The 2019 Housing Need in Jackson 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.

30% of Jackson County are cost-burdened

4,773 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 52%
2,528 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 21%
2,245 households

Rental Market in Jackson 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: $436/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

$53,500 Area Median Income (AMI) for Jackson 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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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 vs. Homeowners

The average family spends:
- $177 each month on energy costs, or...
- 4.1% of their monthly 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.

- 261 families in Jackson County faced an eviction filing this year...
- 234 families in Jackson County faced a foreclosure this year...
- 10.3% of all cost-burdened renters.
- 10.4% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all

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