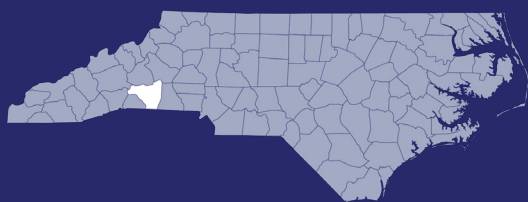


# The 2024 Housing Need in Rutherford County



**22%** of Rutherford County are **cost-burdened**.  
5,532 households

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



**48%**  
2,796 households

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



**14%**  
2,736 households

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

## Average Annual Salaries



Elementary Teacher  
**\$48,060**



Childcare  
**\$25,550**



Firefighter  
**\$28,070**

An income of **\$34,240 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

**\$16.46**  
**hour**  
**Housing Wage:**

The hourly wage needed to afford a Fair Market Rent apartment.

**\$856**  
**monthly**  
**Fair Market Rent\*:**

A FMR increase of  
**11%**  
in the last year

A FMR increase of  
**26%**  
in the last five years

\*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. Visit [nchousing.org/county-fact-sheets](https://nchousing.org/county-fact-sheets) for complete annual salary data.

## 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.

Ranks

**#49**

for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)



**111** families faced a foreclosure this year...

**4.06%** of all cost-burdened homeowners.



**450** families faced an eviction filing this year...

**16.09%** of all cost-burdened renters.

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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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