

# home wealth

## Rent vs. Own

by Kit Sixel, Principal Broker and Owner of Sixel Real Estate

Paying rent usually means paying another person's mortgage on your home. Renting accommodates certain life stages, but owning a home has a wealth of advantages—the biggest being the tax benefit of writing off mortgage interest.

Homes in America have historically appreciated in value and are still a strong investment for today's buyer. Your home's equity increases with each monthly payment since a portion reduces the principal owed, instead of lining someone else's pocket with rent. Take a step toward increasing your own personal net worth.

The number one reason for buying versus renting is pride of ownership. In most cases make landscaping changes without permission, paint the house to suit your fancy and remodel at your whim.

Begin investing in your economic future and purchase your own home. Ask your lender about programs designed to assist buyers and how much money you'll need to save for a down payment and closing costs. Take the first step along the path of financial security for your family.



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