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.

21% of McDowell County are cost-burdened

3,759 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 35% 1,532 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 18% 2,227 households

Rental Market in McDowell 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: $632/month

Average Annual Salaries

$18,880 Food prep and service
$23,110 Childcare
$25,670 Healthcare
$25,680 Retail sales

$29,310 Construction
$38,940 Police officer

$46,900 Area Median Income (AMI) for McDowell 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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