

“Will I ever have a place to call my own?”

While there can be advantages to renting such as flexibility to move for work or other opportunities, the ING International Survey Homes and Mortgages 2017 – Renting Versus Owning confirms that most people in Europe, the USA and Australia prefer to own their own home, if conditions allow. Yet for many, achieving this goal seems almost impossible.

60%

who rent would like to own

60% in Europe who rent would like to own. Just 16% disagree.

68% in Europe say buying is a smart money decision. Just 8% say the same about renting.

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48%

of non-owners agree they may never buy

48% who don't yet own agree they may never afford to buy a home; 62% say this in Australia.

40% say renting provides more flexibility than buying; 49% agree in Germany.

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say renting provides more flexibility

