The 2019 Housing Need in Lenoir 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**.

- **32%** of Lenoir County are **cost-burdened**
  - Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 47% (3,830 households)
  - Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 25% (3,526 households)

**Rental Market in Lenoir County**

- To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at: **$712/month**
- A family needs to earn: **$28,480/year**
- But the average renter can only afford a rent of: **$610/month**

**Average Annual Salaries**

- **Food prep and service**: $18,350
- **Childcare**: $20,930
- **Retail sales**: $23,900
- **Healthcare**: $24,250
- **Construction**: $27,030
- **Police officer**: $40,740

**Area Median Income (AMI)** for Lenoir County: **$46,200**

*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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