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The Pros and Cons of Buying a House

Take a look at the Chart below and analyze the advantages and disadvantages of renting and buying.

| Advantages of Renting | Disadvantages of Renting |
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| Usually costs less than buying | No tax benefit |
| You can usually move more easily | No investment in or from property |
| Little responsibility for maintenance | No equity is building |
| No responsibility for repairs | Rent payment can increase frequently |
| | Possibility of eviction |
| Advantages of Buying | Disadvantages of Buying |
| Greater stability | You are responsible for property taxes |
| Usually good investment | You are responsible for maintenance |
| Your equity builds | You are responsible for repairs |
| First home often leads to better home | Possibility of foreclosure |
| Greater individuality in décor | In foreclosure, loss of all equity |
| Greater choice in space arrangement | Monthly housing usually costs more |
| Greater sense of security | Your cash is tied up |
| Often fulfills the American dream | You can't usually sell a home quickly |
| | You have less mobility than renting |
| | Payment on some mortgage types can increase |