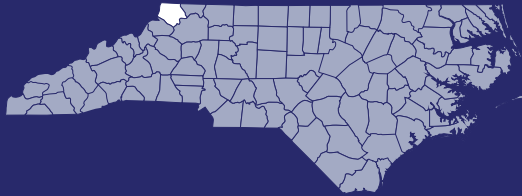
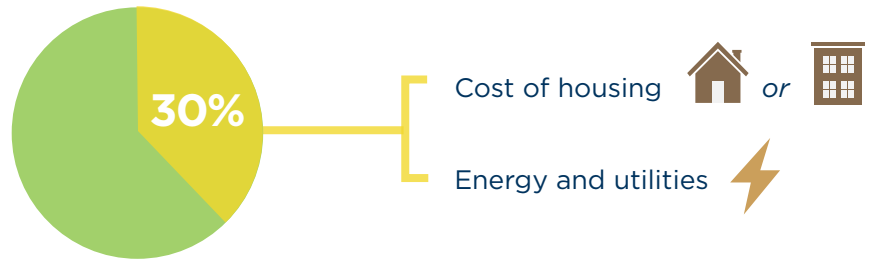


# The 2019 Housing Need in Ashe County

Housing is affordable when it comprises no more than **30% of the family's budget**. Families that spend more than this on housing are **cost-burdened**.



# 26%

of Ashe County are **cost-burdened**

**3,093 households**

**Renters** who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 53%

**1,215 households**

**Homeowners** who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 21%

**1,878 households**

## Rental Market in Ashe County



To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:

# \$683/month



A family needs to earn:

# \$27,320/year



But the average renter can only afford a rent of:

# \$491/month

## Average Annual Salaries

**\$27,320** income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment



Food prep and service

**\$18,880**



Childcare

**\$23,110**



Healthcare

**\$25,670**



Retail sales

**\$25,680**



Construction

**\$29,310**



Police officer

**\$38,940**

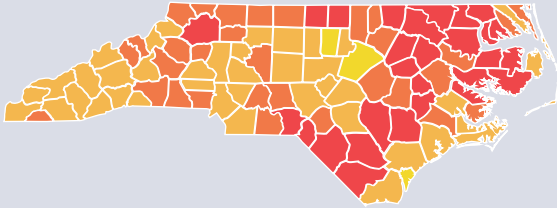
**\$48,000** Area Median Income (AMI) for Ashe County

## North Carolina Energy Burden

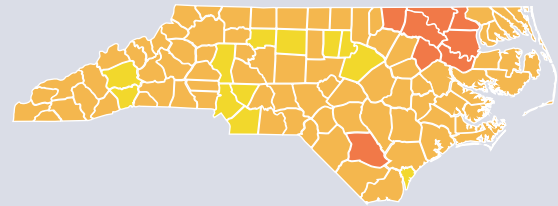
According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, paying **more than 6%** of a household's budget on energy is unaffordable.

Percentage of income spent on energy costs:  > 8% 6% - 8% 3% - 6% < 3%

### Renters



### Homeowners



## Ashe County Energy Burden



The average family spends:

**\$213** each month on energy costs, or...

**5.0%** of their monthly income

### Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$154** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

**11.6%** of household income

**SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE**

### Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$182** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

**13.7%** of household income

**SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE**

## When Housing Costs Too Much

When housing costs become too much, a family can lose their home. This takes an incredible toll not only on a family, but also on the entire community.



**95** families in Ashe County faced an eviction filing this year...

**7.8%** of all cost-burdened renters.



**20** families in Ashe County faced a foreclosure this year...

**1.1%** of all cost-burdened homeowners.

**Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all**



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