The 2019 Housing Need in Union 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. 27% of Union County are cost-burdened.

Rental Market in Union County

To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at: $967/month
A family needs to earn: $38,680/year
But the average renter can only afford a rent of: $637/month

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 Union 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.

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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:
- Red: > 8%
- Orange: 6% - 8%
- Yellow: 3% - 6%
- Light yellow: < 3%

**Union County Energy Burden**

The average family spends:
- $236 each month on energy costs, or...
- 3.1% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend:
- $226 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...
- 10.7% of household income

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend:
- $208 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...
- 11.1% 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.

- Families in Union County faced an eviction filing this year...
- 1,221 families
- 18.9% of all cost-burdened renters.

- Families in Union County faced a foreclosure this year...
- 112 families
- 0.9% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

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

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