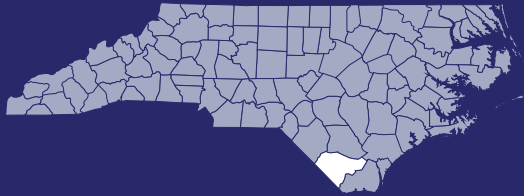
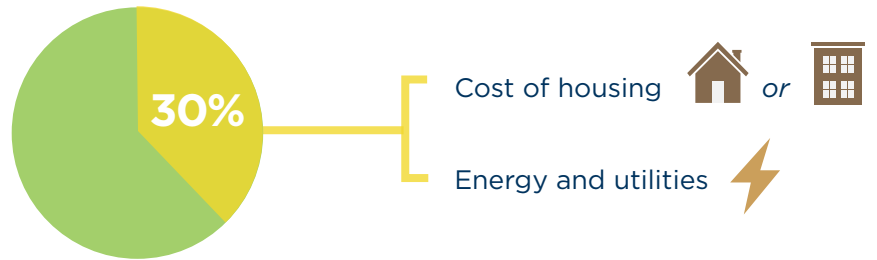


The 2019 Housing Need in Columbus County

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**.



29%

of Columbus County are **cost-burdened**

6,516 households

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

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



Food prep and service
\$18,350



Childcare
\$20,930



Retail sales
\$23,900



Healthcare
\$24,250



Construction
\$27,030



Police officer
\$40,740

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

North Carolina Energy Burden

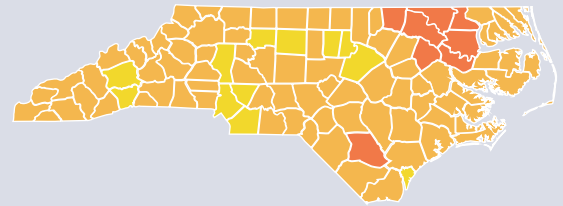
According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, paying **more than 6%** of a household's budget on energy is unaffordable.

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

Renters



Homeowners



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

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.



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



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