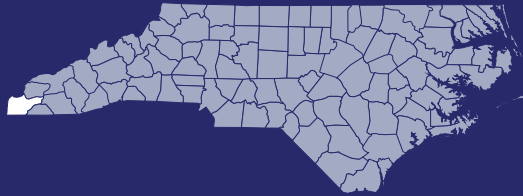


The 2019 Housing Need in Cherokee County

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 Cherokee County are **cost-burdened**

2,850 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:



47%

854 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:



23%

1,996 households

Rental Market in Cherokee 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:

\$535/month

Average Annual Salaries



Food prep and service

\$18,880



Childcare

\$23,110



Healthcare

\$25,670



Retail sales

\$25,680



Construction

\$29,310



Police officer

\$38,940

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

\$46,100 Area Median Income (AMI) for Cherokee 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



Cherokee County Energy Burden



The average family spends:

\$193 each month on energy costs, or...

4.5% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend



\$165 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

12.7% of household income

SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend



\$176 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

13.1% 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.



122 families in Cherokee County faced an eviction filing this year...

14.3% of all cost-burdened renters.



46 families in Cherokee County faced a foreclosure this year...

2.3% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all



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