The 2019 Housing Need in Columbus 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**.

**6,516 households** are cost-burdened.

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: **51%**, **2,761 households**

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: **24%**, **3,755 households**

Rental Market in Columbus 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: **$496/month**

Average Annual Salaries

- **Food prep and service**: $18,350
- **Childcare**: $20,930
- **Retail sales**: $23,900
- **Healthcare**: $24,250
- **Construction**: $27,030
- **Police officer**: $40,740

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

**$47,200** Area Median Income (AMI) for Columbus County

*Statistics from the American Community Survey, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the North Carolina Court System, the NLIHC 2018 Out of Reach report, and the U.S. Department of Energy.*

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The North Carolina Housing Coalition’s membership is comprised of organizations and individuals from across the state who make the creation and preservation of affordable housing their mission.

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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%

Columbus County Energy Burden

The average family spends: $239 each month on energy costs, or...

6.0% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend

$199 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

16.1% of household income

SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend

$237 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

18.3% of household income

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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.

414 families in Columbus County faced an eviction filing this year...

15% of all cost-burdened renters.

0 families in Columbus County faced a foreclosure this year...

0% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all