

Housing Matters

A Component of BestPrep's Financial Matters Program



What Do You Think?



What different housing options do you think exist?



Types of Housing Options

Owning

**Renting – paying
monthly to live there**

**Living with
family/friends –
no cost**

How Do You Decide?



Money

- What can you afford: fixed and variable expenses
- Establish your own credit
- Rainy day fund fixing + replacing
- Tax advantages: rental credit or home deduction
- % of income

Lifestyle

- Location
- Time commitment: short and long-term
- Family, friends & work life
- Privacy: a lot or very little
- Hobbies & other activities

Responsibility

- Maintenance + Repairs
- Safety
- Ownership, Landlord or Parents
- City vs County rules
- Following the different set of property rules

Give It A Try

You've chosen a set of life circumstances. We'll provide the average costs for housing. Now you must choose!

Two rules:

1. You must work together
2. You must come to a consensus on your group housing option



Housing Costs

- Average home cost:
 - \$335,148 (twin cities), \$1,807 monthly
 - \$351,614 (statewide), \$2,004 monthly
- Average monthly rent:
 - \$1,674 in Twin Cities
 - \$1,332 Statewide

Renting

~\$1,332/Month

~\$1,332 due **up front** to cover damage deposit + 1st month's rent

You pay limited extra costs:

~\$75/month electric

~\$70/month internet

~\$15/month renters' insurance



Owning

~\$2,314/Month (includes insurance & taxes)
~\$17,000 due **up front** for closing costs and down payment

You pay all monthly costs:
~\$148/month gas/electric
~\$70/month internet



Living with Family/Friends

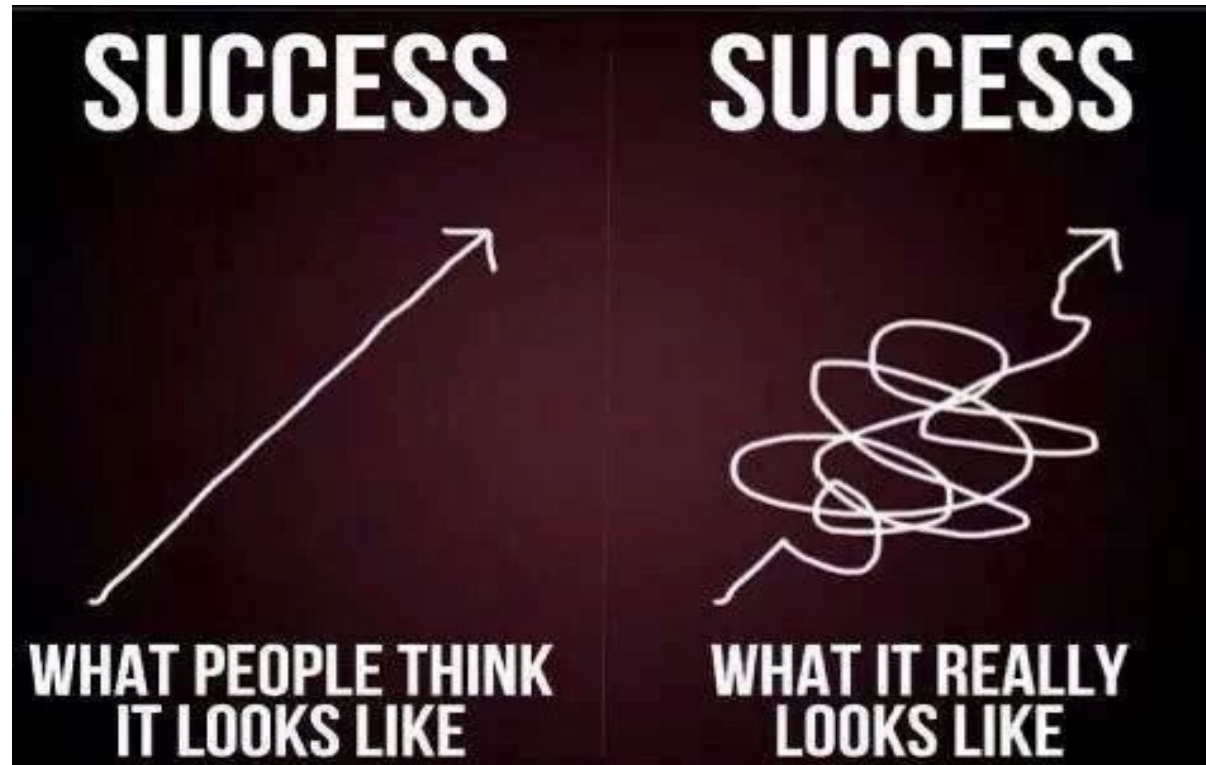
\$0/Month

\$0 due up front

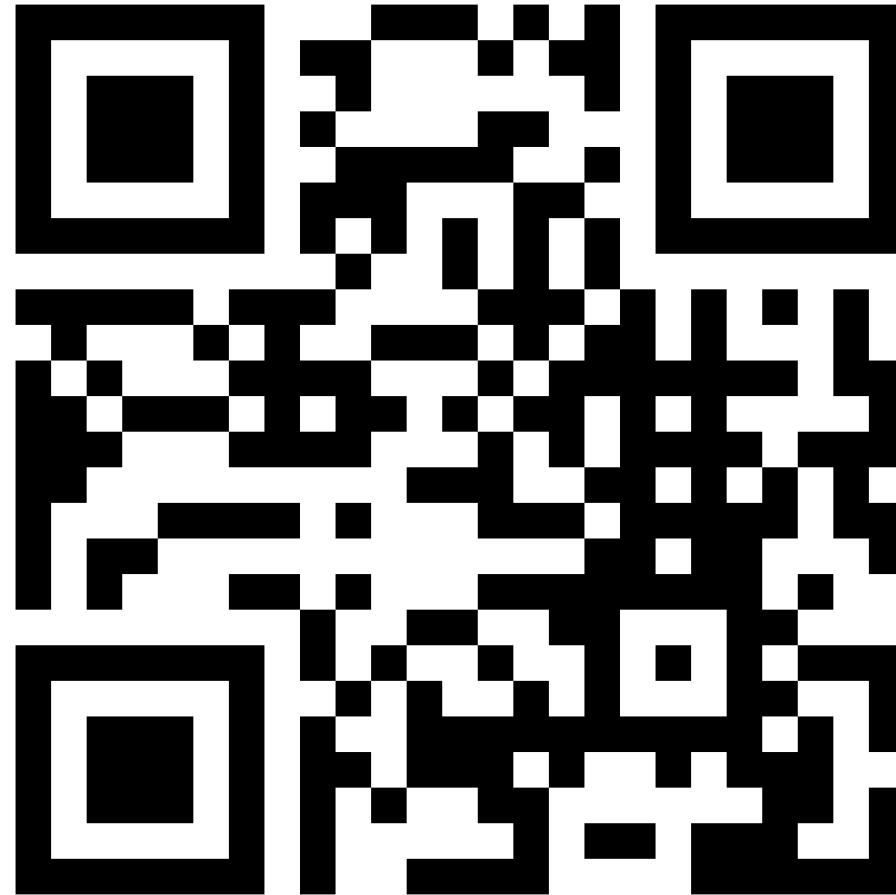
You pay limited extra costs:

- Personal expenses
- Groceries
- Parking /garage

Questions?



Student Survey



Thank You!

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