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

Renters who have difficulty affording their homes: 53%, 18,014 households

Homeowners who have difficulty affording their homes: 19%, 12,248 households

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
- **#51** for evictions among renter households.
- 180 families faced a foreclosure this year...
- 1.47% of all cost-burdened homeowners.
- 2,262 families faced an eviction filing this year...
- 12.56% of all cost-burdened renters.

**Average Annual Salaries**

- **Elementary Teacher**: $48,880
- **Childcare**: $27,870
- **Firefighter**: $31,010

An income of $67,200 per year is needed to afford the Fair Market Rent.

**Housing Wage**: $32.31 hour

**Fair Market Rent**: $1,680 monthly

*A Fair Market Rent (FMR) is regularly published by HUD, representing 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.*