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.

36% of Northampton County are cost-burdened
3,097 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:
60%
1,400 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:
29%
1,697 households

A family needs to earn:
$27,320/year

But the average renter can only afford a rent of:
$531/month

To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:
$683/month

Average Annual Salaries

Food prep and service: $19,080
Healthcare: $23,120
Childcare: $23,900
Retail sales: $23,990
Construction: $26,930
Police officer: $39,660

Area Median Income (AMI) for Northampton County:
$39,000

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*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.
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%

Northampton County Energy Burden

The average family spends:

- $268 each month on energy costs, or...
- 7.3% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend

- $261 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...
- 18.9% of household income

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend

- $282 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...
- 21.2% of household income

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.

- 106 families in Northampton County faced an eviction filing this year...
- 7.6% of all cost-burdened renters.

- 18 families in Northampton County faced a foreclosure this year...
- 1.1% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all

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.

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