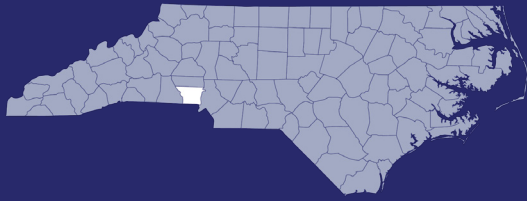


The 2024 Housing Need in Gaston County



28% of Gaston County are **cost-burdened**.
24,608 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:



47%
13,176 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:



19%
11,432 households

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

Average Annual Salaries



Elementary Teacher
\$48,990



Childcare
\$28,450



Firefighter
\$32,490

An income of **\$62,160 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

\$29.88
hour
Housing Wage:

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

\$1,554
monthly
Fair Market Rent*:

A FMR increase of **17%** in the last year

A FMR increase of **51%** in the last five years

*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
#11

for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)



288 families faced a foreclosure this year...

2.52% of all cost-burdened homeowners.



4,450 families faced an eviction filing this year...

33.77% of all cost-burdened renters.

Scan the QR code for a complete look at this year's data



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.

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