



HOW LONG SHOULD YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE BEFORE SELLING?

STAYING PUT CAN PAY OFF

RULE OF THUMB:

Assume three to five percent annual home value appreciation



3-5%

Ideally, you should stay put long enough to offset transaction costs including:

- ✓ Your selling agent's commission
- ✓ Closing costs
- ✓ Expenses to put your home for sale
- ✓ Closing costs for your next home



5 YEARS

Typically, it takes five years for a home to appreciate enough in value to cover these costs.