

# 37%

of Watauga County are **cost-burdened**.

7,356 households

### Renters

who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 65%

4,713 households

### Homeowners

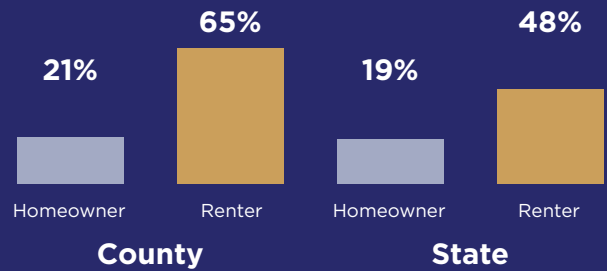
who have difficulty affording their homes:



# 21%

2,643 households

### Homeowner/Renter Cost Burdened 2025



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

### Average Annual Salaries



Teacher  
**\$49,090**



Childcare  
**\$27,970**



Firefighter  
**\$30,540**

## \$24.50 hour Housing Wage:

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

## \$1,274 monthly Fair Market Rent\*:

An income of **\$50,960 per year** is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

*\*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](http://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

# #99

for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)



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



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

### DISASTER-IMPACTED COUNTY

The data in this profile does not fully represent post-flood housing conditions in the county, and the housing need is likely greater now than this data shows.

**Join the movement:**  
[nchousing.org](http://nchousing.org)

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.