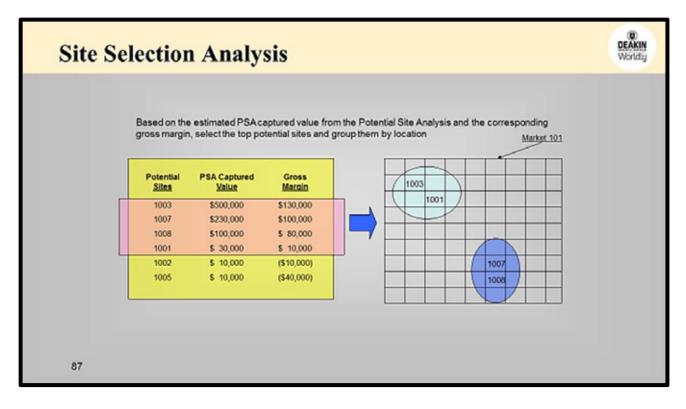


Fig. 24. Site Selection Analysis

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Data preparation involved loading all the various data into MapInfo and an Access database and geocoding residential paint data into each block groups across the United States. At this time it's worth defining some of the key US demographics terms. The three most relevant terms are shown in Fig. 2.

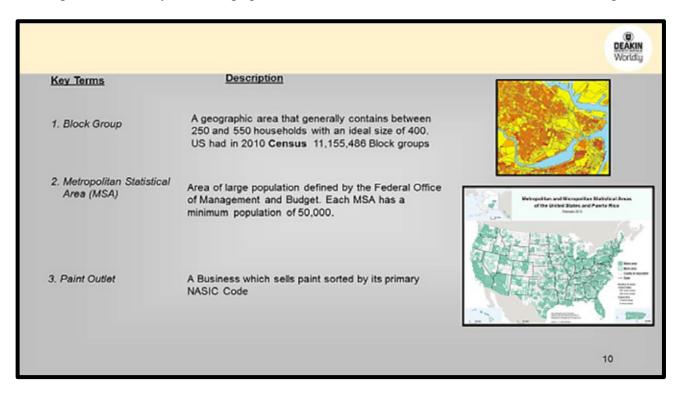


Fig. 2. Key Geographic Terms

The Block Group is the principal geographic reporting area for statistics in the United States and is the principal geographic area that was used for the Store Location System. Key statistics that were captured at the Block level that were critical for this project are shown in Fig. 3.

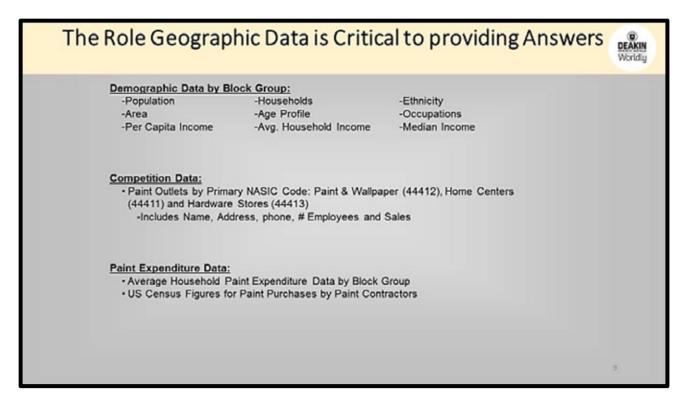


Fig. 3. Critical data used in this ICI Project

Once the initial geographic data was loaded into the GIS the question was what to do with it?

Demographic Analysis

Demographic analysis was performed on both the residential and commercial in the United States. The residential demographic analysis consisted of 7 steps as illustrated in Fig. 4.

A portion of the greater Seattle block group area and the entire Seattle MSA boundary area is shown in Fig. 4.

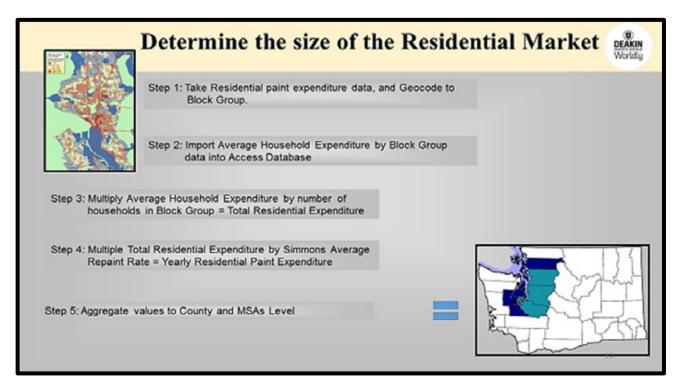


Fig. 4. Residential Demographic Paint Analysis

The residential analysis consists of 5 steps as shown in Figure 4. The commercial demographic analysis consisted of 3 steps as illustrated in Figure 5.

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In both the residential and commercial block groups results were aggregated to the MSA level. The same methodology was used to determine the residential and commercial paint expenditure in 350 MSA metropolitan areas across the United States.

Once the demographic analysis was completed the next task was to determine how many paint stores there were in the United States, their respective locations and estimated sales turnovers.

The locating and the tallying of the number of paint stores was a simple process. The estimating the store turnover required a series of procedures that would take the information gained from the residential and commercial demographic analysis and apply it to each respective paint outlet in the United States.

Those procedures included:

- Geocoding all paint stores in the United States.
- Do a drive time analysis on the paint stores using 5, 10, 15 and 20 minute timeframes.
- Geocoding all paint contractors in the United States.
- Do a drive time analysis on the painting contractors using 5, 10, 15 and 20 minute timeframes.

Geocoding is the process of converting addresses (like a street address) into geographic coordinates (like latitude and longitude), which you can use to place markers on a map, or position the map. (Fig. 6).

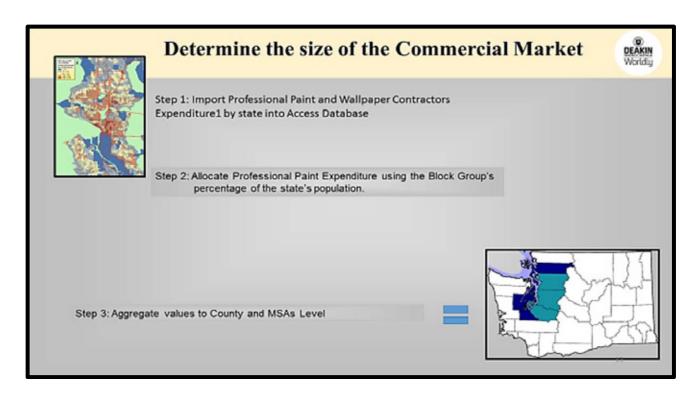


Fig. 5. Commercial/industrial Demographic Paint Analysis

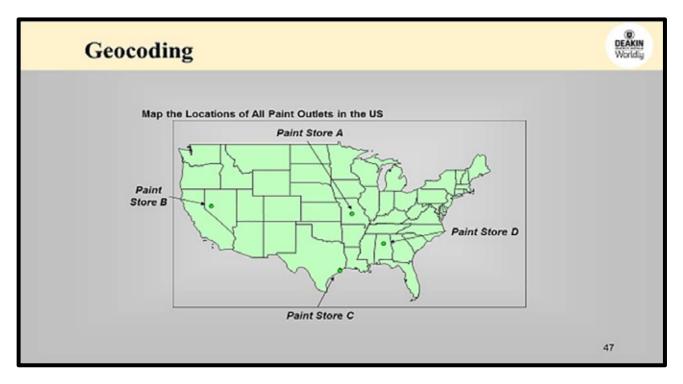


Fig. 6. Geocoding All Paint Stores

Once the geocoding process was completed the United States was classified in 27 Market classes using demographic analysis. ICI store profit and market share percentage was also calculated at this point.

The next step was to calculate the Net Present Value (NPV) for the paint sales in each of the ICI paint stores as shown in Fig. 7.

The final product was an MSA market ranking which ranked all 350 markets as to residential and commercial/industrial estimated sales values as shown in Fig. 6. The ranking also included the NPV value for each ICI Store and for the 350 MSA markets.

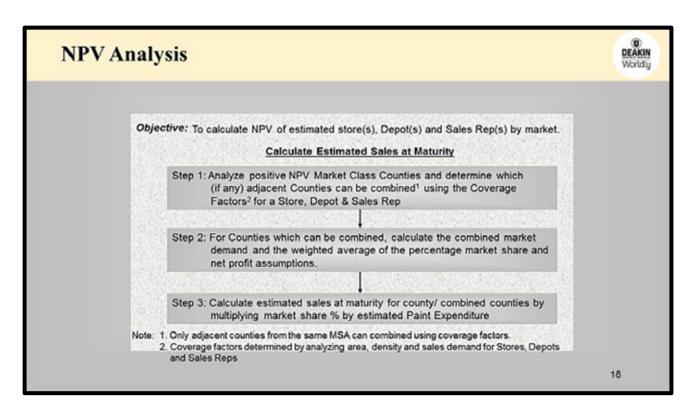


Fig. 7. NPV Value for Paint Stores

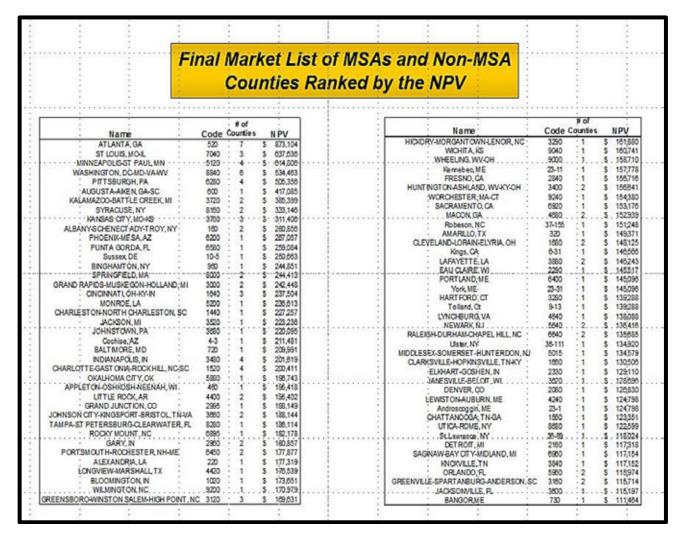


Fig. 8. Final Market ranking

Results for Task 1

The US paint market was estimated to a have a value in excess of \$3 billion per annum with ICI Paints having a 24% to 26% market share.

Task 2 Location (Painters, Paint Job Areas, ICI Stores, Competition Stores)

The second task involved:

- 1. Drive times analysis for each Block group in the United States (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins).
 - 2. Identify and Analyse Professional Painters across the United States.
 - 3. Develop Professional Painters Database.
- 4. Drive time Analysis of professional painters (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins).
 - 5. Identify and map all paint job areas by block area group across Metropolitan paint markets.
 - 6. Drive time Analysis of current ICI stores (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins).

The purpose of Step 2 is to quantify the dollar value catchment area of each ICI paint store location. Each of the components in Step 2 was done in sequential order to determine whether or not the existing ICI stores were in the right location and whether they were at their optimum financial performance and viability.

The Catchment area process included a series of drive times analysis for each block group and each store. The process is shown in Fig. 9.

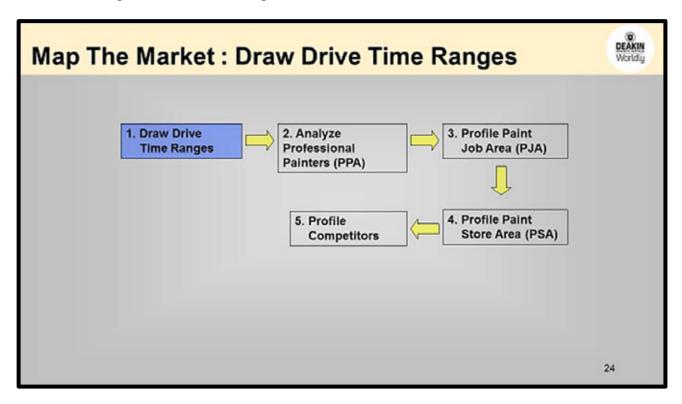


Fig. 9. Draw Drive Times

A series of drive times (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins) for block group were the first to be drawn (Fig. 10).

The reason for doing a drive time analysis for each block group in the 350 MSA market assisted:

- Analysing the existing store(s) profitability.
- Performed a breakeven analysis for store opening and store relocation.
- Determined whether ICI existing store(s) should be kept relocated or closed based on their financial performance.

• Identified existing store(s) market coverage, network gaps and potential new sites. An example of the block group drive time analysis is shown in Fig. 11.

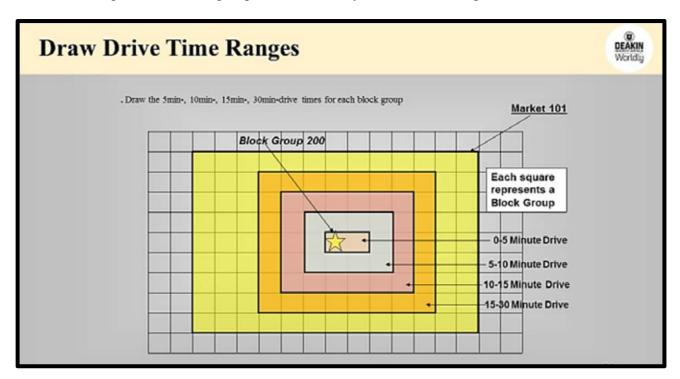


Fig. 10. Block Group Drive Time Ranges

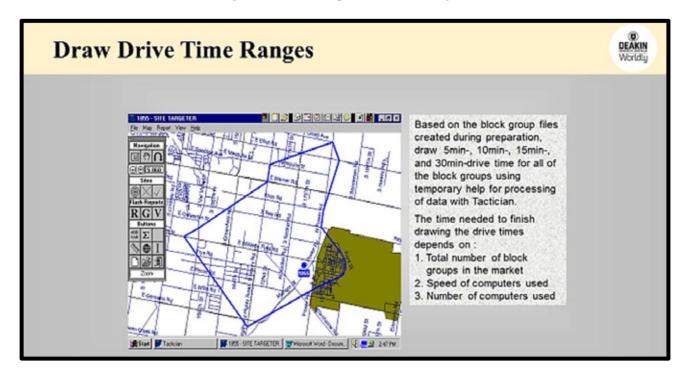


Fig. 11. Block Group Drive Time

Step 2 was to identify quantify and analyse the number of painters per MSA area in the United States. All professional painter information was incorporated into a database that contained the following information (Fig. 12).

A drive time analysis of all professional painters was undertaken to determine the maximum coverage area. This process along with painter surveys and extrapolated sales data allowed the painters to be ranked as to yearly turnover as shown in Fig. 13.

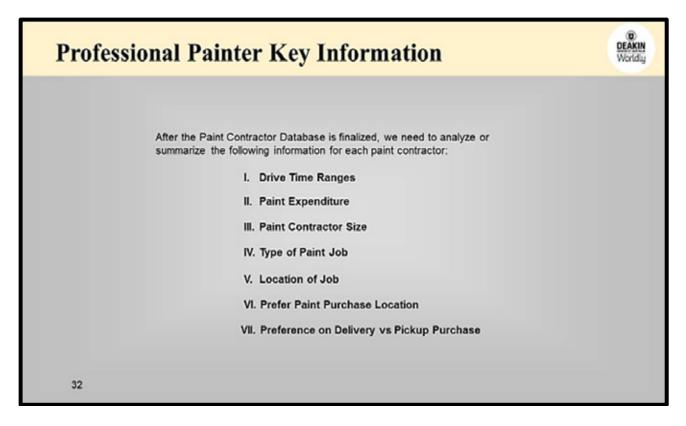


Fig. 12. Information in the Professional Painter Database

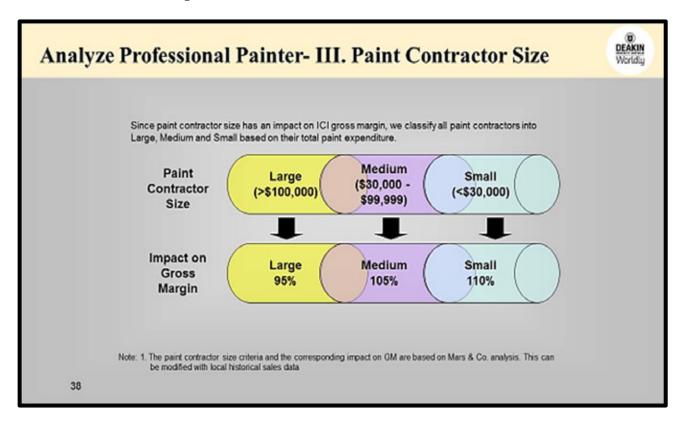


Fig. 13. Paint contractor size

All information gathered on professional painters was contained in a Painter Coverage Model as shown in Fig. 14.

Step 3 was the profiling the MSA paint area. This step involved quantifying the various zoning and building types per block group.

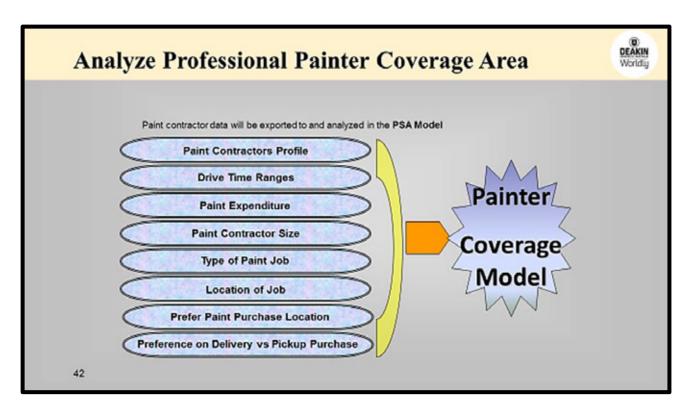


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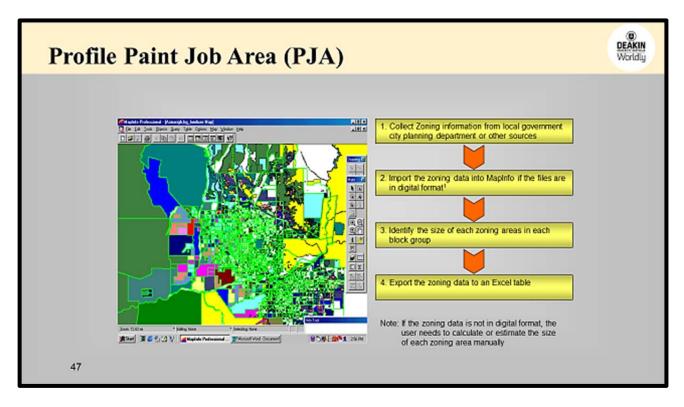


Fig. 15. Profiling the Various Paint areas

The data that was obtained through this process is shown in Fig. 16. As illustrated in Fig. 16 the type of sales segment (i.e. residential, commercial or industrial) was segmented by the various zoning types.

Fig. 17 shows an allocation table indicating the potential commercial paint job area (i.e. the potential total area that could be painted per block group). The information in Fig. 17 directly influences the profitability calculations for each existing paint store.

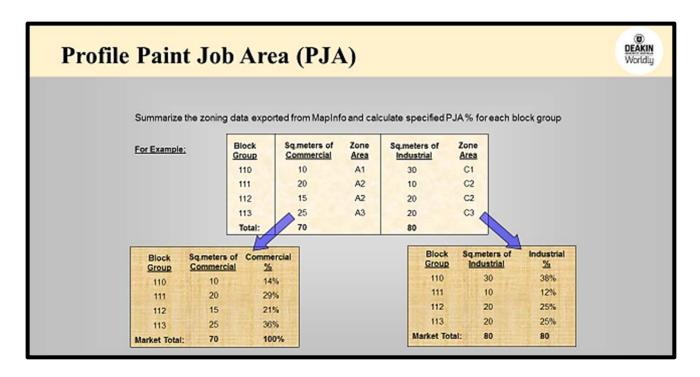


Fig. 16. Summarized zoning data

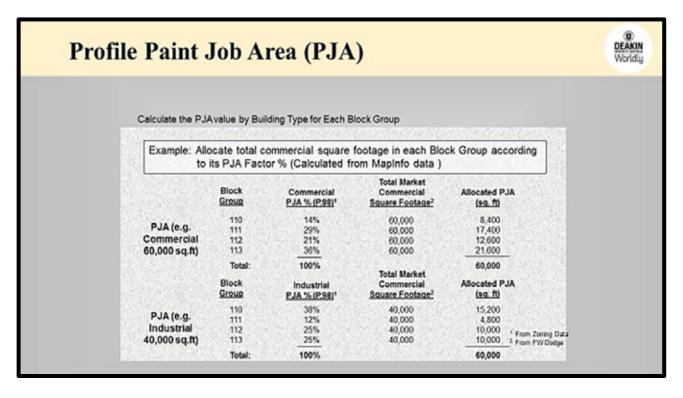


Fig. 17. Building type per Block Group

The results from Fig. 17 influenced or guided the question *are my current stores in the right or optimal sales location or is there a better location for each ICI store?* This decision is based on what type of paint market currently exists in each respective store area.

Step 4 shows how each existing paint store will have its own unique store profile. The store profile is comprised of retail and commercial sales. Fig. 18 shows how a store profile is comprised of residential, commercial and industrial sales components.

The residential component is further broken down into single or multi residential dwellings while the commercial component is broken down into public and regular commercial sectors.

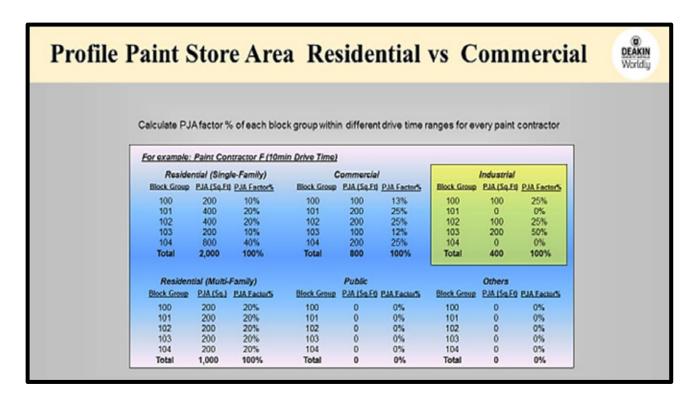


Fig. 18. Residential vs Commercial components

The retail sales component is similar in all stores with the differences occurring in the commercial and industrial components. Fig. 19 highlights the two components of the professional painter commercial and industrial market, delivery sales and pickup sales.

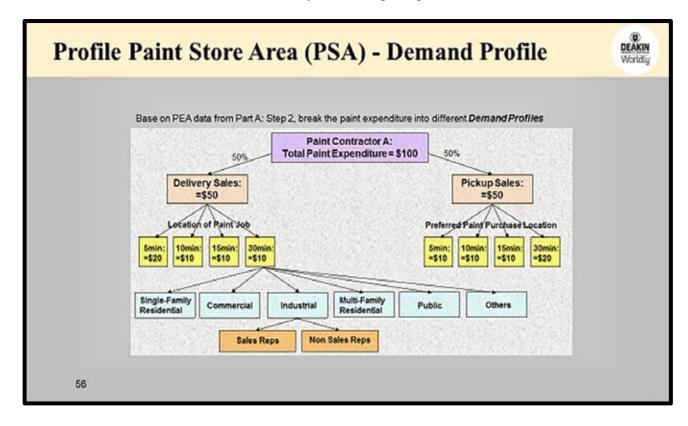


Fig. 19. Commercial and Industrial Sales Profiles

Step 5 is profiling all other paint stores in the 350 MSA's. The process for the task is the same as was used to profile existing ICI stores.

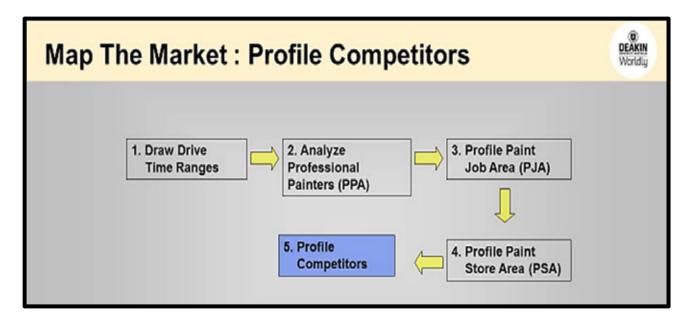


Fig. 20. Profiling Competitors

The process included:

- Identify the location, block group and brand association of each store in each MSA;
- Geocode each store;
- Do a drive time analysis on each store (0–5 mins; 5–10 mins; 10–15 mins; 15–30 mins);
- Number of Painters in the competitors area;
- Type of paint jobs in the competitors area; and
- Preference as to Delivery vs Pickup purchases.

Results for Task 2 Location

The results for Step 2 identified every paint store, professional painter and estimated total paint volumes by type of building for 350 MSA areas.

Task 3 Optimal store Location

Task 3 objective is:

- To identify the ideal location(s) for paint store(s); and
- To estimate the impact of the ideal network on ICI's performance in the market.

Step 3 is comprised of 7 steps as shown in Fig. 21. The Competition Analysis is based on existing paint retail outlets' market share, level of competition, drive time ranges, drive time factors, delivery versus pickup sales and PSA value of block groups, estimate the amount of PSA value that each existing paint retail outlet would capture under the competition model.

Task 3 the optimal store location combines the work of Task 1 and Task 2.

Step 1 is to use the geocoded, mapped and drive time data for each paint store in every MSA area.

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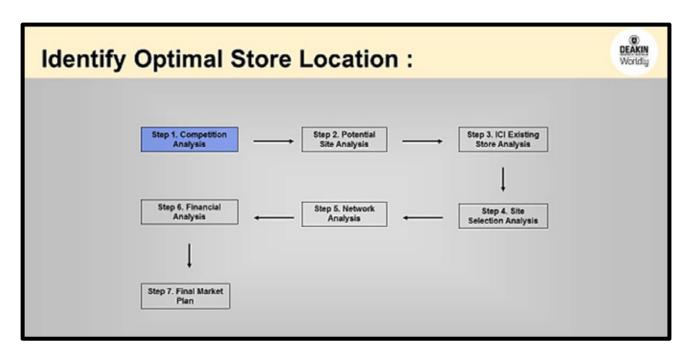


Fig. 21. Optimal Store Location

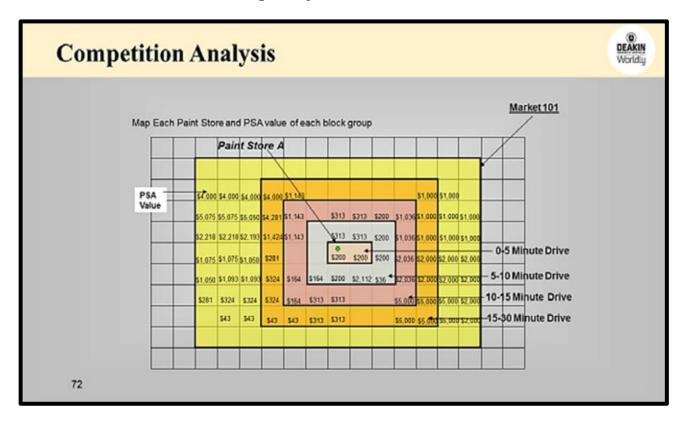


Fig. 22. Drive Time Analysis for all Competition Paint Stores

An example of the impact delivery versus pick up sales would have on an individual stores is shown in Fig. 23.

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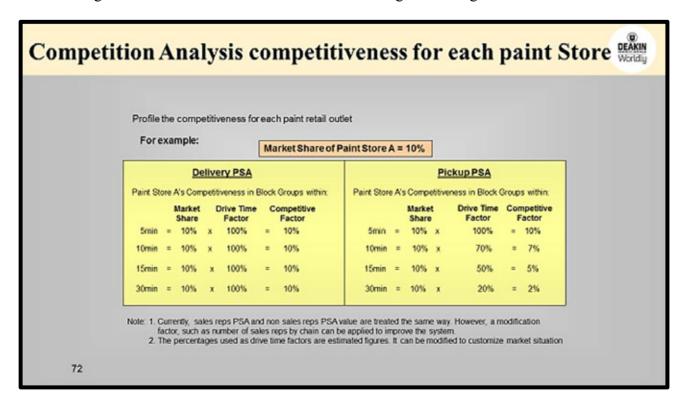


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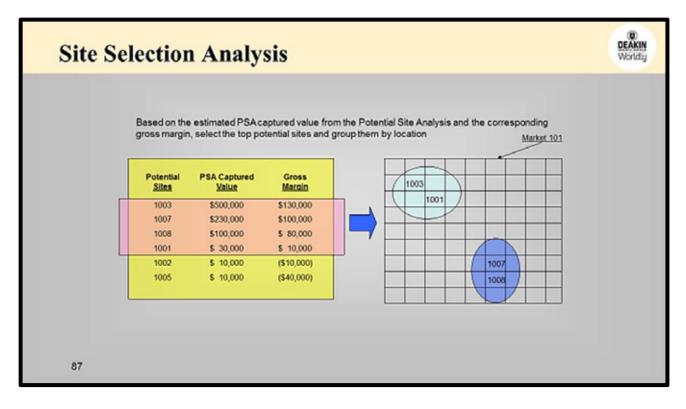


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