

Buying vs. Renting

It's an age-old question,
'to buy or to rent?'

Well, we've done the math.*

Initial Cost

\$15,863

Cost to buy includes
3% downpayment
and closing costs

VS.

\$4,500

Cost to rent includes
security deposit, first
& last month's rent

Monthly Cost

\$1,601

Mortgage (principal
/interest/MI)

VS.

\$1,500

Rental payment

When you factor in the ability to build equity, the tax savings on mortgage interest and the appreciation rate of your home's value, buying a home becomes a better deal within just a few years.

Over 5 years, buying is a **\$39,217** advantage over renting.
And it can be an even greater advantage depending on taxes and appreciation in your market.

5-Year Summary

	Buying	Renting
Cost (initial cost + monthly payments)	\$ 111,983	\$91,500
Property Taxes (2%)	\$ 23,500	0
Home Value Appreciation (2%)	(\$37,429)	0
Tax Savings (15%, interest + property tax)	(\$ 8,446)	0
Equity Increase (due to principal reduction)	(\$28,825)	0
Net Expense	\$60,783	\$91,500

Bottom line: the decision to buy is a big one, but there are also big benefits when compared to renting.

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*Based on median US home sale price (\$235,000) and monthly rent (\$1,500) according to Zillow Research, June 2017. Mortgage assumes 97% LTV loan with BPMI, 4% interest rate, and 720 FICO. Costs may vary in different markets.

† Borrowers should consult their own tax advisors to determine if they are eligible for deductions.
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