The 2023 Housing Need in McDowell County

17% of McDowell County are cost-burdened
3,048 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 31%
1,279 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 13%
1,769 households

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

$771 monthly Fair Market Rent*:
An income of $30,840 per year is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

$14.83 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.

Average Annual Salaries
- Healthcare: $28,200
- Childcare: $23,550
- Police officer: $40,190
- Farming labor: $24,290

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.

41 families in McDowell County faced a foreclosure this year...
2.32% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

260 families in McDowell County faced an eviction filing this year...
20.33% of all cost-burdened renters.

Ranks
#44 for evictions among renter households.
(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)

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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