# The Texas 2005 Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers

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#### Introduction

Throughout 2005, the U.S. housing market remained one of the strongest segments of the U.S. economy with record sales volumes and strong price appreciation in many areas. Existing home sales set a record in 2005 as the combined forces of low mortgage interest rates, strong demand and a strengthening economy contributed to robust sales of new and existing homes. The strength of the housing market was reflected in a homeownership rate that approached 70 percent, a remarkable increase from 65 percent 10 years ago.

The robust housing market has also contributed significantly to the growth in household wealth. By mid-2005, aggregate homeowners' equity had increased by 50 percent since year-end 2001 and by 15 percent in the previous year alone. For many homeowners this equity represents a major portion of their net worth. In addition, mortgage refinancing, home equity loans and home equity lines of credit have allowed homeowners to unlock equity that they have used to make home improvements, reduce high cost consumer debt, and support consumer spending.

First-time buyers continued to be a significant share of the market, accounting for roughly two of every five home sales. Most first-time buyers seek to fulfill their desire to own a home and enjoy the pride of ownership. Trade-up buyers still seek the pride of ownership, but lifestyle changes often drive their desire for a different home. The need for more space, a job change, or the desire to be closer to friends and family motivate some buyers to purchase another home. Others purchase a vacation home to serve as a personal retreat or an investment property that will generate additional income.

Whatever the motivation for purchasing a home, real estate professionals have continued to work with consumers to help them find the right home. From the initial search to the closing, real estate agents and brokers help guide homebuyers through the many steps that culminate in a successful home purchase. Real estate professionals also help home sellers by developing a marketing plan, pricing the home competitively and utilizing their experience to assist sellers through each step of the process. Buyers and sellers may also choose to complete a home sales transaction without a real estate professional. However, a majority of buyers and sellers value the experience and expertise of real estate professionals; a majority of both buyers and sellers would recommend their agent to others.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® periodically surveys homebuyers and sellers to gather detailed information on the homebuying and selling process. These surveys provide information on demographics, housing characteristics and the experience of buyers and sellers in the housing market. Buyers and sellers also share information on the role of real estate professionals in home sales transactions. The results of the most recent survey are reported in The 2005 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers. This report provides REALTORS® with insights into the characteristics and needs of their clients and enables them to improve their client service. Others benefit from the findings of this research by better understanding the housing market and how the unique role of real estate professionals continues to be important as the housing market evolves.

The 2005 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers shows that homebuyers rely on real estate professionals to guide them through the complex process of collecting and evaluating information about local real estate market conditions and using that knowledge to choose a home that fits their needs. On the other side of the transaction, sellers report that real estate professionals are key to marketing their home and negotiating the best deals on price, contingencies, transaction date and other important elements. The 2005 Profile highlights the significant role of real estate professionals in serving both buyers and sellers.

#### **NOTES**

In August 2005, the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® mailed an 8-page questionnaire to 4,000 Texas consumers who bought a home between August 2004 and July 2005. Information on sellers comes from those buyers who also sold a home. Hurricane Katrina disrupted mail service in late August 2005 in some areas of the country and artificially depressed the response rate to the survey. Consequently, the questionnaire was re-fielded to an additional 4,000 homebuyers in the Texas area. All told, the survey yielded 610 usable responses yielding a response rate of 8 percent. Consumer names and addresses were obtained from Experian, a firm that maintains an extensive database of recent home buyers derived from county records.

This report consists of eight chapters that focus on specific areas of the homebuying and selling process.

Chapter 1: Characteristics of Home Buyers

Chapter 2: Characteristics of Homes Purchased

Chapter 3: The Home Search Process

Chapter 4: Home Buying and Real Estate Professionals

Chapter 5: Financing the Home Purchase

Chapter 6: Home Sellers and Their Selling Experience

Chapter 7: Home Selling and Real Estate Professionals

Chapter 8: For Sale by Owner Sellers

All information in this *Profile* is characteristic of the 12-month period ending July 2005, with the exception of income data which was reported for 2004. In some sections comparisons are also given for results obtained in previous surveys. Not all results are directly comparable due to changes in questionnaire design and sample size. Some results are presented for the four Census regions: Northeast, West, Midwest and South. The median is the primary statistical measure used throughout this report. Due to rounding and omissions for space, percentage distributions may not add to 100 percent.

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#### Highlights - Texas Area

Today's consumers have access to a vast amount of information about the home buying and selling process, including a large and growing number of Internet-based tools that provide detailed information about local property markets whether they are across town or across the country. Consequently, home buyers and sellers are becoming increasingly sophisticated and require real estate professionals to meet their heightened expectations for service. Even with increasing access to information, however, most home buyers and sellers depend on the experience and expertise of real estate professionals to assist them with the complex task of completing a real estate transaction. Because of this evolution, it is important for real estate professionals to have a clear picture of today's home buyers and sellers. The 2005 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers describes the characteristics and motivations of recent home buyers and sellers and in so doing will help real estate professionals track the changing demands of consumers in a dynamic real estate market. Results for the Texas area show:

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF HOME BUYERS

- The median age of homebuyers was 42 years old compared to 40 years old in the U.S.
- The median household income of homebuyers was \$72,200 compared to \$71,600 in the U.S.
- Fifty-seven percent of homebuyers reported that there were no children under age 18 years residing in the home.
- First time homebuyers accounted for 42 percent of homes purchased in 2005.
- Forty-eight percent of first time home buyers were between 25 and 34 years old.
- The median income of first time home buyers was \$55,200.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF HOMES PURCHASED

- Eighty-five percent of homes purchased in Texas were detached single family homes compared to 75 percent of homes purchased in the U.S.
- Fifty-two percent of homebuyers remained in the suburbs when they purchased another home.
- The typical homebuyer purchased a home 14 miles from their previous residence.
- Seventy-two percent of recent buyers ranked neighborhood quality as the most important factor influencing the location of their home purchase.
- Sixty-six percent of homes purchased were in the suburbs.
- The median price of homes purchased was \$140,000 compared to \$195,000 in the U.S.

#### THE HOME SEARCH PROCESS

- Home buyers searched for a home for a median seven weeks and saw a median 10 homes.
- Eighty-nine percent of homebuyers used a real estate professional during their home search.
- Thirty-two percent of homebuyers first learned about the home they purchased from a real estate professional; down from 34% in 2004.
- Sixty-two percent of first-time homebuyers used the Internet frequently to search for homes compared with 60 percent of repeat homebuyers.
- Twenty-five percent of buyers first found their home on the Internet.
- The majority of Internet home searchers were looking for sale.

#### HOME BUYING AND REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

- Seventy-three percent of homebuyers purchased their home through a real estate agent.
- Buyers searched for a median of two weeks on their own before contacting a real estate professional.
- Eighty-six percent of homebuyers used only one agent in their home search.

- Forty-one percent of first time buyers were referred to their agent by a friend, neighbor or relative.
- More than half of recent buyers wanted their agent to help them find the right home.
- Buyers ranked reputation as the most important factor when choosing a real estate professional to assist with a home purchase. The next most important factor was the agent's knowledge of the neighborhood.
- Sixty-seven percent of recent buyers will definitely use their agent again.

#### FINANCING THE HOME PURCHASE

- Ninety-three percent of homebuyers financed their home purchase and 34 percent financed the entire purchase price.
- Almost all first time home buyers (99 percent) financed the purchase of their home compared to 82 percent of repeat buyers.
- Savings was the primary source of first-time homebuyers' downpayment.
- Fifty-four percent of repeat buyers used equity from the previous home as a downpayment.
- Ninety-one percent of all buyers believe that their home purchase was a good financial investment.

#### HOME SELLERS AND THEIR SELLING EXPERIENCE

- The median age of home sellers was 48 years in 2005.
- The median income of home sellers was \$89,800.
- Nearly three out of four home sellers were married and 60 percent have no children under 18 years old living at home.
- Ninety percent of homes sold were detached single family homes.
- Twenty-eight percent of sellers spent three to four years in their previous home.
- Eighty-eight percent of sellers used an agent or broker to sell their home.
- The typical home was on the market for eight weeks.
- Sixty-two percent of all sellers were very satisfied with the selling process.

#### HOME SELLERS AND REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL

- Seventy-three percent of sellers contacted only one agent before selecting one to help assist in the sale of their home.
- When selecting a real estate professional, 40 percent of sellers received a recommendation from a friend, neighbor or relative.
- Nearly half of sellers used the same agent for their home purchase.
- Thirty-four percent of sellers wanted their real estate professional to help sell their home within a specific timeframe; twenty-five percent wanted help finding the right buyer for their home.
- Eighty-nine percent of sellers used the Internet to market their home.
- Seventy-one percent of sellers reported they would definitely use the same real estate agent again.

#### FOR SALE BY OWNER SELLERS (FSBO)

- Seven percent of sellers sold their home without the assistance of an agent.
- Eighty-eight percent of FSBO sellers sold a detached single-family home.
- Sixty-seven percent of FSBO's previous homes were in the suburbs.
- The median selling price of FSBO homes was \$132,800 compared with \$160,000 for agent-assisted home sales
- The primary reason FSBO sellers did not use a real estate agent was to avoid paying a commission.
- Sixty-four percent of FSBO sellers relied on yard signs or newspaper advertisements (60 percent) to help them market their home.

#### AGE OF HOMEBUYERS, BY REGION

(Percentage Distribution)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than 25 years	4%	6%	7%	10%	5%	4%
25 - 34 years	30	32	34	34	31	29
35 - 44 years	24	24	25	23	24	26
45 - 54 years	23	19	16	18	20	20
55 - 64 years	13	11	12	8	12	14
65 - 74 years	5	5	6	5	6	5
75 years or older	1	2	1	2	2	3
Median age (years)	42	40	39	38	41	42

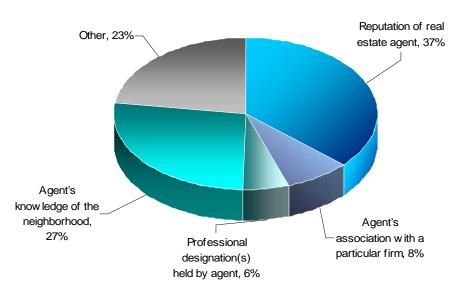
#### **HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF HOMEBUYERS, 2004**

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than \$25,000	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	9	8	8	10	8	7
\$35,000 - \$44,999	13	9	7	10	9	9
\$45,000 - \$54,999	9	11	10	14	11	10
\$55,000 - \$64,999	7	11	13	11	10	11
\$65,000 - \$74,999	11	10	10	11	9	10
\$75,000 - \$84,999	7	9	7	10	9	9
\$85,000 - \$94,999	7	7	6	8	7	7
\$95,000 - \$104,999	8	8	9	6	8	10
\$105,000 - \$114,999	5	5	5	2	5	7
\$115,000 - \$124,999	3	3	5	3	2	3
\$125,000 - \$134,999	5	3	2	2	4	2
\$135,000 - \$149,999	3	2	2	2	2	3
\$150,000 - \$174,999	2	3	3	2	3	3
\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	1	1	1	1	1
\$200,000 or more	6	5	5	5	5	5
Median income	\$72,200	\$71,600	\$71,500	\$66,800	\$72,500	\$75,400

#### MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CHOOSING AN AGENT

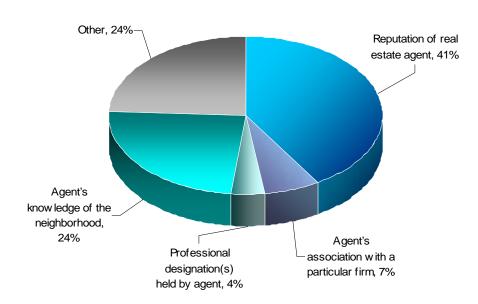
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#### **TEXAS**



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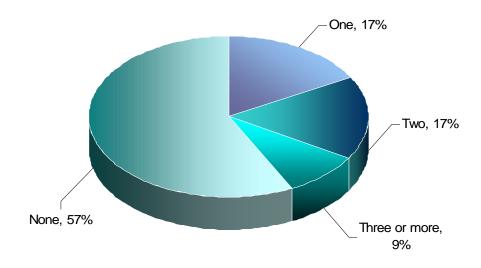
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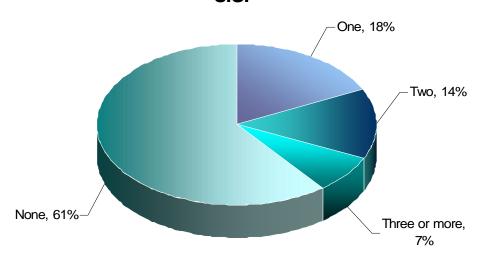
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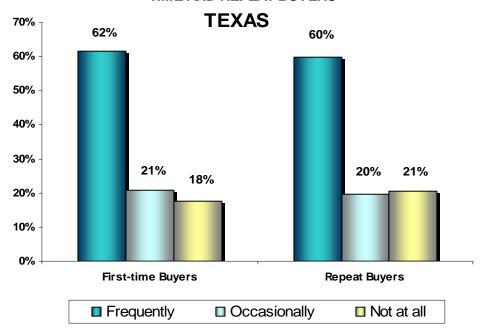


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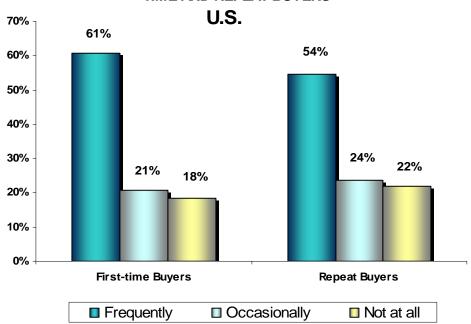
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#### USE OF INTERNET TO SEARCH FOR HOMES, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS



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#### TYPE OF HOME PURCHASED BY FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Detached single family	85%	86%	83%
Townhouse/row house	5	4	6
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	3	3	3
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	1	3
Other	6	6	5

#### U.S.

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Detached single family	75%	69%	79%
Townhouse/row house	9	11	8
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	7	9	5
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	3	2
Other	6	7	5

#### LOCATION OF HOME PURCHASED, BY REGION

	Texas	U.S	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Suburb/Subdivision	66%	56%	44%	60%	62%	49%
Small town	8	17	30	15	13	16
Urban/Central city	19	17	12	17	14	24
Rural area	6	9	12	7	9	9
Resort/Recreation area	1	1	1	*	1	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### PERCENT OF HOME FINANCED

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than 50%	5%	3%	6%
51% to 60%	2		4
61% to 70%	4	1	6
71% to 80%	23	11	32
81% to 90%	12	9	15
91% to 95%	10	11	9
96% to 99%	10	15	6
100% (entire purchase price)	34	50	23
Median percent financed	95%	99%	82%

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51% to 60%	3	1	4
61% to 70%	5	2	8
71% to 80%	24	13	32
81% to 90%	13	12	14
91% to 95%	10	13	7
96% to 99%	7	12	4
100% (entire purchase price)	28	43	18
Median percent financed	87%	98%	79%

#### PERCENT OF HOME FINANCED

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#### **TEXAS**

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Exhibit 1-1 **AGE OF HOMEBUYERS, BY REGION** 

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35 - 44 years	24	24	25	23	24	26
45 - 54 years	23	19	16	18	20	20
55 - 64 years	13	11	12	8	12	14
65 - 74 years	5	5	6	5	6	5
75 years or older	1	2	1	2	2	3
Median age (years)	42	40	39	38	41	42

Exhibit 1-2 HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF HOMEBUYERS, 2004

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than \$25,000	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%
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\$125,000 - \$134,999	5	3	2	2	4	2
\$135,000 - \$149,999	3	2	2	2	2	3
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\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	1	1	1	1	1
\$200,000 or more	6	5	5	5	5	5
Median income	\$72,200	\$71,600	\$71,500	\$66,800	\$72,500	\$75,400

#### Exhibit 1-3

#### ADULT COMPOSITION OF HOMEBUYER HOUSEHOLDS

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Married couple	65%	58%
Single female	16	23
Single male	12	10
Unmarried couple	6	7
Other	1	1

	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005
Married couple	68%	70%	64%	66%	68%	59%	62%	61%
Single female	16	14	18	18	15	21	18	21
Single male	10	9	11	9	7	11	8	9
Unmarried couple	5	6	5	6	7	8	9	7
Other	*	1	2	1	3	1	2	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 1-4

#### NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD

(Percentage Distribution of Households)

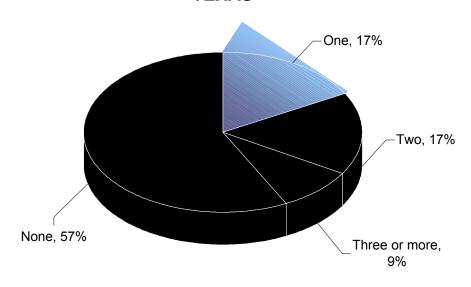
#### **TEXAS**

One	17%
Two	17%
Three or more	9%
None	57%

## NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD

(Percentage Distribution of Households)

#### **TEXAS**



#### U.S.

One	18%
Two	14%
Three or more	7%
None	61%

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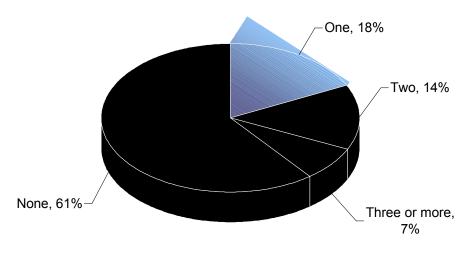


Exhibit 1-5 RACE/ETHNICITY OF HOMEBUYERS, BY REGION

(Percent of Respondents)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
White/Caucasian	71%	83%	88%	90%	80%	78%
Black/African-American	10	7	5	5	10	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	4	3	3	3	9
Hispanic/Latino	16	6	3	2	7	10
Other	2	2	2	2	1	3

Note: Respondents were permitted to select as many races and ethnicities as they felt applicable. The percentage distribution may therefore sum to more than 100 percent.

# Exhibit 1-6 PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN HOMEBUYER HOUSEHOLD, BY REGION (Percentage Distribution)

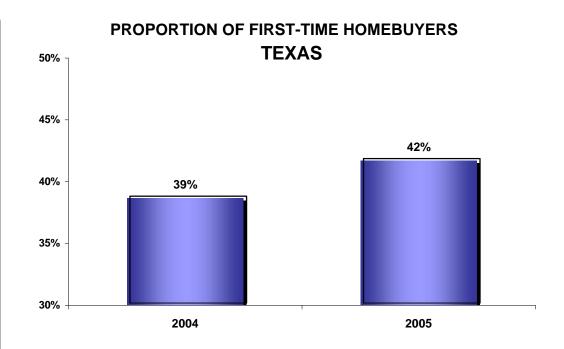
	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
English	92%	95%	96%	95%	94%	94%
Other	8	5	4	5	6	6

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#### PERCENTAGE OF FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS

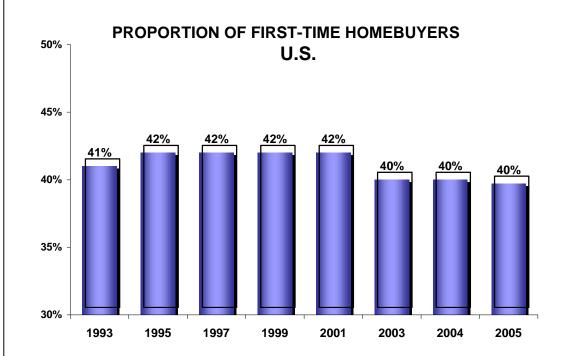
**TEXAS** 

Year	Percentage		
2004	39%		
2005	42%		



U.S.

Year	Percentage
1993	41%
1995	42%
1997	42%
1999	42%
2001	42%
2003	40%
2004	40%
2005	40%



#### Exhibit 1-9

#### AGE OF FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than 25 years	8%	1%
25 - 34 years	48	17
35 - 44 years	23	25
45 - 54 years	14	30
55 - 64 years	4	19
65 - 74 years	2	7
75 years or older		2
Median age (years)	34	48

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than 25 years	14%	1%
25-34 years	50	20
35-44 years	22	26
45-54 years	10	25
55-64 years	2	18
65-74 years	1	9
75 years or older	*	3
Median age (years)	32	46

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS, 2004

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than \$25,000	6%	2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	15	3
\$35,000 - \$44,999	17	10
\$45,000 - \$54,999	11	8
\$55,000 - \$64,999	11	5
\$65,000 - \$74,999	11	11
\$75,000 - \$84,999	5	9
\$85,000 - \$94,999	4	10
\$95,000 - \$104,999	6	9
\$105,000 - \$114,999	3	6
\$115,000 - \$124,999	2	4
\$125,000 - \$134,999	2	7
\$135,000 - \$149,999	2	3
\$150,000 - \$174,999	2	3
\$175,000 - \$199,999		1
\$200,000 or more	2	9
Median income	\$55,200	\$87,000

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than \$25,000	6%	3%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	13	5
\$35,000 - \$44,999	13	6
\$45,000 - \$54,999	15	9
\$55,000 - \$64,999	13	9
\$65,000 - \$74,999	10	10
\$75,000 - \$84,999	8	9
\$85,000 - \$94,999	6	8
\$95,000 - \$104,999	6	10
\$105,000 - \$114,999	2	6
\$115,000 - \$124,999	1	4
\$125,000 - \$134,999	2	4
\$135,000 - \$149,999	1	3
\$150,000 - \$174,999	1	4
\$175,000 - \$199,999	*	2
\$200,000 or more	2	7
Median income	\$57,200	\$83,200

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### Exhibit 1-11

#### **RACE/ETHNICITY OF FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS**

(Percent of Respondents)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
White/Caucasian	71%	59%	79%
Black/African-American	10	14	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	4	2
Hispanic/Latino	16	22	12
Other	2	2	1

#### U.S.

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
White/Caucasian	83%	77%	87%
Black/African-American	7	10	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	6	3
Hispanic/Latino	6	7	5
Other	2	3	1

Note: Respondents were permitted to select as many races and ethnicities as they felt applicable. The percentage distribution may therefore sum to more than 100 percent.

#### Exhibit 1-12

#### PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
English	92%	88%	95%
Other	8	12	5

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
English	95%	92%	96%
Other	5	8	4

## Exhibit 1-13 PRIOR LIVING ARRANGEMENT

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

		First-time	Repeat
	All Buyers	Buyers	Buyers
Owned previous residence	44%	5%	71%
Rented an apartment or house	49	84	23
Lived with parents, relatives or friends	6	10	3
Rented the home buyer ultimately purchased	1	1	1
Not applicable or no change in living arrangement	1		2

#### U.S.

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Owned previous residence	46%	4%	73%
Rented an apartment or house	41	74	19
Lived with parents, relatives or friends	10	19	5
Rented the home buyer ultimately purchased	1	3	1
Not applicable or no change in living arrangement	2	1	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Note: After selling their previous home, buyers may have rented a home or apartment before purchasing their next home. A first-time buyer could have acquired ownership of their previous home (as an inheritance or gift, for example) without having been the buyer of the home. Thus, a first-time buyer could have owned a home prior to their first home purchase.

Exhibit 1-14

PRIMARY REASON FOR MAKING A HOUSING CHANGE, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS
(Percentage Distribution)

		First-time	Repeat
	All Buyers	Buyers	Buyers
Desire to own a home of my own	40%	75%	14%
Desire for more space/larger home	20	9	26
New job in another area or corporate relocation	13	6	19
Desire to be closer to job, school, relatives, transit	8	1	12
Desire for less space (children left, divorce, etc.)	6	1	9
Retirement	3	1	4
Desire for vacation home/investment property	1		2
Other	10	7	12

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Desire to own a home of my own	39%	80%	13%
Desire for more space/larger home	20	7	29
New job in another area or corporate relocation	11	3	16
Desire to be closer to job, school, relatives, transit	8	3	12
Desire for less space (children left, divorce, etc.)	6	*	9
Retirement	3	1	5
Desire for vacation home/investment property	1	*	2
Other	11	6	14

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 1-15
PRIMARY REASON FOR MAKING A HOUSING CHANGE, AGE
(Percentage Distribution)

	Age				
	All				65 or
	Buyers	18-24	25-44	45-64	older
Desire to own a home of my own	40%	75%	49%	27%	
Desire for more space/larger home	20		23	19	9
New job in another area or corporate relocation	13	17	12	17	
Desire to be closer to job, school, relatives, transit	8	8	6	10	11
Desire for less space (children left, divorce, etc.)	6		1	9	26
Retirement	3	N/A	1	5	17
Desire for vacation home/investment property	1		1	3	
Other	10		7	11	37

	Age				
	All				65 or
	Buyers	18-24	25-44	45-64	older
Desire to own a home of my own	39%	75%	49%	22%	6%
Desire for more space/larger home	20	9	23	20	9
New job in another area or corporate relocation	11	4	12	13	1
Desire to be closer to job, school, relatives, transit	8	4	6	10	26
Desire for less space (children left, divorce, etc.)	6	*	1	12	20
Retirement	3	N/A	*	7	15
Desire for vacation home/investment property	1	1	1	2	1
Other	11	6	8	13	22

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### Exhibit 1-16

#### AGE OF HOMEBUYER, BY INTENDED USE OF HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	As Primary Residence	As Second-Home
Less than 25 years	4%	
25 - 34 years	31	7
35 - 44 years	24	21
45 - 54 years	22	45
55 - 64 years	13	17
65 - 74 years	5	10
75 years or older	1	
Median age (years)	41	50

	As Primary Residence	As Second-Home
Less than 25 years	6%	2%
25 - 34 years	33	15
35 - 44 years	25	20
45 - 54 years	18	28
55 - 64 years	11	20
65 - 74 years	5	11
75 years or older	2	4
Median age (years)	40	50

Exhibit 1-17
HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF BUYERS, BY INTENDED USE OF HOME, 2004
(Percentage Distribution)

	As Primary Residence	As Second-Home
Less than \$25,000	3%	7%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8	14
\$35,000 - \$44,999	14	
\$45,000 - \$54,999	10	
\$55,000 - \$64,999	7	7
\$65,000 - \$74,999	11	7
\$75,000 - \$84,999	7	7
\$85,000 - \$94,999	7	
\$95,000 - \$104,999	8	
\$105,000 - \$114,999	5	7
\$115,000 - \$124,999	3	
\$125,000 - \$134,999	5	11
\$135,000 - \$149,999	3	7
\$150,000 - \$174,999	2	4
\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	7
\$200,000 or more	5	21
Median income	\$71,600	\$115,000

	As Primary Residence	As Second-Home
Less than \$25,000	4%	6%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	8	8
\$35,000 - \$44,999	9	10
\$45,000 - \$54,999	11	9
\$55,000 - \$64,999	11	7
\$65,000 - \$74,999	10	10
\$75,000 - \$84,999	9	10
\$85,000 - \$94,999	7	3
\$95,000 - \$104,999	8	10
\$105,000 - \$114,999	5	2
\$115,000 - \$124,999	3	2
\$125,000 - \$134,999	3	5
\$135,000 - \$149,999	2	4
\$150,000 - \$174,999	3	1
\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	2
\$200,000 or more	5	12
Median income	\$71,400	\$74,900

#### **COMPOSITION OF SECOND-HOME BUYER HOUSEHOLDS**

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

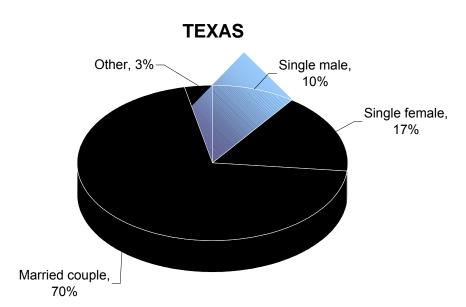
Single male	10%
Single female	17%
Married couple	70%
Unmarried couple	
Other	3%

#### U.S.

Single male	6%
Single female	18%
Married couple	66%
Unmarried couple	5%
Other	5%

#### **COMPOSITION OF SECOND-HOME BUYER HOUSEHOLDS**

(Percentage Distribution)



#### **COMPOSITION OF SECOND-HOME BUYER HOUSEHOLDS**

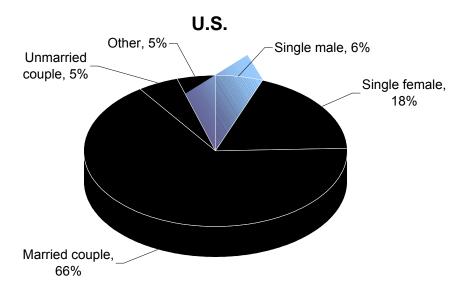


Exhibit 2-1

NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOMES PURCHASED

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

		Previously
	New	Owned
2005	32%	68%

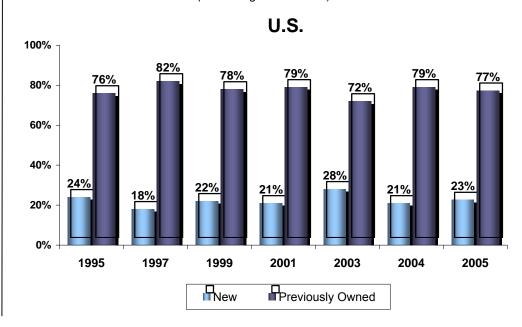
# (Percentage Distribution) TEXAS 80% | 68% | 40% | 32% | 20% | 2005

**NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOMES PURCHASED** 

#### **NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOMES PURCHASED**

(Percentage Distribution)





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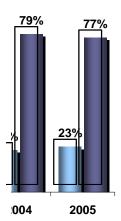


Exhibit 2-3 **TYPE OF HOME PURCHASED, BY REGION** 

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Detached single family	85%	75%	69%	74%	79%	74%
Townhouse/row house	5	9	12	9	9	8
	3	7	6	8	5	10
Apartment/condo in building						
with 5 or more units						
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-	2	2	6	3	1	1
4 unit structure						
Other	6	6	6	6	6	7

Exhibit 2-4

TYPE OF HOME PURCHASED BY FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS
(Percentage Distribution)

		First-time	Repeat
	All Buyers	Buyers	Buyers
Detached single family	85%	86%	83%
Townhouse/row house	5	4	6
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	3	3	3
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	1	3
Other	6	6	5

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Detached single family	75%	69%	79%
Townhouse/row house	9	11	8
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	7	9	5
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	3	2
Other	6	7	5

Exhibit 2-5 **LOCATION OF HOME PURCHASED, BY REGION** 

	Texas	U.S	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Suburb/Subdivision	66%	56%	44%	60%	62%	49%
Small town	8	17	30	15	13	16
Urban/Central city	19	17	12	17	14	24
Rural area	6	9	12	7	9	9
Resort/Recreation area	1	1	1	*	1	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

# Exhibit 2-6 LOCATION OF HOME PURCHASED, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Suburb/Subdivision	66%	62%	69%
Small town	8	7	9
Urban/Central city	19	24	16
Rural area	6	7	5
Resort/Recreation area	1		1

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Suburb/Subdivision	56%	52%	58%
Small town	17	17	17
Urban/Central city	17	22	13
Rural area	9	8	10
Resort/Recreation area	1	*	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

# Exhibit 2-7 **LOCATION OF NEW HOME PURCHASED VS LOCATION OF HOME SOLD**(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

#### LOCATION OF HOME PURCHASED

		Suburb/ Subdivision	Small town	Urban/ Central city	Rural area	Resort/ Recreation area
	Suburb/Subdivision	52%	3%	3%	3%	1%
LOCATION	Small town	5	2	3	1	
OF HOME	Urban/Central city	8	1	8		
SOLD	Rural area	6	1	1	1	
	Resort/Recreation area	1	1		*	

#### U.S.

#### **LOCATION OF HOME PURCHASED**

		Suburb/ Subdivision	Small town	Urban/ Central city	Rural area	Resort/ Recreation area
	Suburb/Subdivision	41%	4%	4%	4%	1%
LOCATION	Small town	5	8	1	1	*
OF HOME	Urban/Central city	7	2	7	1	*
SOLD	Rural area	5	2	1	3	*
	Resort/Recreation area	1	*	*	*	1

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 2-8 **DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME RECENTLY PURCHASED AND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE**(Median Miles)

	Miles
Texas	14
U.S.	12
Northeast	9
Midwest	11
South	13
West	12

# MEDIAN DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME RECENTLY PURCHASED AND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE

(Median Miles)

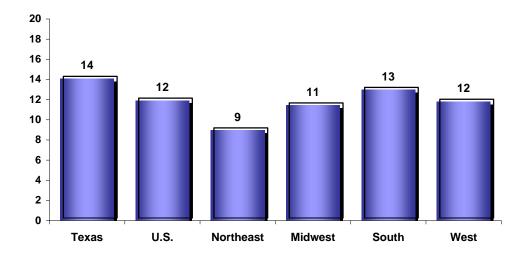


Exhibit 2-9
FACTORS INFLUENCING NEIGHBORHOOD CHOICE, BY LOCATION (Percent of Respondents)

Buyers who purchased a home in:

	_	buyers who purchased a nome in.				
		Suburb/	Small	Urban/ Central		Resort/ Recreation
	All Buyers	Subdivision	town	city	Rural	area
Neighborhood quality	72%	74%	62%	73%	51%	60%
Close to job/school	44	48	20	49	23	
Close to friends/family	33	32	46	38	17	
School district	31	37	26	20	9	
Parks/recreation facilities	12	12	12	17		50
Shopping	16	15	10	23	11	
Entertainment venues	8	5	4	18	6	40
Proximity to airport	5	5	4	5	9	
Health facilities	5	5	2	7		40
Planned community	17	20	14	4	17	50
Public transportation	2	1	4	4	6	
Other	15	14	24	11	25	

#### U.S.

Buyers who purchased a home in:

		Suburb/	Small	Urban/ Central		Resort/ Recreation
	All Buyers	Subdivision	town	city	Rural	area
Neighborhood quality	68%	74%	63%	63%	57%	56%
Close to job/school	43	44	41	55	27	30
Close to friends/family	36	37	39	35	33	30
School district	23	27	23	12	19	7
Shopping	19	21	13	23	7	19
Parks/recreation facilities	15	16	14	16	8	38
Planned community	11	14	8	6	7	24
Entertainment venues	9	8	5	19	3	26
Public transportation	6	5	4	15	3	1
Proximity to airport	6	7	4	8	4	11
Health facilities	6	6	5	8	3	5
Other	18	14	20	20	33	24

Exhibit 2-10 **PRICE OF HOME BY REGION** 

(Percentage Distribution)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than \$75,000	10%	6%	12%	6%	5%	2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11	7	6	7	10	3
\$100,000 to \$124,999	14	9	6	13	10	5
\$125,000 to \$149,999	20	11	6	12	14	7
\$150,000 to \$174,999	13	10	8	13	11	7
\$175,000 to \$199,999	7	9	8	11	9	7
\$200,000 to \$249,999	10	12	14	14	11	10
\$250,000 to \$299,999	5	9	10	8	9	11
\$300,000 to \$349,999	3	6	7	5	6	7
\$350,000 to \$399,999	2	6	6	3	5	9
\$400,000 to \$499,999	2	6	7	3	5	12
\$500,000 or more	2	9	9	4	6	20
Median price	\$140,000	\$195,000	\$212,000	\$170,000	\$175,000	\$290,000

Exhibit 2-11

PURCHASE PRICE OF HOME, NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED

(Percentage Distribution)

	New	<b>Previously Owned</b>
Less than \$75,000	1%	14%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	6	14
\$100,000 to \$124,999	10	15
\$125,000 to \$149,999	29	17
\$150,000 to \$174,999	12	12
\$175,000 to \$199,999	10	6
\$200,000 to \$249,999	13	9
\$250,000 to \$299,999	8	4
\$300,000 to \$349,999	3	4
\$350,000 to \$399,999	4	1
\$400,000 to \$499,999	1	3
\$500,000 or more	2	2
Median price	\$157,000	\$136,000

	New	<b>Previously Owned</b>
Less than \$75,000	1%	7%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2	8
\$100,000 to \$124,999	6	10
\$125,000 to \$149,999	10	11
\$150,000 to \$174,999	12	10
\$175,000 to \$199,999	10	8
\$200,000 to \$249,999	16	11
\$250,000 to \$299,999	13	8
\$300,000 to \$349,999	9	5
\$350,000 to \$399,999	8	5
\$400,000 to \$499,999	6	7
\$500,000 or more	9	10
Median price	\$226,300	\$185,000

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 2-12
PRICE OF HOME PURCHASED, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS
(Percentage Distribution)

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than \$75,000	17%	5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14	10
\$100,000 to \$124,999	21	9
\$125,000 to \$149,999	23	18
\$150,000 to \$174,999	10	14
\$175,000 to \$199,999	5	8
\$200,000 to \$249,999	4	15
\$250,000 to \$299,999	1	8
\$300,000 to \$349,999	2	4
\$350,000 to \$399,999	*	3
\$400,000 to \$499,999	2	3
\$500,000 or more	*	3
Median price	\$124,000	\$165,000

	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than \$75,000	10%	3%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	12	3
\$100,000 to \$124,999	14	6
\$125,000 to \$149,999	13	9
\$150,000 to \$174,999	11	10
\$175,000 to \$199,999	8	9
\$200,000 to \$249,999	10	13
\$250,000 to \$299,999	6	12
\$300,000 to \$349,999	4	8
\$350,000 to \$399,999	4	6
\$400,000 to \$499,999	4	8
\$500,000 or more	4	13
Median price	\$150,000	\$235,000

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 2-13

PURCHASE PRICE COMPARED WITH LISTING PRICE, BY REGION (Percentage Distribution)

Percent of listing price:	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than 90%	9%	7%	9%	9%	7%	4%
90% to 94%	21	13	17	14	14	7
95% to 99%	37	32	32	42	29	28
100%	25	36	32	29	38	41
101% to 110%	6	10	8	5	10	16
More than 110%	2	2	1	1	2	3
Median (purchase price as a percent of listing price)	97%	99%	98%	98%	100%	100%

Exhibit 2-14
SIZE OF HOME PURCHASED, FIRST-TIME BUYER AND REPEAT BUYERS
(Percentage Distribution)

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
1,000 sq ft or less	4%	6%	3%
1,001 to 1,500 sq ft	18	24	14
1,501 to 2,000 sq ft	27	32	25
2,001 to 2,500 sq ft	23	23	22
2,501 to 3,000 sq ft	13	8	17
3,001 to 3,500 sq ft	7	2	11
3,501 sq ft or more	7	4	9
Median (sq ft)	2,007	1,812	2,196

	<b>All Buyers</b>	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
1,000 sq ft or less	7%	12%	4%
1,001 to 1,500 sq ft	25	36	18
1,501 to 2,000 sq ft	29	31	28
2,001 to 2,500 sq ft	17	12	21
2,501 to 3,000 sq ft	11	6	15
3,001 to 3,500 sq ft	5	2	7
3,501 sq ft or more	6	2	8
Median (sq ft)	1,816	1,546	2,015

Exhibit 2-15
HOME SIZE AND PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT, BY REGION (Median)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Square feet	2,007	1,816	1,788	1,690	1,930	1,764
Price per square foot	\$74	\$109	\$123	\$103	\$94	\$160

Exhibit 2-16
HOME SIZE AND PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT, BY TYPE OF HOME (Median)

	Detached single- family	Townhouse or row house	Duplex/ apartment in 2-4 unit structure	Apartment/ condo in building with 5 or more units
Square feet	2,106	1,689	1,608	1,144
Price per square foot	\$74	\$74	\$76	\$77

	Detached single-	Townhouse	Duplex/ apartment in 2-4 unit	Apartment/ condo in building with
	family	or row house	structure	5 or more units
Square feet	1,927	1,570	1,702	1,181
Price per square foot	\$106	\$124	\$100	\$163

Exhibit 2-17

CHARACTERISTICS OF HOME ON WHICH BUYER COMPROMISED, BY REGION (Percent of Respondents)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Size of house	13%	15%	14%	15%	14%	16%
Neighborhood quality	10	12	13	11	11	13
Distance from work/school	11	11	11	13	11	11
Planned expenditures	9	10	9	11	10	11
Condition of house	8	6	9	5	5	7
Lot size	6	7	7	7	8	7
Other	3	3	4	4	3	2
None, made no compromise	41	35	34	35	38	33

Exhibit 2-18

CHARACTERISTICS OF HOME ON WHICH BUYER COMPROMISED, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS (Percentage of Respondents)

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Size of house	13%	13%	13%
Neighborhood quality	10	13	7
Distance from work/school	11	15	8
Planned expenditures	9	11	8
Condition of house	8	8	7
Lot size	6	6	7
Other	3	2	3
None, made no compromise	41	32	48

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Size of house	15%	16%	14%
Neighborhood quality	12	16	9
Distance from work/school	11	14	10
Planned expenditures	10	9	11
Lot size	7	5	9
Condition of house	6	5	7
Other	3	4	3
None, made no compromise	35	31	38

Exhibit 2-19
PURCHASE PRICE, PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND SECOND HOME
(Percentage Distribution)

	Primary Residence	Non-primary Residence/ Second-Home
Less than \$75,000	10%	13%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11	13
\$100,000 to \$124,999	14	
\$125,000 to \$149,999	20	27
\$150,000 to \$174,999	13	10
\$175,000 to \$199,999	7	
\$200,000 to \$249,999	10	10
\$250,000 to \$299,999	5	3
\$300,000 to \$349,999	3	7
\$350,000 to \$399,999	2	
\$400,000 to \$499,999	2	7
\$500,000 or more	1	10
Median price	\$140,000	\$143,760

	Primary Residence	Non-primary Residence/ Second-Home
Less than \$75,000	5%	11%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	7	10
\$100,000 to \$124,999	9	4
\$125,000 to \$149,999	11	9
\$150,000 to \$174,999	10	9
\$175,000 to \$199,999	9	5
\$200,000 to \$249,999	12	13
\$250,000 to \$299,999	9	8
\$300,000 to \$349,999	6	5
\$350,000 to \$399,999	6	5
\$400,000 to \$499,999	6	7
\$500,000 or more	9	14
Median price	\$194,700	\$211,600

#### Exhibit 2-20

#### TYPE OF HOME, PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND SECOND-HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	Primary Residence	Non-primary Residence/ Second-Home
Detached single family	86%	66%
Townhouse/row house	5	6
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	6
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	2	16
Other	6	6

	Primary Residence	Non-primary Residence/ Second-Home
Detached single family	76%	63%
Townhouse/row house	9	8
Duplex/apartment/condo in 2-4 unit structure	2	7
Apartment/condo in building with 5 or more units	6	12
Other	6	10

Exhibit 2-21 LOCATION OF HOME, PRIMARY RESIDENCE, VACATION HOME AND INVESTMENT PROPERTY (Percentage Distribution)

	Primary Residence	Second-Home
Suburb/Subdivision	67%	53%
Small town	8	16
Urban/Central city	19	16
Rural area	6	6
Resort/Recreation area	*	9

	Primary Residence	Second-Home
Suburb/Subdivision	57%	40%
Small town	17	21
Urban/Central city	16	24
Rural area	9	10
Resort/Recreation area	1	5

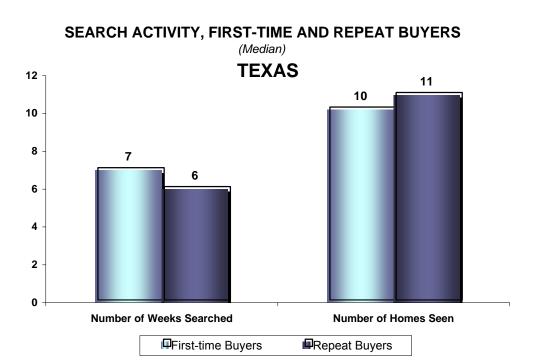
<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 3-1 **ACTIVE HOME SEARCH**(*Median*)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Number of Weeks Searched						
2001		7	7	7	7	7
2003		8	10	8	8	6
2004	7	8	12	8	8	8
2005	6	8	10	8	8	6
Number of Homes Seen						
2001		10	11	8	7	10
2003		10	9	10	9	12
2004	11	9	8	10	9	10
2005	11	9	8	11	9	9

Exhibit 3-2 **SEARCH ACTIVITY, FIRST-TIME VS. REPEAT BUYERS** (*Median*)

	TEX	AS	U.S.	
	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Number of Weeks Searched	7	6	8	8
Number of Homes Seen	10	11	8	10



## SEARCH ACTIVITY, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS (Median)



## Exhibit 3-3 INFORMATION SOURCES USED IN HOME SEARCH

(Percent of Respondents)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Real estate agent	89%	92%	87%
Yard sign	71	66	75
Internet	78	81	76
Newspaper advertisement	39	37	40
Open house	43	42	43
Home builder	49	48	50
Home book or magazine	35	41	30
Television	25	29	23
Billboard	24	30	20
Relocation company	20	17	21

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Real estate agent	90%	90%	90%
Internet	77	79	77
Yard sign	71	70	71
Open house	51	51	52
Newspaper advertisement	50	51	50
Home book or magazine	38	39	37
Home builder	36	30	41
Television	25	26	24
Billboard	19	19	18
Relocation company	15	14	16

# Exhibit 3-4 WHERE BUYER FIRST LEARNED ABOUT HOME PURCHASED (Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Real estate agent	34%	32%
Internet	17	25
Yard sign	16	17
Print newspaper advertisement	3	2
Friend, neighbor or relative	6	6
Knew the seller	4	2
Home builder or their agent	15	15
Home book or magazine	1	1
Other	3	

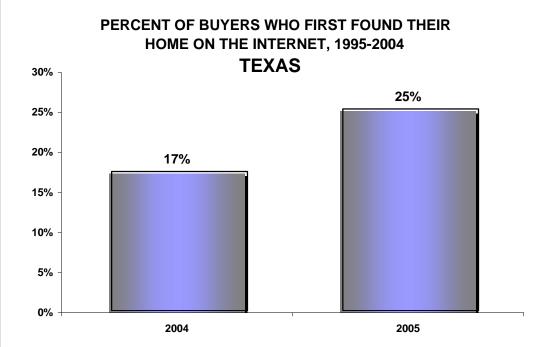
	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005
Real estate agent	50%	49%	48%	41%	38%	36%
Internet	2	4	8	11	15	24
Yard sign	17	15	15	16	16	15
Friend, neighbor or relative	9	8	8	7	7	7
Home builder or their agent	3	4	3	7	7	7
Print newspaper advertisement	8	8	7	7	5	5
Knew the seller	4	3	4	4	5	3
Home book or magazine	3	3	2	1	2	1
Other	*	4	3	6	4	

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 3-5 **Proportion of buyers who first found their home on the Internet, 1997-2005** 

**TEXAS** 

2004	17%
2005	25%



U.S.

1997	2%
1999	4%
2001	8%
2003	11%
2004	15%
2005	24%

# PERCENT OF BUYERS WHO FIRST FOUND THEIR HOME ON THE INTERNET, 1995-2004

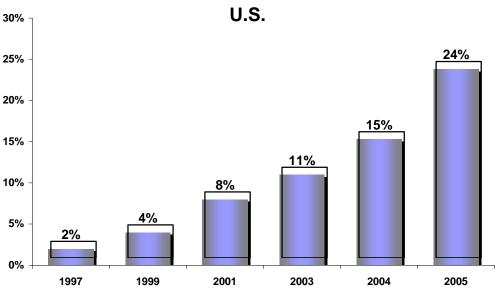


Exhibit 3-6
USE OF INTERNET TO SEARCH FOR HOMES, BY REGION (Percentage Distribution)

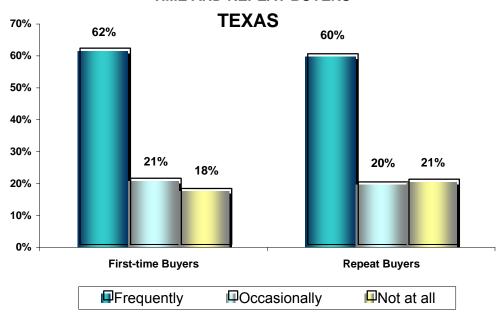
	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Frequently	61%	57%	59%	60%	54%	58%
Occasionally	20	22	22	23	24	20
Not at all	19	21	20	17	22	22

Exhibit 3-7 USE OF INTERNET TO SEARCH FOR HOMES, FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS (Percentage Distribution)

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	First-time		First-time	
	Buyers	Repeat Buyers	Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Frequently	62%	60%	61%	54%
Occasionally	21%	20%	21%	24%
Not at all	18%	21%	18%	22%

#### USE OF INTERNET TO SEARCH FOR HOMES, FIRST-**TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS**



#### USE OF INTERNET TO SEARCH FOR HOMES, FIRST-**TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS**

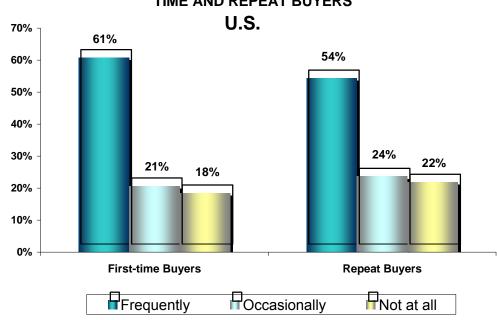


Exhibit 3-8
Use of Internet to Search for Homes

61%

2003 2004

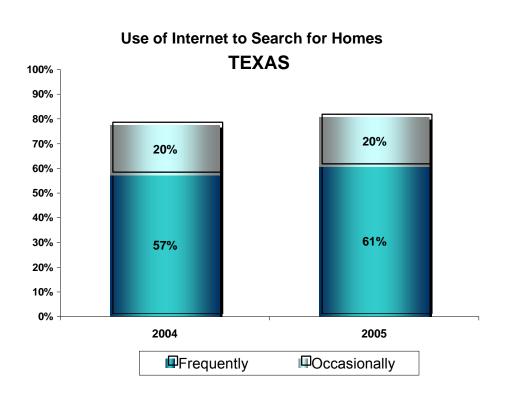
2005

TEXAS
Frequently Occasionally

57% 20%

20%

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Frequently	Occasionally				
42%	29%				
53%	24%				
57%	22%				



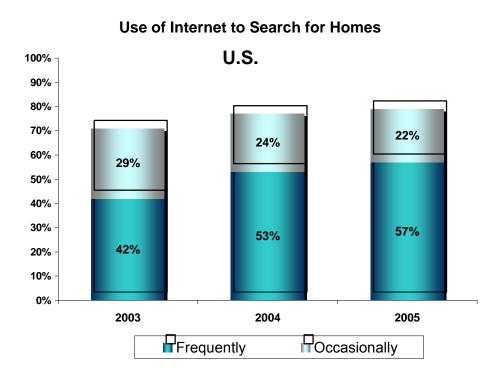


Exhibit 3-9 **USEFULNESS OF INFORMATION SOURCES AMONG THOSE BUYERS THAT USED EACH SOURCE**(Percentage Distribution)

	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful
Internet	71%	25%	4%
Real estate agent	76	19	5
Open house	32	54	14
Yard sign	52	38	10
Newspaper advertisement	29	49	22
Home builder	47	39	14
Home book or magazine	21	51	29
Relocation company	16	28	56
Television	13	37	50
Billboard	29	33	39

	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful
Real estate agent	72%	22%	6%
Internet	69	27	4
Yard sign	49	40	11
Open house	42	45	12
Newspaper advertisement	29	52	19
Home builder	37	36	26
Home book or magazine	24	51	25
Billboard	19	32	49
Television	11	34	55
Relocation company	16	31	53

Single male

Other

Unmarried couple

Exhibit 3-10 CHARACTERISTICS OF HOME SEARCHERS BY USE OF INTERNET (Percentage Distribution)

#### Used Internet to Did Not Use Internet **Household Compostion** Search to Search Married couple 59% 54% Single female 22 25 10 11

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Age of Buyer Household	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Less than 25 years	4%	2%
25 - 34 years	33	14
35 - 44 years	22	32
45 - 54 years	24	22
55 - 64 years	12	18
65 - 74 years	4	9
75 years or older	0	4
Median age (years)	41	46

		Did Not Use Internet
Household Income (2004)	Search	to Search
Less than \$25,000	3%	7%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7	13
\$35,000 - \$44,999	12	18
\$45,000 - \$54,999	9	10
\$55,000 - \$64,999	8	6
\$65,000 - \$74,999	12	8
\$75,000 - \$84,999	7	8
\$85,000 - \$94,999	8	6
\$95,000 - \$104,999	8	6
\$105,000 - \$114,999	4	7
\$115,000 - \$124,999	4	1
\$125,000 - \$134,999	5	2
\$135,000 - \$149,999	3	2
\$150,000 - \$174,999	3	
\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	
\$200,000 or more	6	6
Median income	\$74,300	\$58,300

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 3-10 CHARACTERISTICS OF HOME SEARCHERS BY USE OF INTERNET (Percentage Distribution)

	Used Internet to	<b>Did Not Use Internet</b>
<b>Household Compostion</b>	Search	to Search
Married couple	63%	53%
Single female	19	28
Single male	8	10
Unmarried couple	8	6
Other	1	3

	Used Internet to	Did Not Use Internet
Age of Buyer Household	Search	to Search
Less than 25 years	6%	6%
25 - 34 years	36	18
35 - 44 years	26	18
45 - 54 years	18	21
55 - 64 years	10	18
65 - 74 years	4	12
75 years or older	1	6
Median age (years)	38	49

	<b>Used Internet to</b>	<b>Did Not Use Internet</b>
Household Income (2004)	Search	to Search
Less than \$25,000	3%	8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7	13
\$35,000 - \$44,999	8	13
\$45,000 - \$54,999	10	15
\$55,000 - \$64,999	12	9
\$65,000 - \$74,999	11	7
\$75,000 - \$84,999	10	7
\$85,000 - \$94,999	8	6
\$95,000 - \$104,999	9	7
\$105,000 - \$114,999	5	3
\$115,000 - \$124,999	3	2
\$125,000 - \$134,999	3	2
\$135,000 - \$149,999	2	2
\$150,000 - \$174,999	3	2
\$175,000 - \$199,999	1	1
\$200,000 or more	5	4
Median income	\$74,600	\$56,600

# Exhibit 3-11 SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED BY HOME SEARCHERS (Percent of Respondents)

#### **TEXAS**

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	94%	68%
Yard sign	74	62
Open house	46	30
Newspaper advertisement	41	30
Home book or magazine	37	21
Home builder	47	57
Television	26	18
Billboard	24	26
Relocation company	20	15

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	93%	75%
Yard sign	74	55
Open house	55	33
Newspaper advertisement	53	37
Home book or magazine	41	22
Home builder	36	38
Television	26	18
Billboard	19	16
Relocation company	16	11

Exhibit 3-12
HOW BUYER FIRST LEARNED HOME THEY PURCHASED WAS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (Percentage Distribution)

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	33%	30%
Internet	31	2
Yard sign	16	22
Friend, neighbor or relative	4	16
Print newspaper advertisement	2	2
Knew the sellers	1	6
Home builder or their agent	13	23
Home book or magazine	1	

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	36%	36%
Internet	29	4
Yard sign	15	16
Home builder or their agent	6	11
Friend/Neighbor/Relative	6	15
Print newspaper advertisement	5	8
Knew the sellers	2	9
Home book or magazine	1	1

#### METHOD OF HOME PURCHASE

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	78%	57%
Directly from builder or builder's agent	17	27
Directly from previous owner whom buyer didn't know	3	7
Directly from previous owner whom buyer knew	1	8
Foreclosure or trustee sale	1	
Other	*	2

	Used Internet to Search	Did Not Use Internet to Search
Real estate agent	81%	63%
Directly from builder or builder's agent	11	19
Directly from previous owner whom buyer didn't know	5	6
Directly from previous owner whom buyer knew	2	10
Foreclosure or trustee sale	*	*
Other	1	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 3-14

MEDIAN LENGTH OF HOME SEARCH
(Weeks)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Used Internet to search	6	8	10	10	8	8
Did not use Internet to search	4	4	8	4	4	4

#### NUMBER OF HOMES VISITED

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

#### Used Internet to Did Not Use Internet

	Search	to Search
None	1%	12%
1 to 4	17	34
5 to 9	23	17
10 to 14	24	17
15 to 19	11	2
20 to 24	6	6
25 or more	17	12
Median	11	6

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### Used Internet to Did Not Use Internet Search to Search

	Search	to search
None	2%	13%
1 to 4	18	33
5 to 9	26	23
10 to 14	22	15
15 to 19	10	5
20 to 24	8	4
25 or more	13	7
Median	11	6

#### WHAT HOMEBUYERS WERE LOOKING FOR ONLINE

(Percent of Respondents)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Properties for sale	93%	92%	93%
Information about an area	30	33	27
A real estate company	3	2	4
A real estate agent	7	7	6

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Properties for sale	95%	95%	95%
Information about an area	22	21	22
A real estate company	5	5	4
A real estate agent	4	4	4

#### **VALUE OF WEB SITE FEATURES**

(Percentage Distribution of Internet Searchers)

#### **TEXAS**

	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful	Did Not Use
Detailed property information	86%	11%	1%	1%
Photos	88	10	1	1
Virtual tours	62	23	4	11
Interactive maps	53	34	4	9
Real estate agent contact	32	28	15	25
Neighborhood and community information	42	39	6	12

	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Useful	Did Not Use
Photos	84%	14%	1%	1%
Detailed property information	83	15	1	1
Virtual tours	59	26	6	10
Interactive maps	44	36	8	11
Neighborhood and community information	36	43	9	13
Real estate agent contact	29	35	14	22

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

## Exhibit 3-18 ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF INTERNET HOME SEARCH

(Percent of Respondents)

#### **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Drove by or viewed a home	73%	79%	68%
Walked through a home viewed online	60	62	58
Requested more information	24	28	21
Found agent used to assist in the search or purchase of a home	20	22	19
Pre-qualified for a mortgage online	7	8	7
Found a mortgage lender online	5	9	3
Applied for a mortgage online	7	9	5
Contacted builder or developer	18	19	18

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Drove by or viewed a home	75%	75%	74%
Walked through a home viewed online	57	56	57
Requested more information	25	27	23
Found agent used to assist in the search or purchase of a home	21	23	20
Contacted builder or developer	11	8	12
Pre-qualified for a mortgage online	9	11	7
Applied for a mortgage online	5	6	5
Found a mortgage lender online	5	7	3

Exhibit 3-19
WEB SITES USED IN HOME SEARCH

(Percent of Respondents)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
REALTOR.com®	50%	54%	63%	59%	53%	42%
Multiple listing service (MLS) Web site	46	50	48	53	46	55
Real estate company Web site	31	38	39	42	36	33
Real estate agent Web site	23	31	33	33	30	30
Local newspaper Web site	14	15	17	13	14	17
Real estate magazine Web site	4	6	5	4	7	5
Other	16	11	9	9	12	10

#### Exhibit 4-1

#### METHOD OF HOME PURCHASE

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Through a real estate agent or broker	74%	73%
Directly from the builder	17	18
Directly from the previous owner	6	6
Through a foreclosure or trustee sale	*	1

	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005
Through a real estate agent or broker	81%	79%	79%	69%	75%	77%	77%
Directly from the builder	9	9	11	15	14	12	12
Directly from the previous owner	9	11	9	15	9	9	9
Through a foreclosure or trustee sale	1	1	1	1	1	1	*

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

Exhibit 4-2 **METHOD OF HOME PURCHASE, BY REGION** 

(Percentage Distribution)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Through a real estate agent or broker	73%	77%	83%	78%	74%	78%
Directly from the builder	18	12	6	11	15	13
Directly from the previous owner	6	9	11	9	9	7
Knew previous owner	2	4	6	3	3	3
Did not know previous owner	4	5	4	6	6	4
Through a foreclosure or trustee sale	1	*	1	1	*	*

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

Exhibit 4-3
METHOD OF HOME PURCHASE, NEW AND PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOMES
(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

			Previously Owned
	All Buyers	New Home	Home
Through a real estate agent or broker	73%	42%	88%
Directly from the builder	18	55	1
Directly from the previous owner	6	1	9
Knew previous owner	2	1	3
Did not know previous owner	4		6
Through a foreclosure or trustee sale	1	1	1

			Previously Owned
	All Buyers	New Home	Home
Through a real estate agent or broker	77%	49%	86%
Direct from the builder	12	48	2
Directly from the previous owner	9	1	11
Knew previous owner	4	*	5
Did not know previous owner	5	1	6
Through a foreclosure or trustee sale	*	*	*

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

# **TEXAS**

Exhibit 4-4 **LENGTH OF SEARCH FOR BUYERS WHO USED AN AGENT, BY REGION**(Median Weeks)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Search time before contacting an agent	2	2	2	3	2	2
Length of entire search	6	8	10	8	6	7

# Exhibit 4-5 **LENGTH OF SEARCH FOR BUYERS WHO USED AN AGENT**(Median Weeks)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyer	Repeat Buyers
Search time before contacting an agent	2	3	1
Length of entire search	6	6	6

	All Buyers	First-time Buyer	Repeat Buyers
Search time before contacting an agent	2	3	2
Length of entire search	8	8	8

### Exhibit 4-6

### NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS INTERVIEWED

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
One	68%	63%	71%
Two	21	24	18
Three	7	6	8
Four	2	2	2
Five or more	2	4	*

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
One	64%	58%	69%
Two	20	23	18
Three	10	13	9
Four	3	3	2
Five or more	2	3	2

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

#### THE NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS USED IN THE HOME SEARCH

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

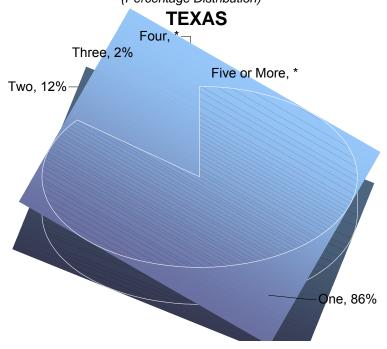
One	86%
Two	12%
Three	2%
Four	*
Five or More	*

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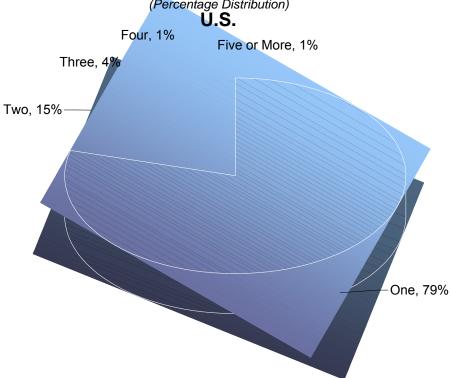
One	79%
Two	15%
Three	4%
Four	1%
Five or More	1%

# THE NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS USED IN THE **HOME SEARCH**

(Percentage Distribution)



### THE NUMBER OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS USED IN THE **HOME SEARCH**



<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

Exhibit 4-8
HOW BUYER FOUND REAL ESTATE AGENT USED

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Referred by (or is) a friend, neighbor or relative	41%	46%	36%
Visited open house and met agent	3	2	3
Used agent previously to buy or sell a house	9	2	15
Personal contact by agent (telephone, etc.)	3	3	3
Saw contact information on For Sale sign	8	9	8
Walked into/called office and agent was on duty	6	7	5
Internet site	6	9	5
Referred through employer or relocation company	7	3	10
Referred by another real estate broker	5	5	5
Newspaper/Yellow Pages/home book ad	1	2	*
Advertising specialty (calendar, magnet, etc.)	1	3	*
Direct mail (newsletter, flyer, letter, postcard)	1	1	1
Other	9	10	8

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Referred by (or is) a friend, neighbor or relative	44%	54%	38%
Used agent previously to buy or sell a house	11	3	17
Internet site	7	9	7
Visited open house and met agent	7	6	7
Saw contact information on For Sale sign	6	6	7
Walked into/called office and agent was on duty	4	6	4
Referred through employer or relocation company	4	2	5
Referred by another real estate broker	3	3	3
Personal contact by agent (telephone, etc.)	3	2	3
Newspaper/Yellow Pages/home book ad	2	2	2
Direct mail (newsletter, flyer, letter, postcard)	1	1	1
Advertising specialty (calendar, magnet, etc.)	1	1	0
Other	6	7	6

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

# Exhibit 4-9 WHAT BUYERS WANT MOST FROM REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

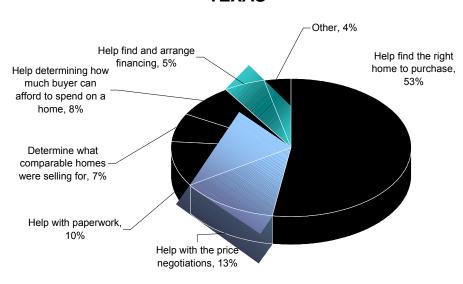
(Percentage Distribution)

	TEXAS	U.S.
Help find the right home to purchase	53%	59%
Help with the price negotiations	13%	10%
Help with paperwork	10%	10%
Determine what comparable homes were selling for	7%	9%
Help determining how much buyer can afford to spend on a home	8%	5%
Help find and arrange financing	5%	3%
Help find renters for buyer's property		1%
Other	4%	3%

# WHAT BUYERS WANT MOST FROM REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

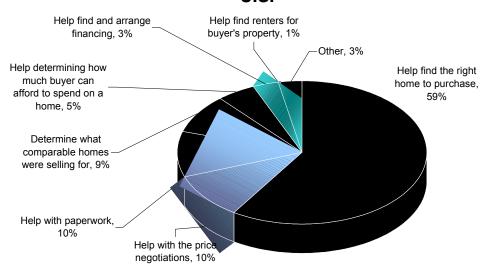
(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**



# WHAT BUYERS WANT MOST FROM REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

(Percentage Distribution)



### Exhibit 4-10

### WHAT BUYERS WANT MOST FROM REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	First time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Help find the right home to purchase	45%	59%
Help with the price negotiations	14	13
Help with paperwork	11	10
Determine what comparable homes were selling for	6	8
Help determining how much buyer can afford to spend	12	5
on a home		
Help find and arrange financing	9	3
Help find renters for buyer's property		
Other	4	3

	First time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Help find the right home to purchase	57%	60%
Help with the price negotiations	11	10
Help with paperwork	10	10
Determine what comparable homes were selling for	7	10
Help determining how much buyer can afford to spend	7	4
on a home		
Help find and arrange financing	5	2
Help find renters for buyer's property	0	1
Other	2	3

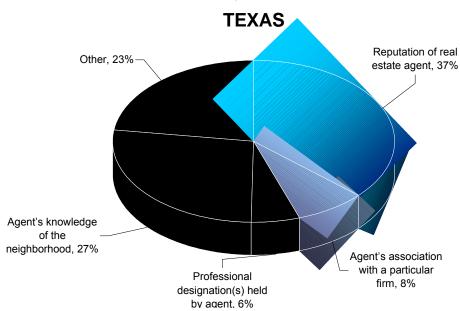
Exhibit 4-11
MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CHOOSING AN AGENT

(Percentage Distribution)

	TEXAS	U.S.
Reputation of real estate agent	37%	41%
Agent's association with a particular firm	8%	7%
Professional designation(s) held by agent	6%	4%
Agent's knowledge of the neighborhood	27%	24%
Other	23%	24%

#### MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CHOOSING AN AGENT

(Percentage Distribution)



### MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN CHOOSING AN AGENT

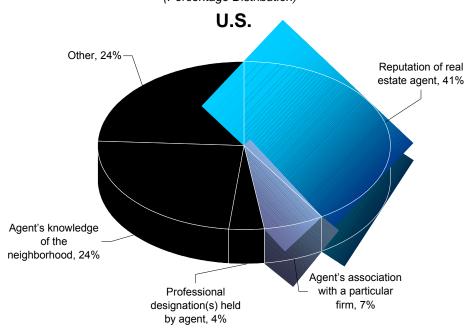


Exhibit 4-12 **QUALITIES BUYERS PREFERRED IN THEIR REAL ESTATE AGENT**(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Knowledge of purchase process	92%	7%	1%
Responsiveness	92	8	
Knowledge of real estate market	91	8	1
Communication skills	83	16	1
People skills	83	17	
Negotiation skills	82	16	2
Knowledge of local area	81	17	2
Skills with technology	43	43	14

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Knowledge of purchase process	94%	6%	*
Responsiveness	93	7	*
Knowledge of real estate market	92	7	1
Communication skills	82	17	1
Negotiation skills	82	16	2
People skills	80	19	1
Knowledge of local area	79	19	2
Skills with technology	40	46	13

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

Exhibit 4-13

AGENT QUALITIES CONSIDERED 'VERY IMPORTANT' BY FIRST-TIME AND REPEAT BUYERS (Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

		First-time	Repeat
	All Buyers	Buyers	Buyers
Knowledge of purchase process	92%	94%	92%
Responsiveness	92	92	92
Knowledge of real estate market	91	90	92
Communication skills	83	83	83
People skills	83	83	82
Negotiation skills	82	84	80
Knowledge of local area	81	73	87
Skills with technology	43	47	40

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Knowledge of purchase process	94%	94%	94%
Responsiveness	93	93	93
Knowledge of real estate market	92	89	94
Communication skills	82	83	82
Negotiation skills	82	83	81
People skills	80	82	79
Knowledge of local area	79	75	81
Skills with technology	40	41	40

### Exhibit 4-14

### AGENT REPRESENTATION DISCLOSURE

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

Disclosure Statement Signed?	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes, at first meeting	33%	32%	34%
Yes, when contract written	25	27	23
No	20	18	22
Don't know	22	23	21

Disclosure Statement Signed?	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes, at first meeting	30%	23%	35%
Yes, when contract written	28	30	27
No	22	26	19
Don't know	20	21	19

### Exhibit 4-15

### **BUYER REPRESENTATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH REAL ESTATE AGENT**

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes, written arrangement	46%	41%	51%
Yes, oral arrangement	21	27	16
No arrangement	21	20	21
Don't know	12	12	12

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes, written arrangement	43%	40%	44%
Yes, oral arrangement	20	22	18
No arrangement	26	24	27
Don't know	12	13	11

#### **HOW REAL ESTATE AGENT WAS COMPENSATED**

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

**Type of Agent Representation All Types of** Seller or Representation **Seller and Buyer Buyer Only** Paid by seller 65% 67% 59% Paid by buyer and seller 9 8 11 Paid by buyer only 16 15 19 Percent of sales price 13 13 15 Flat fee 1 Other Don't know 4 Other 4 4 4 Don't know 7 7 6

# U.S.

**Type of Agent Representation** All Types of Seller or Representation **Seller and Buyer Buyer Only** Paid by seller 61% 63% 58% Paid by buyer and seller 10 10 12 Paid by buyer only 19 19 18 Percent of sales price 16 14 16 Flat fee 2 2 1 Other Don't know 2 3 1 Other 3 3 3 Don't know 7 9 6

<sup>\*</sup>Less than one percent

# Exhibit 4-17 SATISFACTION WITH REAL ESTATE AGENT KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE (Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied
Knowledge of purchase process	85%	11%	4%
People skills	80	16	5
Knowledge of real estate market	84	13	3
Responsiveness	78	15	7
Communication skills	79	17	4
Knowledge of local area	79	17	4
Skills with technology	73	21	5
Negotiation skills	73	17	10

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Satisfied
Knowledge of the purchase process	85%	12%	3%
Knowledge of real estate market	82	16	2
Knowledge of local area	80	17	3
Communication skills	79	17	4
Responsiveness	80	15	5
People skills	80	16	4
Skills with techonology	72	24	4
Negotiation skills	70	23	7

Exhibit 4-18

BENEFITS PROVIDED BY REAL ESTATE AGENT DURING HOME PURCHASE PROCESS (Percent of Respondents)

# **TEXAS**

	<b>All Buyers</b>	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Helped buyer understand the process	55%	66%	46%
Pointed out unnoticed features/faults	50	45	54
Shortened buyer's home search	40	41	39
Negotiated better contract terms	46	48	43
Negotiated a better price	39	39	40
Improved buyer's knowledge of search areas	37	28	44
Expanded buyer's search area	18	20	17
Provided better list of mortgage lenders	15	16	14
Narrowed buyer's search area	21	16	25
Provided better list of service resources	15	19	12
None of the above	8	7	8

	<b>All Buyers</b>	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Helped buyer understand the process	59%	74%	48%
Pointed out unnoticed features/faults	48	49	48
Shortened buyer's home search	39	35	41
Negotiated better contract terms	36	38	34
Improved buyer's knowledge of search areas	35	33	36
Negotiated a better price	29	29	29
Expanded buyer's search area	18	20	17
Narrowed buyer's search area	18	16	19
Provided better list of mortgage lenders	15	17	14
Provided better list of searvice resources	15	17	14
None of the above	9	9	9

#### USE OF REAL ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS

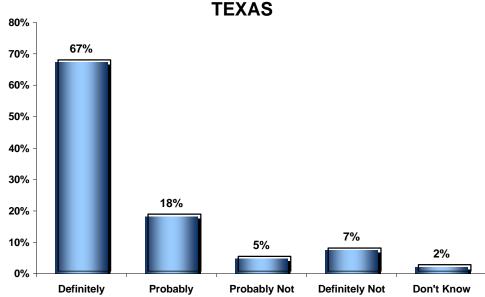
(Percent distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Definitely	67%
Probably	18%
Probably Not	5%
<b>Definitely Not</b>	7%
Don't Know	2%

# WOULD BUYER USE ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS

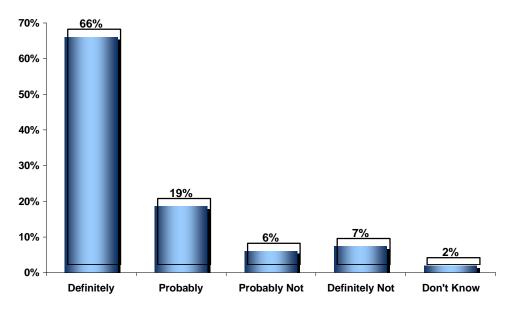
(Percentage Distribution)



### U.S.

Definitely	66%
Probably	19%
Probably Not	6%
<b>Definitely Not</b>	7%
Don't Know	2%

# WOULD BUYER USE ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS



### Exhibit 5-1

### PERCENT OF BUYERS WHO FINANCED THEIR HOME PURCHASE

# **TEXAS**

All Buyers	93%
First-time Buyers	96%
Repeat Buyers	91%

All Buyers	92%
First-time Buyers	96%
Repeat Buyers	89%
Northeast	90%
Midwest	93%
South	91%
West	92%

# Exhibit 5-2 PERCENT OF HOME FINANCED

(Percentage Distribution)

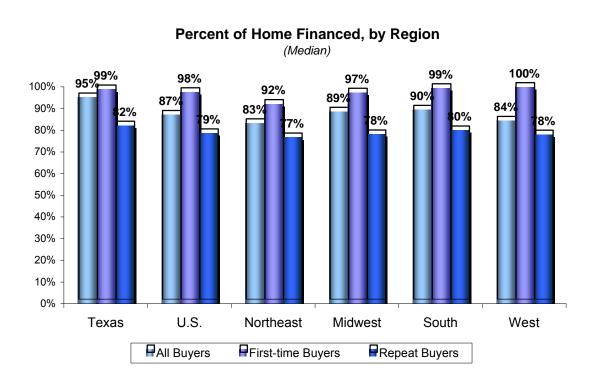
# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than 50%	5%	3%	6%
51% to 60%	2		4
61% to 70%	4	1	6
71% to 80%	23	11	32
81% to 90%	12	9	15
91% to 95%	10	11	9
96% to 99%	10	15	6
100% (entire purchase price)	34	50	23
Median percent financed	95%	99%	82%

	<b>All Buyers</b>	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Less than 50%	9%	4%	13%
51% to 60%	3	1	4
61% to 70%	5	2	8
71% to 80%	24	13	32
81% to 90%	13	12	14
91% to 95%	10	13	7
96% to 99%	7	12	4
100% (entire purchase price)	28	43	18
Median percent financed	87%	98%	79%

Exhibit 5-3
PERCENT OF HOME FINANCED BY REGION (Median)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
All Buyers	95%	87%	83%	89%	90%	84%
First-time Buyers	99%	98%	92%	97%	99%	100%
Repeat Buyers	82%	79%	77%	78%	80%	78%



### Exhibit 5-4

### **SOURCES OF DOWNPAYMENT**

(Percent of Respondents who Have Made a Downpayment)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Savings	57%	71%	49%
<b>Equity from previous home</b>	34	1	54
Gift from friend or relative	7	13	3
Sale of stocks or bonds	6	9	5
Loan from financial institution	4	4	3
Loan from friend or relative	3	6	1
IRA	3	5	1
Pension fund/401(k)	6	9	4
Inheritance	3	4	2
Other sources	9	10	8

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Savings	50%	68%	40%
Equity from previous home	43	4	66
Gift from friend or relative	11	23	5
Sale of stocks or bonds	6	8	5
Loan from financial institution	6	7	5
Pension fund/401(k)	5	7	4
Loan from friend or relative	5	9	2
Inheritance	3	5	2
IRA	2	4	1
Other	7	11	5

### Exhibit 5-5

### HOME PURCHASE IS A GOOD FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes	91%	90%	92%
No	2	2	2
Don't Know	7	9	6

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

	All Buyers	First-time Buyers	Repeat Buyers
Yes	94%	94%	94%
No	1	1	2
Don't Know	5	5	5

Exhibit 6-1 **AGE OF HOMESELLERS, BY REGION** 

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than 25 years	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
25 - 34 years	17	20	20	24	20	18
35 - 44 years	24	25	25	27	24	24
45 - 54 years	28	24	21	25	24	26
55 - 64 years	22	17	20	11	17	20
65 - 74 years	7	9	10	10	10	7
75 years or older	1	3	2	3	4	4
Median age (years)	48	47	47	45	47	48

Exhibit 6-2 **HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF HOMESELLERS, 2004** 

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than \$25,000	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2	4	3	5	4	4
\$35,000 - \$44,999	7	5	3	6	5	7
\$45,000 - \$54,999	9	8	8	9	8	9
\$55,000 - \$64,999	4	9	10	8	10	8
\$65,000 - \$74,999	11	10	11	11	9	9
\$75,000 - \$84,999	9	9	9	11	10	7
\$85,000 - \$94,999	11	9	6	11	9	8
\$95,000 - \$104,999	12	11	9	9	11	12
\$105,000 - \$114,999	6	6	5	3	6	10
\$115,000 - \$124,999	6	5	8	5	4	4
\$125,000 - \$134,999	8	4	3	3	6	3
\$135,000 - \$149,999	3	3	2	2	3	3
\$150,000 - \$174,999	4	4	5	2	5	4
\$175,000 - \$199,999	*	2	3	2	2	1
\$200,000 or more	6	7	10	9	5	7
Median income	\$89,800	\$85,200	\$86,500	\$81,500	\$86,400	\$87,000

### Exhibit 6-3

### ADULT COMPOSITION OF HOMESELLER HOUSEHOLDS

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Married couple	80%	72%
Single female	10	17
Single male	7	7
Unmarried couple	3	3
Other	1	1

	2004	2005
Married couple	74%	71%
Single female	15	17
Single male	5	6
Unmarried couple	5	3
Other	1	1

#### Exhibit 6-4

### NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD

(Percentage Distribution of Homeseller Households)

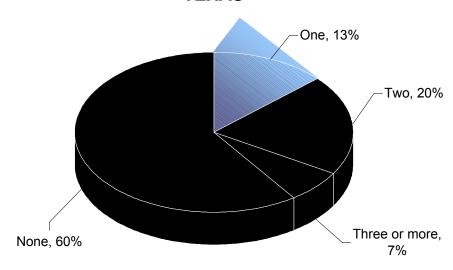
### **TEXAS**

One	13%
Two	20%
Three or more	7%
None	60%

# NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD

(Percentage Distribution of Households)

### **TEXAS**



### U.S.

One	18%
Two	14%
Three or more	7%
None	61%

# NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD

(Percentage Distribution of Households)

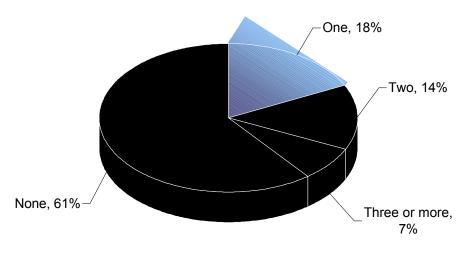


Exhibit 1-5
RACE/ETHNICITY OF HOMESELLERS, BY REGION

(Percent of Respondents)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
White/Caucasian	84%	90%	95%	94%	88%	85%
Black/African-American	4	4	2	3	4	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	3	2	2	3	5
Hispanic/Latino	9	4	2	1	5	7
Other	2	1	1	1	1	2

Note: Respondents were permitted to select as many races and ethnicities as they felt applicable. The percentage distribution may therefore sum to more than 100 percent.

Exhibit 1-6
PRIMARY LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN HOMESELLER HOUSEHOLD, BY REGION
(Percentage Distribution)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
English	96%	97%	98%	98%	96%	97%
Other	4	3	2	2	4	3

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### Exhibit 6-07

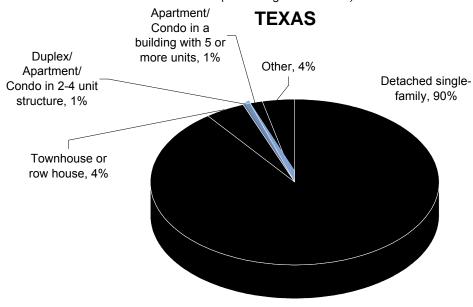
#### **TYPE OF HOME SOLD**

(Percent of repeat buyers)

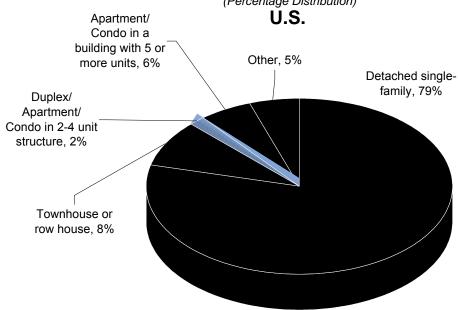
	IEXAS	U.S.
Detached single-family	90%	79%
Townhouse or row house	4%	8%
Duplex/ Apartment/ Condo in 2-4 unit structure	1%	2%
Apartment/ Condo in a building with 5 or more units	1%	6%
Other	4%	5%

### TYPE OF HOME SOLD

(Percentage Distribution)



### TYPE OF HOME SOLD



# Exhibit 6-8 **TYPE OF HOME SOLD**(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Detached single-family	92%	90%
Other	8	10

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005
Detached single-family	75%	84%	86%	83%	81%	74%	79%	82%	79%
Other	25	16	14	17	19	26	21	18	21

#### Exhibit 6-09

### **LOCATION OF PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOME**

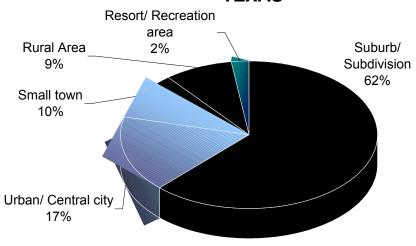
(Percentage Distribution)

	TEXAS	U.S.
Suburb/ Subdivision	62%	56%
Urban/ Central city	17%	17%
Small town	10%	15%
Rural Area	9%	9%
Resort/ Recreation area	2%	3%

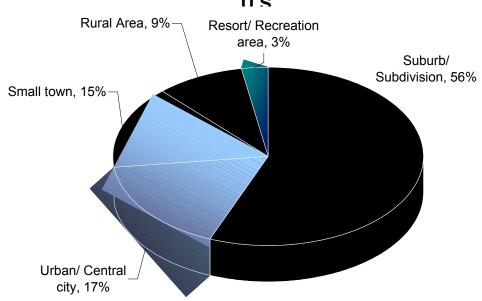
### **LOCATION OF HOME SOLD**

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**



### **LOCATION OF HOME SOLD**



# Exhibit 6-10 TYPE OF HOME SOLD BY LOCATION

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	Suburb/ Subdivision	Small town	Urban/ Central city	Rural area	Resort/ Recreation area
Detached single-family	98%	74%	78%	89%	50%
Townhouse or row house	1	13	17		
Apartment/ Condo in a building with 5			6		
or more units					
Duplex/ Apartment/ Condo in 2-4 unit		9			
structure					
Other	1	4		11	50

	Suburb/ Subdivision	Small town	Urban/ Central city	Rural area	Resort/ Recreation area
Detached single-family home	83%	85%	64%	79%	69%
Townhouse or row house	9	5	13	2	7
Apartment/condo in a building with 5 or	4	5	13	1	13
more units					
Duplex/apartment/condo 2-4 family	1	1	4		3
structure					
Other	3	4	7	17	8

Exhibit 6-11
SIZE OF HOME PURCHASED COMPARED TO HOME RECENTLY SOLD

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	Size of Home Purchased										
		1,000 sq ft or	1,001 sq ft to	1,501 sq ft to	2,001 sq ft to	2,501 sq ft to	More than				
		less	1,500 sq ft	2,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	3,000 sq ft	3,000 sq ft				
	1,000 sq ft or less		1%	1%	*						
Size of	1,001 to 1,500 sq ft		1	7	5	5	1				
<b>Home Sold</b>	1,501 to 2,000 sq ft	1	2	9	9	7	5				
	2,001 to 2,500 sq ft		2	2	8	1	3				
	2,501 to 3,000 sq ft		2	2	3	2	4				
	More than 3,000 sq ft	1		3	4	1	8				

			Size o	f Home Purchas	ed		
		1,000 sq ft or	1,001 sq ft to	1,501 sq ft to	2,001 sq ft to	2,501 sq ft to	More than
		less	1,500 sq ft	2,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	3,000 sq ft	3,000 sq ft
	1,000 sq ft or less	1	3%	2%	1%	*	*
Size of	1,001 to 1,500 sq ft	1	5	10	5	4	1
<b>Home Sold</b>	1,501 to 2,000 sq ft	*	4	9	7	5	4
	2,001 to 2,500 sq ft	*	2	4	5	3	3
	2,501 to 3,000 sq ft	*	1	2	2	2	3
	More than 3,000 sq ft	*	1	2	2	2	5
			Trading Down			Trading Up	

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

Exhibit 6-12 SIZE OF HOME PURCHASED COMPARED TO HOME RECENTLY SOLD, BY AGE OF SELLER (Median square feet)

# **TEXAS**

	Size of home	Size of home	
	sold	purchased	Difference
18 to 34 years	1,751	2,144	393
35 to 44 years	1,918	2,728	811
45 to 54 years	2,051	2,369	318
55 to 64 years	2,126	2,114	-13
65 to 74 years	2,126	1,851	-275
75 years or older	1,001	2,001	1,000

	Size of home	Size of home	
	sold	purchased	Difference
18 to 34 years	1,523	2,110	587
35 to 44 years	1,773	2,357	583
45 to 54 years	1,859	2,130	271
55 to 64 years	2,060	1,978	-82
65 to 74 years	2,041	1,851	-190
75 years or older	1,926	1,720	-206

Exhibit 6-13

#### PRIMARY REASON FOR SELLING PREVIOUS HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Sellers' age:

	<u>-</u>				
	All Recent Home Sellers	18-44	45-64	65 or older	
Want a larger home	19%	30%	13%		
Change in family situation	12	15	9	12	
Job-related move	27	33	27		
Want to move closer to friends or family members	8	3	10	18	
Want a smaller home	11	3	14	29	
Home is difficult or expensive to maintain	3	2	3	12	
Neighborhood has become less desirable	7	7	8	6	
Retirement	2		4		
Other	11	7	12	24	

### U.S.

Sellers' age: **All Recent** 65 or 45-64 **Home Sellers** 18-44 older Want a larger home 22% 33% 16% 7% Job-related move 21 28 20 Change in family situation 13 13 15 9 9 9 Want to move closer to friends or family members 4 28 9 9 Neighborhood has become less desirable 9 9 Want a smaller home 8 11 19 Home is difficult or expensive to maintain 4 3 5 6 3 4 Retirement 6 10 Other 8 10 16

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

# Exhibit 6-14 TENURE IN PREVIOUS HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

# **TEXAS**

	All Types	Cabin/ cottage	Duplex/ apartment in 2-4 unit structure	Apartment/ condo in building with 5 or more units	Townhouse/	Detached single home	Mobile/ manufactured home	Other
Less than 1 year	2%					2%		
1 to 2 years	14					15		
3 to 4 years	28				70	25	33	100
5 to 6 years	12			33	30	11		
7 to 10 years	21		100			21	67	
11 to 15 years	10					11		
16 to 20 years	4					4		
21 years or more	9			67		9		
Median	5	N/A	9	24	4	6	8	4

	All Types	Cabin/ cottage	Duplex/ apartment in 2-4 unit structure	Apartment/ condo in building with 5 or more units	Townhouse/	Detached single home	Mobile/ manufactured home	Other
Less than 1 year	3%		*	4%	4%	3%	5%	*
1 to 2 years	15	26	10	32	16	14	16	11
3 to 4 years	21	43	20	25	27	20	31	15
5 to 6 years	16	6	18	13	21	15	16	12
7 to 10 years	17	6	23	13	11	19	8	19
11 to 15 years	11	11	7	8	11	11	18	16
16 to 20 years	6	10	13	2	5	6	5	6
21 years or more	10		9	4	5	11	1	19
Median	6	4	7	4	5	6	4	9

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### Exhibit 6-15

#### NUMBER OF HOMES PREVIOUSLY OWNED

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

One	13%
Two	23
Three	21
Four	17
Five or more	25
Median	3

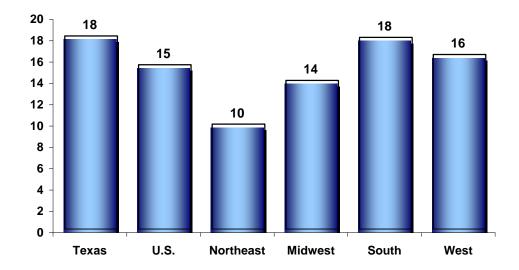
One	13%
Two	30
Three	25
Four	14
Five or more	17
Median	3

Exhibit 6-16 **DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME RECENTLY PURCHASED AND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE**(Median Miles)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
2005	18	15	10	14	18	16

## MEDIAN DISTANCE BETWEEN HOME RECENTLY PURCHASED AND PREVIOUS RESIDENCE

(Median)



#### TASKS PERFORMED IN THE SELLING PROCESS

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	Did myself without	Assisted by real estate	•	Task not	Don't
	assistance	agent	assistance	performed	know
Determine listing price	14%	81%	4%	1	
Hold open house	5	54	1	40	
Schedule showings with buyers	10	83	1	5	*
<b>Enter property in Multiple Listing Service</b>					
	1	84	3	11	1
Advertise property in newspaper,	4	67	2	24	2
magazines, etc.					
Contact buyers by mail, phone, etc.	6	58	3	25	7
Place home on Internet	2	74	3	17	3
Review sales contracts/purchase offers					
	9	85	2	4	
Negotiate with buyers	9	87	1	3	
Coordinate appraisal, home inspection,	10	80	3	6	1
etc.					
Pre-qualify buyers for mortgage	4	56	3	23	13
Manage paperwork, contracts, etc.	5	83	5	5	1
Attend closing	9	78	5	7	

	Did myself	Assisted by	Paid another		
	without	real estate	professional for	Task not	Don't
	assistance	agent	assistance	performed	know
Determine listing price	21%	75%	3%	1%	*
Hold open house	8	51	1	40	0
Schedule showings with buyers	13	77	2	8	0
<b>Enter property in Multiple Listing Service</b>	1	79	3	16	1
Advertise property in newspaper,	7	64	2	25	2
magazines, etc.					
Contact buyers by mail, phone, etc.	6	55	2	29	8
Place home on Internet	3	71	3	19	4
Review sales contracts/purchase offers					
	10	80	4	5	1
Negotiate with buyers	13	79	2	5	0
Coordinate appraisal, home inspection,	11	77	5	6	1
etc.					
Pre-qualify buyers for mortgage	5	55	4	22	14
Manage paperwork, contracts, etc.	9	80	7	3	1
Attend closing	17	71	6	5	1

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

## Exhibit 6-18 METHOD USED TO SELL HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Sold home using an agent or broker	88%	85%	83%	87%	80%	92%
Seller used agent/broker only	86	81	79	82	76	89
Seller first tried to sell it themselves, but then used an agent	2	4	4	6	3	3
For-sale-by-owner (FSBO)	8	13	14	11	17	7
Seller sold home without using a real estate agent or broker	7	11	14	8	15	6
First listed with an agent, but then sold home themselves	1	1	*	2	2	1
Sold home to a homebuying company	2	1	*	1	1	*
Other	2	2	2	1	2	1

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### Exhibit 6-19

#### METHOD USED TO SELL HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	2004	2005
Sold home using an agent or broker	84%	88%
For-sale-by-owner (FSBO)	13	8
Sold it to a home buying company	1	2
Other	2	2

	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2004	2005
Sold home using an agent or broker	77%	82%	81%	80%	77%	79%	83%	82%	85%
For-sale-by-owner (FSBO)	19	17	15	18	16	13	14	14	13
Sold to home buying company	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Other	*	*	2	1	5	7	3	3	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

## Exhibit 6-20 SALES PRICE COMPARED WITH LIST PRICE

(Sales price as a percent of list price)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than 90%	8%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%
90% to 94%	11	11	14	14	11	7
95% to 99%	42	39	34	46	42	29
100%	28	30	33	24	29	35
101% to 110%	8	12	10	9	10	20
More than 110%	3	3	2	1	4	5
Median (sales price as a percent of listing price)	98%	99%	99%	98%	99%	100%

Exhibit 6-21 **NUMBER OF WEEKS RECENTLY SOLD HOME WAS ON THE MARKET** (*Percentage Distribution*)

	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Less than 1 week	8%	9%	9%	9%	8%	12%
1 to 2 weeks	21	28	32	21	30	29
3 to 4 weeks	13	13	15	11	12	16
5 to 6 weeks	7	7	5	4	9	5
7 to 8 weeks	7	8	7	7	8	7
9 to 10 weeks	5	4	4	5	4	4
11 to 16 weeks	17	14	15	16	13	14
17 or more weeks	22	17	13	26	15	14
Median weeks	8	4	4	8	4	4

## Exhibit 6-22 **SATISFACTION WITH THE SELLING PROCESS**

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
All Sellers	62%	24%	8%	6%
Sold using real estate agent/broker	66	24	6	3
Tried myself but, used agent later	40	20	0	40
Sold without agent/broker	64	21	14	
First listed with agent, then sold myself		100		
Other		40		60

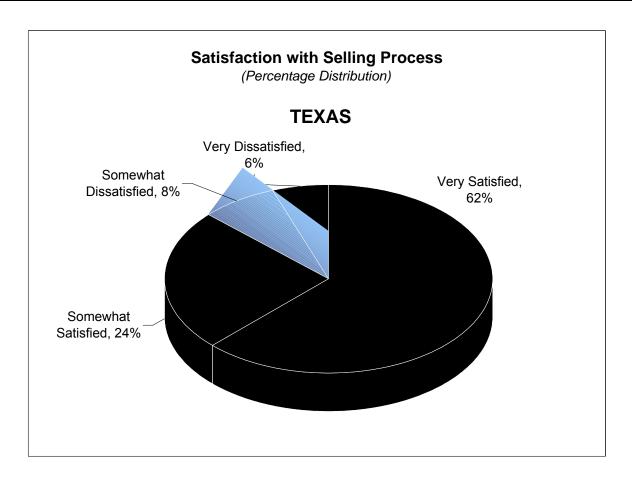


Exhibit 6-22 **SATISFACTION WITH THE SELLING PROCESS** 

(Percentage Distribution)

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
All Sellers	65%	23%	7%	6%
Sold using real estate agent/broker	65	23	7	5
Tried myself but, used agent later	33	34	18	16
Sold without agent/broker	80	16	2	3
First listed with agent, then sold myself	45	45	7	2
Other	53	18	7	22

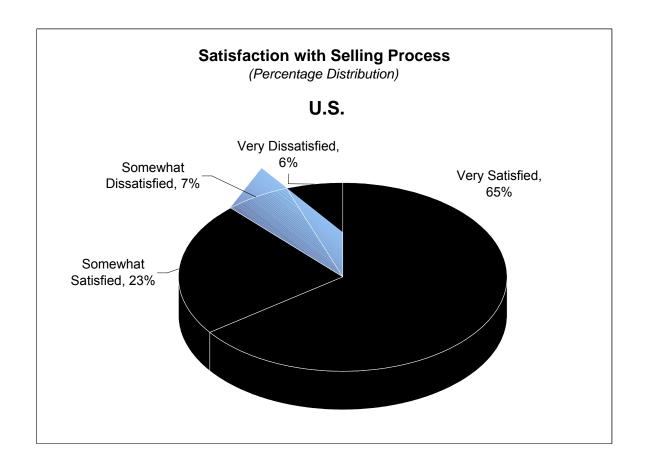


Exhibit 7-1

NUMBER OF AGENTS CONTACTED BEFORE SELECTING ONE TO ASSIST WITH SALE OF HOME

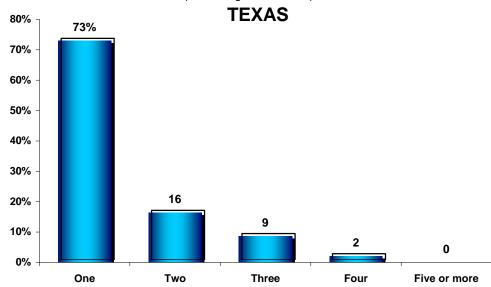
Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

One	73%
Two	16
Three	9
Four	2
Five or more	

## NUMBER OF AGENTS CONTACTED BEFORE SELECTING ONE TO ASSIST WITH SALE OF HOME

(Percentage Distribution)

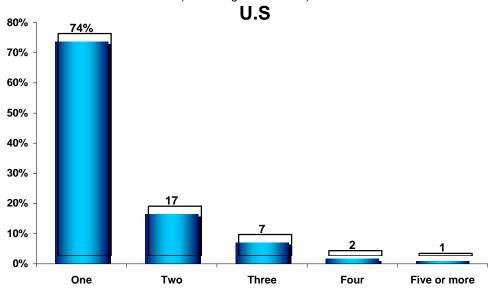


### U.S.

One	74%
Two	17
Three	7
Four	2
Five or more	1

## NUMBER OF AGENTS CONTACTED BEFORE SELECTING ONE TO ASSIST WITH SALE OF HOME

(Percentage Distribution)



## Exhibit 7-2 METHOD USED TO FIND REAL ESTATE AGENT, ALL SELLERS

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Referred by (or is) a friend, neighbor or relative	40%
Used agent previously to buy or sell a home	33
Visited open house and met agent	1
Personal contact by agent (telephone, etc.)	7
Saw contact information on For Sale sign	6
Newspaper/Yellow pages/home book ad	1
Walked into/called office and agent was on duty	4
Direct mail (newsletter, flyer, letter, postcard)	2
Referred through my employer/relocation company	2
Internet site	1
Referred by another real estate broker	3
Advertising specialty (calendar, magnet, etc.)	1

Referred by (or is) a friend, neighbor or relative	43%
Used agent previously to buy or sell a home	28
Personal contact by agent (telephone, etc.)	5
Visited open house and met agent	4
Saw contact information on For Sale sign	4
Referred by another real estate broker	3
Referred through my employer/relocation company	3
Direct mail (newsletter, flyer, letter, postcard)	3
Walked into/called office and agent was on duty	2
Internet site	2
Newspaper/Yellow pages/home book ad	2
Advertising specialty (calendar, magnet, etc.)	1

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

#### DID SELLER USE THE SAME REAL ESTATE AGENT FOR THEIR HOME PURCHASE

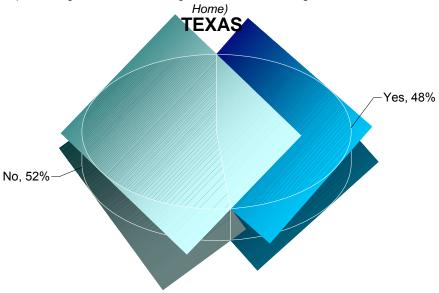
(Percentage Distribution among those who Used an Agent to Purchase a Home)

#### **TEXAS**

Yes	48%
No	52%

## DID SELLER USE THE SAME AGENT FOR THEIR HOME PURCHASE?

(Percentage Distribution among those who Used an Agent to Purchase a



## U.S.

Yes	53%
No	47%

## DID SELLER USE THE SAME AGENT FOR THEIR HOME PURCHASE?

(Percentage Distribution among those who Used an Agent to Purchase a Home)



Exhibit 7-04

MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CHOOSING A REAL ESTATE AGENT TO SELL HOME (Percentage Distribution)

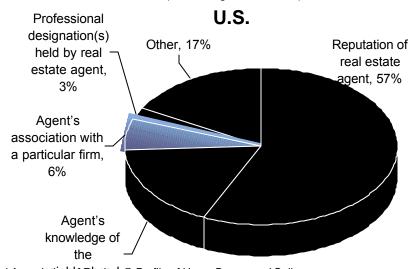
	TEXAS	U.S.
Reputation of real estate agent	52%	57%
Agent's knowledge of the neighborhood	28%	17%
Agent's association with a particular firm	7%	6%
Professional designation(s) held by real estate agent	3%	3%
Other	10%	17%

## MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CHOOSING A REAL ESTATE AGENT TO SELL HOME



## MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CHOOSING A REAL ESTATE AGENT TO SELL HOME

(Percentage Distribution)



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# Exhibit 7-5 WHAT SELLERS MOST WANT FROM REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS (Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Help find a buyer for my home	25%
Help me to price it competitively	14
Help me to sell the house within my time frame	34
Tell me how to fix up my home to help sell it for more	13
Help me with negotiation and dealing with buyers	5
Help with paperwork/inspections/preparing for settlement	7
Help me see homes available for me to purchase	2
Other	

Help find a buyer for my home	28%
Help me to sell the house within my time frame	27
Help me to price it competitively	17
Tell me how to fix up my home to help sell it for more	12
Help with paperwork/inspections/preparing for settlement	7
Help me with negotiation and dealing with buyers	5
Help me see homes available for me to purchase	3
Other	1

## Exhibit 7-6 METHODS REAL ESTATE AGENT USED TO SELL HOME

(Percent of Respondents who used a Real Estate Agent to Sell)

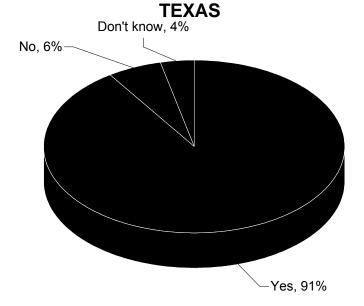
	Texas	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Listing on the Internet	89%	84%	87%	88%	83%	81%
Yard sign	85	79	66	82	82	79
Open house	54	57	61	67	50	57
Newspaper advertisement	42	50	59	58	46	43
Real estate magazine	37	33	32	32	38	27
Direct mail (flyers, postcards, etc.)	24	20	12	18	21	25
Television	7	5	5	10	5	3
Other	10	10	9	8	11	11

#### HOME LISTED ON MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

Yes	91%
No	6%
Don't know	4%



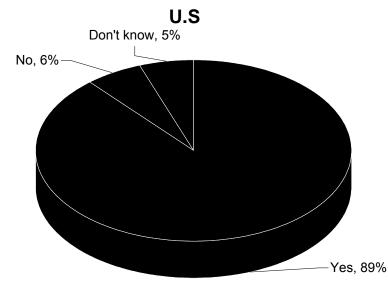
HOME LISTED ON MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (Percentage Distribution)

### U.S.

Yes	89%
No	6%
Don't know	5%

#### HOME LISTED ON MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

(Percentage Distribution)



#### Exhibit 7-8

#### **HOW REAL ESTATE AGENT WAS COMPENSATED**

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Paid by seller	77%
Percent of sales price	74
Flat fee	2
Per task fee	
Other	1
Don't Know	2
Paid by buyer and seller	7
Paid by buyer only	3
Other	12
Don't Know	1

Paid by seller	79%
Percent of sales price	75
Flat fee	4
Per task fee	*
Other	*
Don't Know	1
Paid by buyer and seller	9
Paid by buyer only	5
Other	5
Don't Know	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

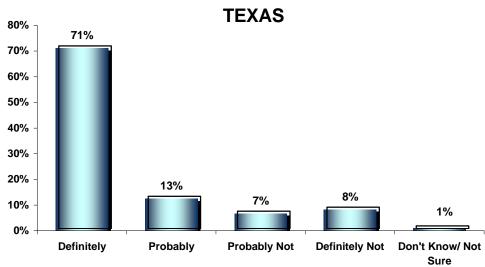
Exhibit 7-9
WOULD SELLER USE REAL ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS?
(Percentage Distribution)

#### **TEXAS**

Definitely	71%
Probably	13%
<b>Probably Not</b>	7%
<b>Definitely Not</b>	8%
Don't Know/	1%
Not Sure	

## WOULD SELLER USE REAL ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS?

(Percentage Distribution)



### U.S.

Definitely	63%
Probably	19%
<b>Probably Not</b>	8%
<b>Definitely Not</b>	8%
Don't Know/	2%
Not Sure	

## WOULD SELLER USE REAL ESTATE AGENT AGAIN OR RECOMMEND TO OTHERS?

(Percentage Distribution)

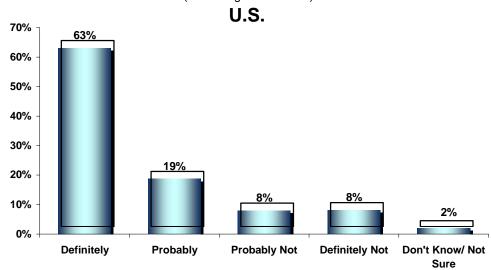


Exhibit 8-1 CHARACTERISTICS OF FSBO VS. AGENT-ASSISTED SELLERS (Median)

### **TEXAS**

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Median age	54	48
Median income	\$62,500	\$92,700

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Median age	48	46
Median income	\$84,400	\$86,600

### TYPE OF PREVIOUS HOME, FSBO VS AGENT-ASSISTED SALE

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Detached single-family home	88%	92%
Townhouse or row house		5
Duplex/Apartment/Condo in 2-4 family structure		1
Apartment/Condo in a building with 5 or more units		2
Mobile/manufactured home		
Other	13	1

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Detached single-family home	76%	80%
Townhouse or row house	7	9
Duplex/Apartment/Condo in 2-4 family structure	3	2
Apartment/Condo in a building with 5 or more units	4	6
Mobile/manufactured home	7	1
Other	3	3

### LOCATION OF PREVIOUS HOME, FSBO VS AGENT-ASSISTED SALE

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Suburb/Subdivision	67%	66%
Small town	13	8
Urban/Central city		17
Rural area		7
Resort/Recreation area	20	1

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Suburb/Subdivision	57%	57%
Small town	15	15
Urban/Central city	15	17
Rural area	9	9
Resort/Recreation area	5	2

## Exhibit 8-4 **SELLING PRICE COMPARISON**

### **TEXAS**

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Median selling price of previous home	\$132,800	\$160,000

	FSBO	Agent-assisted
Median selling price of previous home	\$198,200	\$230,000

#### MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR SELLING HOME AS FSBO

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Did not want to pay commission fee	71%
Did not want to deal with an agent	
Sold it to a relative/friend/neighbor	14
Buyers contacted me directly	14
Agent was unable to sell home	
Other	

Did not want to pay commission fee	53%
Sold it to a relative/friend/neighbor	22
Did not want to deal with an agent	8
Buyers contacted me directly	9
Agent was unable to sell home	3
Have own real estate license	2
Other	3

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER PRIOR TO THE TRANSACTION

(Percentage Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

	Seller knew buyer	Seller did not know buyer
Sold it using a licensed real estate agent or broker	3%	97%
Seller first tried to sell it themselves, but then used an agent		100
Sold it without ever using a real estate agent or broker	36	64
Seller first listed with an agent, but then sold it themselves		100
Other		100

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent

	Seller knew buyer	Seller did not know buyer
Sold it using a licensed real estate agent or broker	3%	97%
Seller first tried to sell it themselves, but then used an agent	9	91
Sold it without ever using a real estate agent or broker	39	61
Seller first listed with an agent, but then sold it themselves	26	74
Other	27	73

#### METHOD USED BY FSBO SELLERS TO MARKET HOME

(Percent of Respondents)

### **TEXAS**

Yard sign	64%
Newspaper advertisement	60
Open house	33
Friends/neighbors/relatives	47
Listing on the Internet	40
Direct mail (flyers, postcards, etc.)	
For-Sale-By-Owner magazine	13
Other	27

Yard sign	61%
Friends/neighbors/relatives	46
Newspaper advertisement	37
Open house	29
Internet	17
Direct mail (flyers, postcards, etc.)	3
For-Sale-By-Owner magazine	4
Other	12

#### MOST DIFFICULT TASK FOR FSBO SELLERS

(Percent of Respondents)

### **TEXAS**

Preparing/fixing up home for sale	7%
Understanding and completing paperwork	14
Getting the price right	14
Having enough time to devote to all aspects of the sale	0
Attracting potential buyers	14
Helping buyer obtain financing	14
Selling within the length of time planned	21
Other	14

Understanding and completing paperwork	17%
Preparing/fixing up home for sale	16
Getting the price right	14
Selling within the time planned	13
Attracting potential buyers	9
Having enough time to devote to all aspects of the sale	8
Helping buyer obtain financing	3
Other	20

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Exhibit 8-9

#### THE BUYER OF FSBO HOME ASSISTED BY A REAL ESTATE AGENT

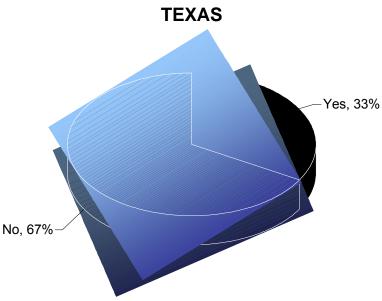
(Percentage of Distribution)

### **TEXAS**

Yes	33%
No	67%
Don't know	

## THE BUYER OF FSBO HOME ASSISTED BY A REAL ESTATE AGENT

(Percentage Distribution)

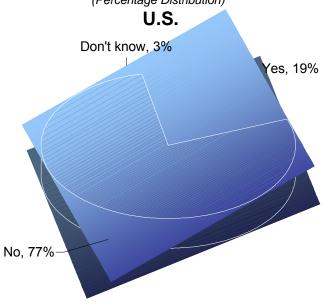


## U.S.

Yes	19%
No	77%
Don't know	3%

## THE BUYER OF FSBO HOME ASSISTED BY A REAL ESTATE AGENT

(Percentage Distribution)



#### HOW FSBO SELLERS WILL SELL THEIR CURRENT HOME

(Percentage of Distribution)

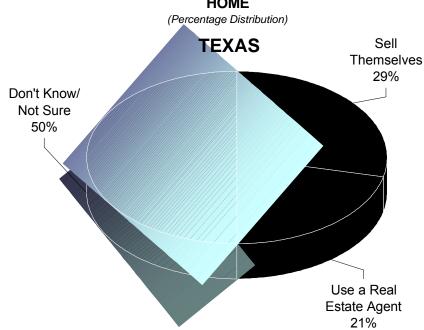
#### **TEXAS**

Sell Themselves	29%
Use a Real Estate	21%
Agent	
Don't Know/ Not	50%
Sure	

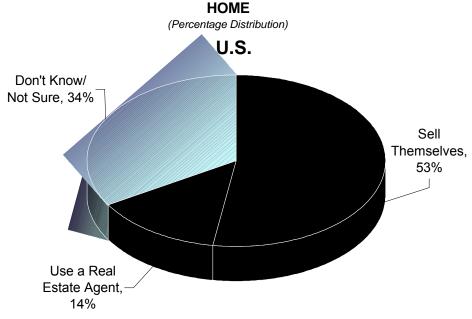
#### U.S.

Sell Themselves	53%
Use a Real Estate	14%
Agent	
Don't Know/ Not	34%
Sure	

## HOW FSBO SELLERS WILL SELL THEIR CURRENT HOME



## HOW FSBO SELLERS WILL SELL THEIR CURRENT



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#### Conclusion

The robust housing market of the past several years has supported the national economy with record sales activity and healthy price appreciation that has added trillions of dollars to the aggregate wealth of the nation's homeowners. As importantly, millions of households have become homeowners for the first time and can secure the financial and personal benefits that homeownership offers.

Survey results show that typical Texas area buyers had a higher income and were slightly older than buyers nationwide. Buyers in the Texas area were more likely to purchase a detached single family home, most often located in the suburbs.

When embarking on a home purchase or sale, most consumers rely on the experience and expertise of real estate professionals to assist them with this complex transaction. Working in an extremely competitive environment, agents and brokers provide high levels of service to meet the varied needs of home buyers and sellers. The value that consumers place on the services offered by real estate professionals is reflected in the large majority of both buyers and sellers who would use their agent again or recommend them to others. In the Texas area 67 percent of buyers and 71 percent of seller would recommend their agent to others.

The 2005 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers allows REALTORS® and other real estate professionals to better determine who their clients are and how the needs of their clients are evolving over time. More importantly, the information in this report will assist REALTORS® as they strive to offer superior service to America's home buyers and sellers.