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## ABOUT US AT A GLANCE

RetailStat is a one-stop provider of financial, credit, and locational intelligence tailored to retail and retail real estate leaders seeking swift, data-driven decisions. Meticulously gathering and analyzing credit and locational data from both public and private sources, RetailStat transforms raw information into actionable reports and valuable insights. RetailStat's mission is to simplify complex data, providing vital support to diverse customer segments including consumer product companies, retailers, retail real estate owners, investors, and lenders. These stakeholders rely on RetailStat to make astute, strategic business decisions regarding retail brands, both financially and locationally. For more information, visit www.retailstat.com.

# **RETAILSTAT STORY**

RetailStat is a premier provider of financial, credit, and locational intelligence tailored for leaders in retail and retail real estate who seek faster data-driven decision-making. Focused on primarily North American brands, both private and public, RetailStat adeptly collects and analyzes retail credit and locational data, subsequently transforming this data into actionable, fact-based reports and invaluable insights. The Company amasses, synthesizes, and simplifies complex information for a diverse set of customer segments, including consumer product companies, retailers, retail real estate owners, investors, and lenders. These stakeholders rely on RetailStat to make astute, strategic business decisions regarding retail brands, both financially and locationally.

RetailStat's product portfolio provides services through two primary segments, RetailStat Financial and RetailStat Location. The esteemed financial intelligence products facilitate credit decisions across the retail landscape and deliver research, analytics, and insights on hundreds of public and private retailers. This information is generated by our seasoned, industryfocused analyst team. Additionally, the geospatial intelligence products seamlessly combine nearly 1 million up-to-date retail locations, foot-traffic data, demographics, and proprietary algorithms to generate powerful analytics and insights at the shopping center and individual storefront levels. Together, these services offer clients a 360-degree view of retailer and retail real estate performance and potential opportunities.

Subscribers benefit from tailored services and can customize which products they receive based on their individual needs, building a customized portfolio of data, reports, workflows, and analysis. RetailStat reports span a spectrum of categories, including news alerts, private company coverage, quarterly earnings analyses, daily Chapter 11 briefings, industry insights, retail segment benchmarking updates, and more. Additionally, the services offered include access to a payment trends database, retail foot traffic insights, automated monitoring alerts, industry credit scoring, bankruptcy notification, future store openings and closings, store overlap analysis, and sales per square foot intelligence. RetailStat offers personalized consulting services facilitated by our expert analysts and advisory team. These professionals deliver tailor-made solutions to address critical challenges and identify avenues for growth and transformation within their businesses.

RetailStat is based in New York. For more information, visit www.retailstat.com.

#### Who uses RetailStat's Products?

RetailStat's products cater to a diverse range of clientele spanning various industries within the retail ecosystem. Our valued customers include consumer product companies, retailers, retail real estate owners and investors, lenders, and more.

#### What Industries does RetailStat serve?

RetailStat specializes in the following industries:

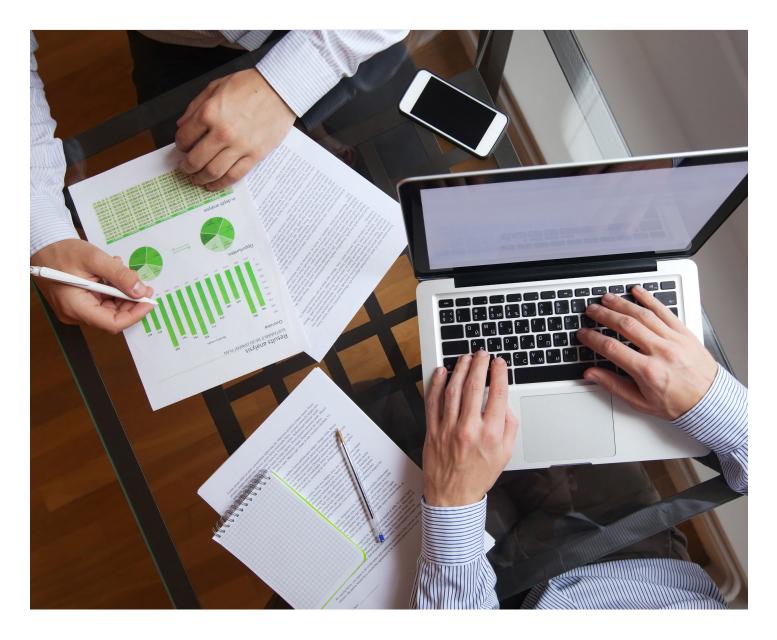
- Retail
- Apparel
- Arts & Crafts
- Auto Parts
- Books /toys /Gaming
- Convenience Stores/ Distributors
- Cruise Lines
- Department Stores
- Drug Retailers

- Electronics / Distributors
- Experiential
- Facility & Support Services
- Foodservice Distributors
- Footwear
- Furniture / Mattress
- Grocery
- Grocery Wholesale
- Gym / Fitness

- Health /Beauty
- Home Improvement/ Building Materials
- Housewares & Home Furnishings
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Mass Merchandisers
- Movie Theaters
- Office & Computer
- Pet Care

- Pharmaceutical / Medical Distributors & Healthcare
- Restaurants
- Specialty / Other
- Sporting Goods
- Real Estate
- Finance
- Consumer Packaged Goods (CPG)





### HISTORY

RetailStat was formed when Information Clearinghouse Inc. (ICI) merged its industry-leading intelligence providers Creditntell, F&D Reports, ARMS, AggData, Retail Openings & Closings, Real Estate Intelligence, and MTN under a unified brand in 2023. Founded in 1957 in Great Neck, NY, Information Clearinghouse Inc. evolved to become a leading global provider of credit risk and management solutions for financial and credit professionals across various business segments. In December 2021, New York City-based Endicott Growth Equity Partners announced that it acquired a majority stake in ICI.

The consolidation of ICI's various divisions under the RetailStat brand signifies a strategic move to centralize data-driven decision-making processes for business leaders. Now, through RetailStat's unified platform, stakeholders can seamlessly navigate credit extension, retail site selection, acquisition strategies, and underwriting, all accessible through one central portal. Today, RetailStat has more than 100 employees, monitors over 425 companies across 30 retail segments, and offers nearly 10,000 lists providing essential data points sourced from its regularly updated real estate database.

## FAST FACT SHEET



#### How many years has RetailStat been in business?

**67.** RetailStat has been in business for 67 years. Founded in 1957 in Great Neck, NY, Information Clearinghouse Inc. evolved to become a leading global provider of credit intelligence across various business segments. RetailStat was formed when Information Clearinghouse Inc. (ICI) merged its industry-leading intelligence providers Creditntell, F&D Reports, ARMS, AggData, and MTN under a unified brand in 2023. In December 2021, New York City-based Endicott Growth Equity Partners announced that it acquired a majority stake in ICI.

#### How many companies does RetailStat monitor?

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**More than 425.** RetailStat's analyst team monitors roughly 500 private and public companies across 30 retail segments and offers nearly 10,000 lists providing essential data points sourced from its regularly updated real estate database. ARMS' credit report database includes comprehensive profiles on over 30,000 industry operators.



#### How many industries does RetailStat monitor?

**More than 30.** RetailStat monitors more than 30 industries. For more information on RetailStat's monitored industries, visit www.retailstat.com



#### Where is RetailStat headquartered?

**New York City, New York.** RetailStat is based in New York, but has employees situated all over the United States.



#### Alongside retail, does RetailStat specialize in grocery data?

**Yes.** RetailStat features a specialized team of 14 seasoned financial analysts and real estate professionals, each with over a decade of experience in the grocery industry. Our analysts meticulously cover over 100 grocers and conduct approximately 20,000 store visits annually, ensuring accurate boots-on-the-ground data.



#### How many points of interest make up the POI product datasets?

**Millions.** RetailStat's POI library comprises over 9,300 lists, with more than 1,000 lists updated monthly. The library also includes over 1,000 distributor lists and over 1,000 closed lists. The dataset encompasses more than 6,900 locations in the United States and 3,700 locations internationally. Each list guarantees at least 14 metadata points.

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#### How many reports does RetailStat produce each year?

**Thousands.** RetailStat's analyst team works around the clock to deliver thousands of comprehensive company and industry analyses throughout the year each year.



#### Does RetailStat also specialize in consulting?

**Yes.** In 2023 alone, RetailStat's consultancy team crafted over 600 specialized reports tailored to meet the unique needs of our clients.



#### What sets RetailStat apart from similar solutions?

**Our expert analysts.** RetailStat's expertise is what sets it apart. Across both the financial and locational sides of the business, everything we do – from data to workflow tools, reports, and expert advice – is driven and quality-checked by the trained eyes of our retail experts.

# LEADERSHIP BIOGRAPHIES



#### Sondra Scott, Chief Executive Officer

Sondra Scott has been the Chief Executive Officer of RetailStat since 2022, bringing a wealth of experience in executive leadership. Previously, she served as the CEO for the U.S. and Europe at ADEC Innovations, leading a team in providing ESG, environmental, and sustainability strategy solutions. With a robust background, Sondra has held pivotal roles as the COO of Verisk Financial and President of Verisk Maplecroft, as well as various leadership roles at Wood Mackenzie.

Sondra's multifaceted career is complemented by her commitment to environmental and social causes. She serves on the board of Gran Tierra Energy and is the Chairman and Co-Founder of the UK nonprofit Girl Stats, an organization that develops tools, data analytics, and insights to highlight the risks faced by women in global supply chains. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Earth Sciences from Wesleyan University and a Master's Degree in Petroleum Engineering and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and Institut Français du Pétrole.



#### Joseph Lee, Head of Finance

Joseph Lee joined the RetailStat team as the Head of Finance in 2023. In this role, Joseph oversees a comprehensive range of finance operations and strategic planning. Joseph brings a wealth of finance and leadership experience. He previously held key positions at S&P Global, where he spearheaded corporate estimates and capital allocation. Prior to joining S&P Global, Joseph was a Citigroup Investment Banker in Hong Kong and Taiwan, advising large technology corporations on M&A and equity offerings.

Beyond the financial realm, Joseph is a graduate of Columbia Business School and is dedicated to continuous learning. His diverse international experiences have not only shaped his professional outlook but also contributed to his global perspective on business.



#### Josh Suffin, Head of Real Estate Services

Josh Suffin joined RetailStat in 2011, where he has held multiple leadership positions and has been instrumental in introducing new marketing initiatives and product offerings, particularly within the retail real estate segment. Through his diligent efforts with key players in the growing customer base, Josh has innovated and created a new array of services and networking events tailored to meet the diverse needs of this industry. Equipped with extensive real estate expertise and an expansive network, he now leads the company's growth efforts within this major sector.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Josh attained his BA in Entrepreneurship from Hofstra University, laying the foundation for his career in the dynamic realm of business innovation.

#### Gregg Katz, Head of Product Innovation & Marketing

Gregg Katz has served as RetailStat's Head of Product Innovation and Marketing since 2021. Gregg's focus is to provide enhanced strategic insights into industry trends, market dynamics, and consumer shopping behavior by leveraging best-in-class data and analytics. Before his current role, Gregg spent 15 years at TSCG (The Shopping Center Group) creating and implementing strategies for organizational structure and human capital, data, analytics, social platforms, websites, GIS, mobile technology, and branding. Prior roles include 15 years in restaurant operations, consulting, marketing, and site selection, including owning and operating a quick-casual restaurant group in Orlando, Florida.

A graduate of Boston University with a degree in Business Management, he received his MBA from the University of Florida (Go Gators!). Gregg and his wife Elena, are the proud parents of two amazing boys.

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#### Kevin Sonney, Head of Development, Operations, Technology & Security

Kevin Sonney has been RetailStat's Head of DOTS since 2023. Kevin leads the technology team, overseeing software and data engineering, data science, information technology, security, and operations teams. Most recently, he served as the CIO of Verisk Financial, where he led a global technology organization supporting six business units. He has also held previous roles at Amazon, 5.11 Tactical, and Avanade. Kevin brings a wealth of experience to product design and delivery.

Kevin's passion for technology extends beyond the workplace, as evident in his educational background. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Washington. His leadership philosophy is to empower and amplify people to deliver their best: highlight the wins, recognize the opportunities, and plan to improve.

#### Andrew Mearns, Head of Retention

Andrew Mearns joined RetailStat in January 2024 as the Head of Retention. Andrew brings a wealth of experience in building client relationships and helping customers utilize and derive value from data and research products. Before joining RetailStat, Andrew led multiple high-performing teams at S&P Global Market Intelligence, mostly in the fast-moving technology, media, and telecom sectors. It was at S&P Global where Andrew also developed a deep understanding of credit, strategy, and M&A workflows.

Andrew holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville – where he still resides today. Andrew remains involved with the university as a mentor to undergraduate students and as a fan of their sports teams. He and his wife, Abigail, enjoy spending time with their family and others in their community.



#### Robert Marzo, Head of Content & Analytics

Robert (Bobby) Marzo, Head of Content and Analytics at RetailStat, has been a key member of the executive leadership team since joining in 2004. In his current role, Bobby leads a dynamic team of financial and credit analysts responsible for analyzing the financial health of retailers and advising clients on managing and mitigating risk. He has played a pivotal role in positioning RetailStat as an industry leader by driving continuous improvements in analysis and spearheading the successful launch of cutting–edge financial products and advisory services.

Bobby is widely recognized as an expert in retail and credit risk analysis. With two decades of experience, he has not only contributed to RetailStat's success but has also become a trusted advisor to major CPG companies and landlords worldwide.

#### Doug Munson, Head of Consultancy



Doug Munson co-founded MTN Retail Advisors, an industry leader in nationwide grocery retail research and data. When RetailStat acquired MTN in 2021, Doug brought specialized experience in identifying and validating potential grocery retail locations, as well as assessing the viability of retail shopping centers. His journey in the grocery industry began in 1986, starting at the store level. Doug held previous positions with Smith's Food's (Kroger) in the Site Location/Real Estate department and with Giant Food Stores as Director of Site Location, where he played a pivotal role in developing real estate strategy for the Giant banner in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Today, Doug leads RetailStat in Consultancy, overseeing the facilitation of site location, customer insight, and market planning services for numerous retailers, landlords, and institutional investors.

Beyond his professional pursuits, Doug earned his BA in Business Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, where his passion for retail and real estate first flourished.



# OUR VALUES

#### Transparency

**Client-First** 

forward.

As a leading retail intelligence provider, an ethical approach informs everything we do. We make sure our clients have trustworthy resources and tools at their disposal to assess risk, analyze trends and make informed decisions.

We put our clients' needs first, acting as a responsive,

trusted partner to help them gain the insights and understanding they need to move their business

#### Integrity

Our clients can count on us for reliable, thoroughly vetted market intelligence and analysis, as well as unflinching data protection and governance practices. Doing the right thing is the only option for every team member at RetailStat.

### Innovation

By employing experts at the top of their field and maintaining the latest technology capabilities, we're able to deliver the latest in assessment and analytics for retail and retail real estate leaders. Our clients can count on us for the most advanced, efficient methods for optimized decision making.



# **CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS**

**LEVICE AND ADDATED ON A DAILY BASIS OF OUR FINANCIAL LIABILITIES, INCLUDING OUR SMALL & MID-**SIZE CUSTOMERS THAT TEND TO FLY UNDER THE RADAR OF SOME OF THE OTHER CREDIT AGENCIES. RETAILSTAT HAS ALL THE BASES COVERED FROM DAILY EMAIL ALERTS, CUSTOMER MARKET INSIGHT REPORTS AS WELL AS A NEWLY UPDATED TRADE HISTORY & PAYMENT TREND SITE.

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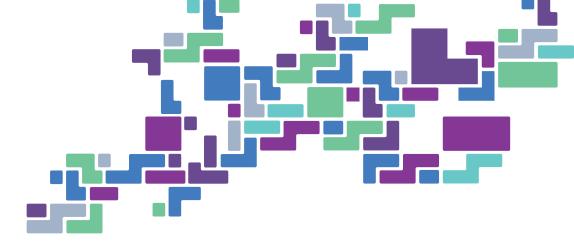
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**C** OUR TEAM WAS ABLE TO UTILIZE RETAILSTAT'S REI PLATFORM WHICH HAS PARTNERED WITH SPATIAL.AI'S PERSONALIVE TOOL TO SHOW THAT THE TOP 4 PERSONAS IN OUR TRADE AREA WERE ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR HOUSEHOLD INCOME, HOME OWNERSHIP, COLLEGE DEGREES, AND HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN - ALL DATA SETS THAT THIS GROCER LOVES TO SEE. USING THIS DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE PSYCHOGRAPHICS IN THIS MARKET, WE WERE ULTIMATELY ABLE TO COME TO TERMS ON A DEAL WITH THIS SPECIALTY GROCER WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN EARLY 2024 AND WILL BE A TRANSFORMATIONAL EVENT FOR THIS ASSET AND THIS COMMUNITY.

DAVID GERSTENHABER, Brixmor BRIXMOR

### BRANDS THAT TRUST US





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# CONNECT WITH US TO EXPLORE A WEALTH OF INSIGHTS AND UNCOVER VALUABLE RESOURCES FOR YOUR NEXT RETAIL STORY.

Contact **Gregg Katz**, RetailStat Head of Marketing, at **greggk@retailstat.com** to request an interview or data source.