



NORTH CAROLINA
HOUSING
COALITION

The 2026 Housing Need in Caldwell County



21% of Caldwell County are **cost-burdened**.

6,508 out of 31,590 households

Renters

who have difficulty affording their homes:



40%

3,006 households

Homeowners

who have difficulty affording their homes:



15%

3,502 households

Families that spend more than 30% are considered **cost-burdened**, more than 50%, are considered **severely cost-burdened**.

Disaster-Impacted County

The data in this profile does not fully represent post-flood housing conditions in the county, and the housing need is likely greater now than this data shows.



844
Homes Damaged



17
Homes Destroyed

Average Annual Salaries



Construction
\$39,970



Childcare
\$28,020



Firefighter
\$34,790

\$21.06 hour
Housing Wage:

The hourly wage needed to afford a 2-bedroom Fair Market Rent apartment.

\$1,095 monthly
Two Bedroom Fair Market Rent*:

An income of **\$43,800 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

**Fair Market Rents, regularly published by HUD, represent the cost to rent a moderately-priced dwelling unit in the local housing market. The above FMR is for a two-bedroom unit. Visit nchousing.org/county-fact-sheets for complete annual salary data.*

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.

Ranks

#56

for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)



93 families faced a foreclosure this year...



494 families faced an eviction filing this year...

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The mission of the North Carolina Housing Coalition is to lead a movement to ensure that every North Carolinian has a home in which to live in dignity and opportunity.