ABOUT THE TEXAS HOMEBUYERS AND SELLERS REPORT

Data from the 2019 edition of the *Texas Homebuyers and Sellers Report* is derived from the 2018 *Texas Profile of Homebuyers and Sellers* by the National Association of REALTORS®, which analyzes survey data among Texans who bought or sold a home between July 2017 and June 2018. Texas REALTORS® distributes insights about the Texas housing market throughout the year, including quarterly market statistics, trends among homebuyers and sellers, luxury home sales, international trends and more. To view the *Texas Homebuyers and Sellers Report* in its entirety, visit texasrealestate.com.

ABOUT TEXAS REALTORS®

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A report released today by Texas REALTORS® provides insights into the demographics, motivations, and opinions of Texas homebuyers and sellers. The 2019 edition of the Texas Homebuyers and Sellers Report offers details about real estate consumers’ income, ethnicity, age, and perceptions of the homebuying and selling processes.

Just over half of Texas homebuyers surveyed said that finding the right property to purchase was one of the most difficult parts of the process.

Among those who bought newly built homes, the top reason for doing so was to avoid renovations or plumbing and electrical problems. Buyers who purchased previously owned homes mentioned value and price as their primary motivating factors.

The median age of Texas homebuyers was 47, unchanged from the previous year. The median age of first-time buyers was 32. Nearly one-third of all buyers were first-timers. The majority of Texas homebuyers (68%) were married couples, followed by single females at 15%, single males at 9%, and unmarried couples at 5%.

Thirteen percent of homebuyers identified as Hispanic, with 7% black/African-American, and 4% Asian. Approximately three-quarters identified as white/Caucasian.

On the selling side of the transaction, the most popular reason for putting a home on the market was to move closer to friends or family, cited by 22% of respondents. Job relocations came in at 17%, while another 8% of sellers wanted to move closer to a current job.

Sellers spent a median of 10 years in their homes. The median sales price was $70,000 higher than what sellers paid for their homes. The median length of time a seller’s home spent on the market was four weeks.

Consumer satisfaction with REALTORS® was high, with 89% of buyers and 85% of sellers saying they would definitely or probably recommend their agent to others or use their agent again.
HOMEBUYERS IN TEXAS VS. HOMEBUYERS IN U.S.

**TEXAS**
- Median age of homebuyer: 47 years old
- Median household income: $101,700
- First-time homebuyers: 32%
- Homebuyer or spouse is active-duty military or a veteran: 18%
- Median length of time buyers spent searching for a home: 10 weeks
- Expected length of tenure in home: 12 years
- Purchased a new home: 29%
- Median number of homes viewed during the search process: 10 homes

**U.S.**
- Median age of homebuyer: 46 years old
- Median household income: $91,600
- First-time homebuyers: 33%
- Homebuyer or spouse is active-duty military or a veteran: 18%
- Median length of time buyers spent searching for a home: 10 weeks
- Expected length of tenure in home: 15 years
- Purchased a new home: 14%
- Median number of homes viewed during the search process: 10 homes
FIRST TIME VS REPEAT HOMEBUYERS

First-Time Homebuyers in Texas
- Married Couple: 61%
- Single Female: 15%
- Single Male: 13%
- Unmarried Couple: 7%
- Other: 4%

First-Time Homebuyers Nationally
- Married Couple: 54%
- Single Female: 18%
- Single Male: 10%
- Unmarried Couple: 16%
- Other: 2%

Repeat Homebuyers in Texas
- Married Couple: 70%
- Single Female: 15%
- Single Male: 8%
- Unmarried Couple: 4%
- Other: 3%

Repeat Homebuyers Nationally
- Married Couple: 67%
- Single Female: 18%
- Single Male: 8%
- Unmarried Couple: 5%
- Other: 2%
HOMEBUYER CHARACTERISTICS

Ethnicity & Household Composition of Texas Homebuyers

- Black / African-American
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Hispanic / Latino
- White / Caucasian
- Other

Ethnicity & Household Composition of Homebuyers Nationally
HOMEBUYER CHARACTERISTICS

Prior Living Arrangement for Texas Homebuyers

- Rented the home ultimately purchased: 2%
- Lived with parents, relatives or friends: 8%
- Rented an apartment or house: 40%
- Owned previous home: 49%

Prior Living Arrangement for Homebuyers Nationally

- Rented the home ultimately purchased: 2%
- Lived with parents, relatives or friends: 12%
- Rented an apartment or house: 37%
- Owned previous home: 49%
AGE OF HOMEBUYERS TEXAS vs. NATIONALLY

Age of Homebuyers in Texas

- **All Buyers**
  - 18-24 years: 2%
  - 25-34 years: 23%
  - 35-44 years: 19%
  - 45-54 years: 59%
  - 55-64 years: 5%
  - 65-74 years: 5%
  - 75 years or older: 0%

- **First-Time Buyers**
  - 18-24 years: 6%
  - 25-34 years: 17%
  - 35-44 years: 15%
  - 45-54 years: 14%
  - 55-64 years: 8%
  - 65-74 years: 8%
  - 75 years or older: 1%

- **Repeat Buyers**
  - 18-24 years: 8%
  - 25-34 years: 21%
  - 35-44 years: 24%
  - 45-54 years: 21%
  - 55-64 years: 21%
  - 65-74 years: 15%
  - 75 years or older: 6%

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**HOMEBUYING PROCESS**

**TEXAS**
- 51% of Texas homebuyers said finding the right property was the most difficult part of the homebuying process.
- $39,500 Median amount of student loan debt among Texas homebuyers.
- 89% of Texas homebuyers would recommend or work with their REALTOR® again.
- 26% of Texas homebuyers stated their primary reason for purchasing a home was the desire to own a home of their own.

**U.S.**
- 56% of homebuyers in the U.S. said finding the right property was the most difficult part of the homebuying process.
- $28,000 Median amount of student loan debt among homebuyers in the U.S.
- 90% of national homebuyers would recommend or work with their REALTOR® again.
- 29% of homebuyers nationally stated their primary reason for purchasing a home was the desire to own a home of their own.
MOTIVATIONS FOR BUYING A HOME

Motivations for Buying a New Home in Texas
(Percent of Respondents)

- Avoid renovations or problems with plumbing or electricity: 41%
- Amenities of new home construction communities: 29%
- Ability to choose and customize design features: 24%
- Green/energy efficiency: 23%
- Other: 14%
- Lack of inventory of previous owned homes: 5%

Motivations for Buying a Previously Owned Home in Texas
(Percent of Respondents)

- Better overall value: 35%
- Better price: 30%
- More charm and character: 24%
- Other: 14%
- Lack of inventory of new homes: 8%
HOME SELLERS IN TEXAS VS. HOME SELLERS IN U.S.

Texas

- Median age of home seller: 56 years old
- Median household income: $109,400
- First-time home sellers: 26%
- Median sell price over purchase: $70,000
- Would recommend or work with their REALTOR® again: 85%
- Median length of time a seller's home spent on the market: 4 weeks
- Median tenure in home: 10 years

U.S.

- Median age of home seller: 55 years old
- Median household income: $98,800
- First-time home sellers: 32%
- Median sell price over purchase: $55,500
- Would recommend or work with their REALTOR® again: 86%
- Median length of time a seller's home spent on the market: 3 weeks
- Median tenure in home: 9 years
MOTIVATIONS FOR SELLING A HOME

Top 5 Reasons for Selling Previous Home in Texas

- Moving due to retirement: 6%
- Change in family situation: 6%
- Want to move closer to current job: 8%
- Job relocation: 17%
- Want to move closer to friends or family: 22%

Top 5 Reasons for Selling Previous Home Nationally

- Neighborhood has become less desirable: 9%
- Home is too large: 10%
- Job relocations: 13%
- Want to move closer to friends or family: 14%
- Home is too small: 15%