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**Summary:** To assess the impact of mortgage rate lock-in on homeowner's moving plans, we first asked respondents who currently own a home for the percent chance that they will move in the next three years. As shown in the histograms below, U.S. households' moving plans generally reflect the decline in mobility that we've seen in recent decades. Across the distribution of homeowners' current self-reported mortgage rates, close to half of respondents assess their probability of moving in the next three years to be less than 10%, with almost three-quarters of respondents placing their chances at less than 25%. These patterns are broadly consistent across homeowners with and without a mortgage, as all groups report a mean probability of moving in the next three years between 16% and 19%.

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