

BENEFITS OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

Homeownership vs. Renting

- Owners tend to remain in their homes longer than renters so they add a degree of stability to their neighborhood.⁴
- Renters are 5 times more likely to move in a given year.⁴
- Low-income people, who recently became homeowners, reported higher life satisfaction, higher self-esteem and higher perceived control over their lives.⁴
- Lower housing quality was associated with poorer psychological health initially and over time.¹
- Being behind on rent, a history of multiple moves and a history of homelessness are associated with adverse health outcomes for low-income renter caregivers and their children.²
- Homeowners were found to be more politically active than renters.⁴
- Homeownership provides an important means of wealth accumulation especially for minority and lower income households.⁵

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Renters have adverse health outcomes

Homeownership provides an important means of wealth accumulation



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Homeownership's Positive Effect on Children

Consistent findings show that homeownership makes a significant positive impact on children's educational achievement.⁴ Children of homeowners (vs. children of renters)...

- Benefit from a 13% higher quality emotional support environment and 23% higher quality cognitive stimulation/ physical environment.⁶
- Have a 9% higher math achievement and a 7% higher reading achievement.⁶
- Have 3% less incidences of problem behavior.⁶
- Complete almost half a year more education.⁷
- Have a high-school graduation rate that is 13% higher.⁷
- Are 6% more likely to acquire a post-secondary education.⁷
- Are 9% less likely to receive welfare during early adulthood.⁷
- Earn \$0.70 more per hour during early adulthood.⁷
- Daughters of homeowners have a lower incidence of teenage pregnancy.⁴

How Renting and Overcrowding Effects Children

The housing tenure of parents plays a primary role in determining whether or not the child becomes a homeowner.⁴

- Poor housing quality is associated with higher baseline symptoms of depression, anxiety and aggression from elementary school through young adulthood.¹
- Living in a crowded residence is strongly and independently associated with a child's socioeconomic status.³
- Children who live in a crowded household at any time before age 19 are less likely to graduate from high school and have lower educational attainment at age 25.³
- Changing schools negatively impacts children's educational outcomes particularly for minorities and low income families.⁴

