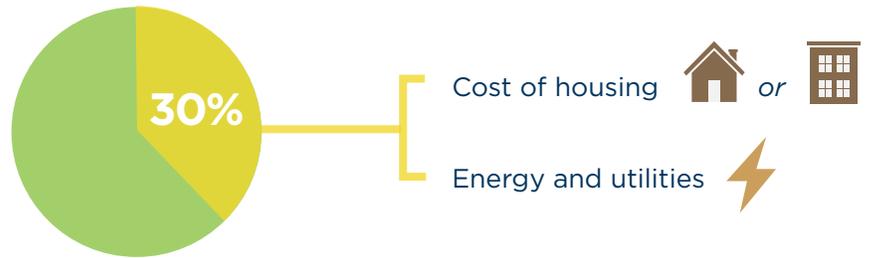


# The 2019 Housing Need in Buncombe County

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**.



**30%** of Buncombe County are **cost-burdened**  
32,569 households

**Renters** who have difficulty affording their homes:



**49%**

18,234 households

**Homeowners** who have difficulty affording their homes:



**21%**

14,335 households

## Rental Market in Buncombe County



## Average Annual Salaries

**\$33,160** income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment



Food prep and service  
**\$19,380**



Childcare  
**\$24,250**



Retail sales  
**\$26,940**



Construction  
**\$27,990**



Healthcare  
**\$29,210**



Teacher  
**\$36,690**



Police officer  
**\$44,530**

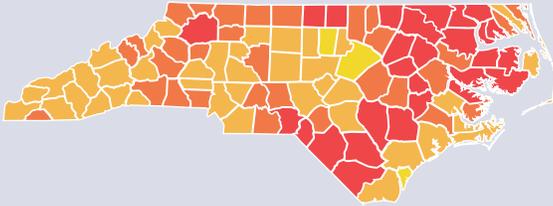
**\$61,300** Area Median Income (AMI) for Buncombe County

## North Carolina Energy Burden

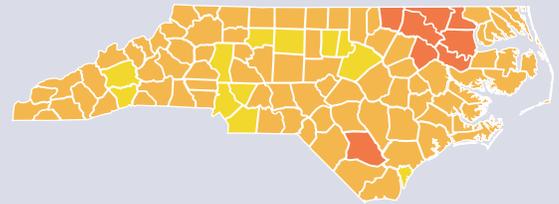
According to the US Department of Health and Human Services, paying **more than 6%** of a household's budget on energy is unaffordable.

Percentage of income spent on energy costs: 

### Renters



### Homeowners



## Buncombe County Energy Burden

 **The average family spends:** **\$155** each month on energy costs, or...  
**3.0%** of their monthly income

### Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$106** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...  
**7.7%** of household income

**UNAFFORDABLE**

### Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend



**\$152** average monthly amount spent on energy, or...  
**10.7%** of household income

**SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE**

## 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.



**2,278** families in Buncombe County faced an eviction filing this year...  
**12.5%** of all cost-burdened renters.



**74** families in Buncombe County faced a foreclosure this year...  
**0.5%** of all cost-burdened homeowners.

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



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