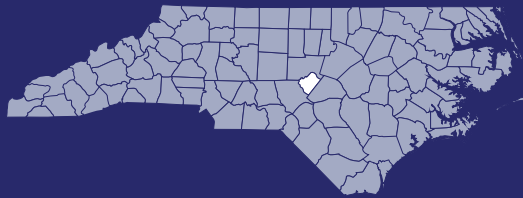


The 2019 Housing Need in Lee County

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**.



28%
5,904 households

of Lee County are **cost-burdened**

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:



46%

3,027 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:



20%

2,877 households

Rental Market in Lee County



To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:

\$745/month



A family needs to earn:

\$29,800/year



But the average renter can only afford a rent of:

\$572/month

Average Annual Salaries

\$29,800 income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment



Food prep and service
\$18,470



Childcare
\$22,880



Retail sales
\$25,450



Healthcare
\$26,710



Construction
\$28,080



Police officer
\$39,240

\$58,000 Area Median Income (AMI) for Lee County

North Carolina Energy Burden

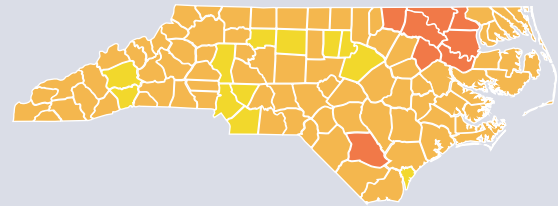
According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, paying **more than 6%** of a household's budget on energy is unaffordable.

Percentage of income spent on energy costs: 

Renters



Homeowners



Lee County Energy Burden



The average family spends:

\$194 each month on energy costs, or...

3.8% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend



\$124 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

8.4% of household income

SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend



\$187 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

12.6% 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.



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

23.9% of all cost-burdened renters.



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

2.5% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all



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