



22% of Wilkes County are **cost-burdened**.
5,721 households

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:



48%
2,881 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:



14%
2,840 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 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

#69

for evictions among renter households.

(1 = highest and 100 = lowest)



58 families faced a foreclosure this year...

2.04% of all cost-burdened homeowners.



333 families faced an eviction filing this year...

11.56% of all cost-burdened renters.

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