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

To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:
$829/month

A family needs to earn:
$33,160/year

But the average renter can only afford a rent of:
$688/month

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

Average Annual Salaries

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

*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.

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