

## HOMEOWNERSHIP AND WOMEN'S FINANCIAL SECURITY

**Female Boomers who own a home have a distinct advantage** over those who rent, when it comes to long-term financial security. That's according to research by the Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University. The report provides timeless insight. For instance, homeownership expands women's options by providing a pool of equity they can tap in a pinch. Also, they can trade down to a less costly house or sell a home and use the funds for assisted living. The report says that the 7.7 million Boomer women living in rental housing face a future of questionable economic security. But, staying put isn't always the best option either, especially if maintaining a house makes them equity-rich and cash-poor. Sometimes downsizing is the best solution. Arm yourself with more insight on this topic by visiting [http://www.genpolicy.com/2006\\_journal/index\\_articles.html](http://www.genpolicy.com/2006_journal/index_articles.html)