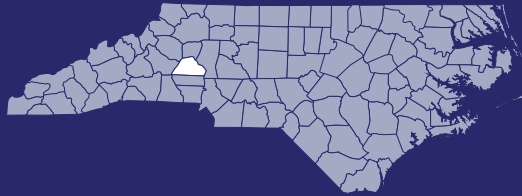# NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION

The 2019 Housing Need in Catawba 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%

Cost of housing 🏠 *or* 🏢

Energy and utilities ⚡

19%
11,471 households

of Catawba County are **cost-burdened**

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes:

31%
5,586 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes:

14%
5,885 households

Rental Market in Catawba County

To afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at:
$683/month

A family needs to earn:
$27,320/year

But the average renter can only afford a rent of:
$675/month

Average Annual Salaries

$27,320 income needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment

Food prep and service	Childcare	Retail sales	Healthcare	Construction	Police officer
$18,740	$20,730	$26,090	$27,700	$30,980	$40,140

$55,000 Area Median Income (AMI) for Catawba County

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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

Catawba County Energy Burden

The average family spends:

$177 each month on energy costs, or...

3.5% of their monthly income

Renters earning less than 50% AMI spend

$140 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

10% of household income

SEVERELY UNAFFORDABLE

Homeowners earning less than 50% AMI spend

$157 average monthly amount spent on energy, or...

11.3% 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.

1,726 families in Catawba County faced an eviction filing this year...

30.9% of all cost-burdened renters.

125 families in Catawba County faced a foreclosure this year...

2.1% of all cost-burdened homeowners.

Affordable communities are healthier communities with opportunity for all

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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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