The 2023 Housing Need in Lee County

**26%** of Lee County are cost-burdened

5,991 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:

42%

3,159 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:

18%

2,832 households

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

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**$894 monthly**

Fair Market Rent*: An income of **$35,760 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

**$17.19 hour**

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

*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.

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Average Annual Salaries

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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.

43 families in Lee County faced a foreclosure this year...

1.52% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

371 families in Lee County faced an eviction filing this year...

11.74% of all cost-burdened renters.

Ranks

#57 for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)

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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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