The 2023 Housing Need in Clay County

- **27%** of Clay County are **cost-burdened**, 1,280 households
- **Renters** who have difficulty affording their homes: **52%**, 441 households
- **Homeowners** who have difficulty affording their homes: **21%**, 839 households

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

**$844 monthly**
Fair Market Rent*:
An income of **$33,760 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

**$16.23 hour**
Housing Wage:
The hourly wage needed to afford a Fair Market Rent apartment.

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<th>Occupation</th>
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*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.

**When Housing Costs Too Much**

- **14** families in Clay County faced a foreclosure this year...
- **1.67%** of all cost-burdened homeowners.
- **42** families in Clay County faced an eviction filing this year...
- **9.52%** of all cost-burdened renters.

Ranks
**#74** for evictions among renter households.
(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)

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