The 2019 Housing Need in Pitt 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**.

**35%** of Pitt County are cost-burdened, affecting **24,206 households**.

- **Renters** who have difficulty affording their homes: 16,878 households (55%)
- **Homeowners** who have difficulty affording their homes: 7,328 households (20%)

**Rental Market in Pitt County**

- To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at: **$758/month**
- A family needs to earn: **$30,320/year**
- But the average renter can only afford a rent of: **$578/month**

**Average Annual Salaries**

- Food prep and service: **$18,860**
- Childcare: **$19,680**
- Retail sales: **$26,140**
- Healthcare: **$26,580**
- Construction: **$27,940**
- Police officer: **$48,630**

**$30,320** income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment

**$61,400** Area Median Income (AMI) for Pitt 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.*
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%

Pitt County Energy Burden

The average family spends: $224 each month on energy costs, or...

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend $149 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend $250 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

Renters

$149

10.2% of household income

Homeowners

$250

18.1% 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.

5,242 families in Pitt County faced an eviction filing this year...

31.1% of all cost-burdened renters.

186 families in Pitt County faced a foreclosure this year...

2.5% 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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