Who are today's first-time homebuyers?

Learn who today's first-time buyers are and what steps they're taking to find the right homes for their budgets.

A snapshot of first-time homebuyers

From 2019-2020, first-time homebuyers—including millennials—were responsible for 31% of all home purchases.¹





Focus on millennials

Homeowners who are first-time buyers:⁸

29 and younger

5% Tax refund

88% 30 - 39 52%



of buyers 39 and under financed their home purchase.⁸

How are millennials funding their down payments?⁸

72% Personal savings
20% Gift from a family member/friend
9% Proceeds from the sale of stocks or bonds
7% Funds from a 401(k) or pension plan

4% Loan from a family member/friend

How long is it taking millennials to save?

Millennial homeowners take an average of 3 years to save for their down payment.¹⁰ Still, this group is much more likely than other generations to ask family members for help funding their down payment.¹¹



Your homebuying journey will be unique to your situation and needs. By creating a plan that works for you, it's possible to confidently reach your homeownership goals.

Make your homeownership dreams a reality

Contact a loan officer today to determine your financing options.



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