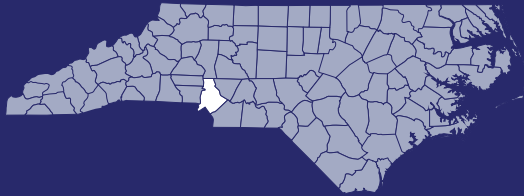
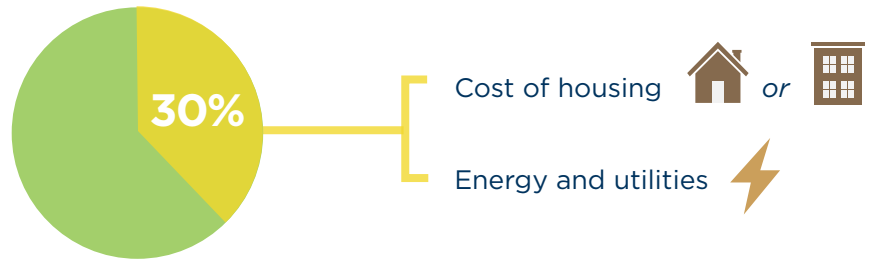


# The 2019 Housing Need in Mecklenburg County

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**.



# 30%

of Mecklenburg County are **cost-burdened**

122,809 households

**Renters** who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 45%

78,862 households

**Homeowners** who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 19%

43,947 households

## Rental Market in Mecklenburg County



To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:

# \$967/month



A family needs to earn:

# \$38,680/year

## Average Annual Salaries



Food prep and service  
**\$18,820**



Childcare  
**\$23,270**



Retail sales  
**\$25,810**



Healthcare  
**\$28,740**



Construction  
**\$29,420**



Police officer  
**\$53,310**

**\$38,680** income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment

**\$74,100** Area Median Income (AMI) for Mecklenburg 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



## Mecklenburg County Energy Burden



The average family spends:

**\$180** each month on energy costs, or...

**2.6%** of their monthly income

### Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$135** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

**7.2%** of household income

**UNAFFORDABLE**

### Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$190** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

**9.9%** 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.



**30,049** families in Mecklenburg County faced an eviction filing this year...

**38.1%** of all cost-burdened renters.



**579** families in Mecklenburg County faced a foreclosure this year...

**1.3%** of all cost-burdened homeowners.

**Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all**



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