The 2019 Housing Need in Washington 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.

33% of Washington County are cost-burdened

1,729 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 56%

809 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 27%

920 households

### Rental Market in Washington County

To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:

$747/month

A family needs to earn:

$29,880/year

But the average renter can only afford a rent of:

$638/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

$29,880 income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment

$46,400 Area Median Income (AMI) for Washington 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%

Renters

Homeowners

Washington County Energy Burden

The average family spends: $247 each month on energy costs, or...

6.5% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend

SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE

Renters

Homeowners

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.

110 families in Washington County faced an eviction filing this year...

12 families in Washington County faced a foreclosure this year...

13.6% of all cost-burdened renters.

1.3% 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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