The 2023 Housing Need in Wake County

26% of Wake County are cost-burdened
109,067 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 45%
65,507 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 16%
43,560 households

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

$1,412 monthly Fair Market Rent*:
An income of $56,480 per year is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

$27.15 hour Housing Wage:
The hourly wage needed to afford a Fair Market Rent apartment.

$29,970 Healthcare
$24,820 Childcare
$51,990 Police officer
$28,550 Farming labor

Average Annual Salaries

*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.

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.

620 families in Wake County faced a foreclosure this year...
1.42% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

12,786 families in Wake County faced an eviction filing this year...
19.52% of all cost-burdened renters.

Ranks

#17 for evictions among renter households. (1 = highest and 100 = lowest)

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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