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- Without the protection of MI, lenders normally require a borrower to make a down payment of at least 20% of a home’s purchase price, which can mean years of saving for some borrowers.
- This large down payment assures the lender that the borrower is committed to the investment and will try to meet the obligation of monthly mortgage payments to protect the investment.
- A low down payment also allows borrowers to purchase more home than they might otherwise be able to afford.

If a borrower’s income can support a larger loan amount, a \$20,000 down payment with mortgage insurance increases **BUYING POWER:**

| WITHOUT MI | WITH MI | |
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| <p>You could make a 20% down payment on a \$100,000 home.</p>  | <p>You could make a 10% down payment on a \$200,000 home.</p>  | <p>You could make a 5% down payment on a \$400,000 home.</p>  |