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

*Statistics from the American Community Survey, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the North Carolina Court System, the NLJHC 2018 Out of Reach report, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

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The North Carolina Housing Coalition’s membership is comprised of organizations and individuals from across the state who make the creation and preservation of affordable housing their mission. Be part of the solution. Find out how:
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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:
- > 8%
- 6% - 8%
- 3% - 6%
- < 3%

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