

# BUYING VS. RENTING

Is it better to buy or rent? Whether renting is better than buying depends on many factors. NAR members help their clients answer this question with statistics and studies on home owners and renters as well as financing options and tips.

Years	Rent Payment	Mortgage Payment	Monthly Difference	After Tax Savings	Yearly Difference	After Tax Savings
1	800	1000	-200	-50	-2400	-600
2	840	1000	-160	-10	-1920	-120
3	882	1000	-118	+32	-1416	+384
4	926	1000	-74	+76	-888	+912
5	972	1000	-28	+122	-336	+1464
6	1021	1000	+21	+171	+252	+2052
7	1072	1000	+72	+222	+864	+2664
8-30			Savings increase every year			

Source: Ginnie Mae

The chart shows a cost comparison for a renter and a homeowner over a 7 year period. The renter starts out paying \$800 per month with annual increases of 5%. The homeowner purchases a home for \$110,000 and pays a monthly mortgage of \$1,000. After 6 years, the homeowner's payment is lower than the renter's monthly payment. With the tax savings of homeownership, the homeowner's payment is less than the rental payment after 3 years.

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