

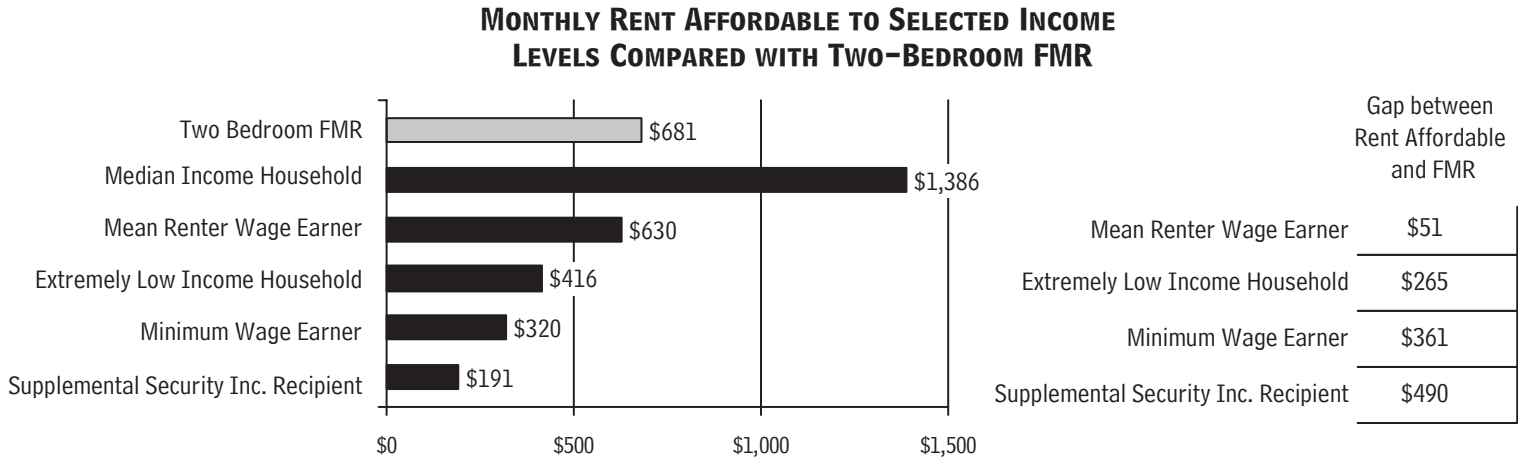
# NORTH CAROLINA

In North Carolina, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is \$681. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities – without paying more than 30% of income on housing – a household must earn \$2,269 monthly or \$27,229 annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into a Housing Wage of:

**\$13.09**

In North Carolina, a minimum wage worker earns an hourly wage of \$6.15. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment, a minimum wage earner must work 85 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or a household must include 2.1 minimum wage earners working 40 hours per week year-round in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.

In North Carolina, the estimated mean (average) wage for a renter is \$12.11. In order to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom apartment at this wage, a renter must work 43 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. Or, working 40 hours per week year-round, a household must include 1.1 workers earning the mean renter wage in order to make the two-bedroom FMR affordable.



NORTH CAROLINA	FY08 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTER HOUSEHOLDS				Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	% change since 2000	Two-bedroom FMR <sup>1</sup>	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI <sup>2</sup>	Rent affordable <sup>3</sup> at AMI	30% of AMI <sup>4</sup>	Rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2008) <sup>5</sup>	Rent affordable at mean wage	
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	<b>\$13.09</b>	24%	\$681	\$27,229	2.1	\$55,460	\$1,386	\$16,638	\$416	959,743	31%	\$12.11	\$630	1.1
<b>COMBINED NONMETRO AREAS</b>	<b>\$11.60</b>	34%	\$603	\$24,135	1.9	\$48,134	\$1,203	\$14,440	\$361	260,561	26%	\$9.35	\$486	1.2
<b><u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u></b>														
ANSON COUNTY HMFA	\$10.67	43%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,000	\$1,050	\$12,600	\$315	2,213	24%	\$9.12	\$474	1.2
ASHEVILLE HMFA	\$13.37	34%	\$695	\$27,800	2.2	\$52,500	\$1,313	\$15,750	\$394	35,309	27%	\$10.74	\$559	1.2
BURLINGTON MSA	\$13.88	29%	\$722	\$28,880	2.3	\$51,400	\$1,285	\$15,420	\$386	15,408	30%	\$11.62	\$604	1.2
CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-CONCORD HMFA	\$14.23	14%	\$740	\$29,600	2.3	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	147,033	33%	\$15.89	\$826	0.9
DURHAM HMFA	\$15.31	21%	\$796	\$31,840	2.5	\$62,100	\$1,553	\$18,630	\$466	64,707	42%	\$16.82	\$875	0.9
FAYETTEVILLE HMFA	\$12.69	29%	\$660	\$26,400	2.1	\$49,300	\$1,233	\$14,790	\$370	43,610	41%	\$10.60	\$551	1.2
GOLDSBORO MSA	\$11.29	29%	\$587	\$23,480	1.8	\$48,200	\$1,205	\$14,460	\$362	14,786	35%	\$9.79	\$509	1.2
GREENE COUNTY HMFA	\$10.67	42%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,900	\$1,073	\$12,870	\$322	1,697	25%	\$6.58	\$342	1.6
GREENSBORO-HIGH POINT HMFA	\$13.83	27%	\$719	\$28,760	2.2	\$56,100	\$1,403	\$16,830	\$421	74,833	34%	\$12.08	\$628	1.1
GREENVILLE HMFA	\$12.00	29%	\$624	\$24,960	2.0	\$51,600	\$1,290	\$15,480	\$387	22,000	42%	\$8.50	\$442	1.4
HAYWOOD COUNTY HMFA	\$11.87	34%	\$617	\$24,680	1.9	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	5,242	23%	\$9.55	\$497	1.2
HICKORY-LENOIR-MORGANTON MSA	\$11.50	29%	\$598	\$23,920	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	34,443	26%	\$11.04	\$574	1.0
HOKE COUNTY HMFA	\$11.73	29%	\$610	\$24,400	1.9	\$42,000	\$1,050	\$12,600	\$315	2,842	25%	\$7.45	\$387	1.6
JACKSONVILLE MSA	\$11.60	29%	\$603	\$24,120	1.9	\$46,400	\$1,160	\$13,920	\$348	20,154	42%	\$9.12	\$474	1.3
PENDER COUNTY HMFA	\$11.63	29%	\$605	\$24,200	1.9	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	2,794	17%	\$7.62	\$396	1.5
PERSON COUNTY HMFA	\$11.29	28%	\$587	\$23,480	1.8	\$52,800	\$1,320	\$15,840	\$396	3,576	25%	\$9.79	\$509	1.2
RALEIGH-CARY MSA	\$15.33	12%	\$797	\$31,880	2.5	\$74,900	\$1,873	\$22,470	\$562	98,920	32%	\$12.67	\$659	1.2
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HMFA	\$10.94	28%	\$569	\$22,760	1.8	\$47,600	\$1,190	\$14,280	\$357	9,735	26%	\$9.33	\$485	1.2
ROCKY MOUNT MSA	\$10.67	10%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	18,199	34%	\$9.65	\$502	1.1
VIRGINIA BEACH-NORFOLK-NEWPORT NEWS MSA *	\$17.38	42%	\$904	\$36,160	2.8	\$65,100	\$1,628	\$19,530	\$488	1,280	19%	\$7.82	\$407	2.2
WILMINGTON HMFA	\$14.75	29%	\$767	\$30,680	2.4	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	29,486	30%	\$9.93	\$517	1.5
WINSTON-SALEM MSA	\$12.54	27%	\$652	\$26,080	2.0	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	50,915	30%	\$12.02	\$625	1.0
<b><u>COUNTIES</u></b>														
ALAMANCE COUNTY	\$13.88	29%	\$722	\$28,880	2.3	\$51,400	\$1,285	\$15,420	\$386	15,408	30%	\$11.62	\$604	1.2
ALEXANDER COUNTY	\$11.50	29%	\$598	\$23,920	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	2,560	19%	\$8.94	\$465	1.3
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	\$10.67	38%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$45,000	\$1,125	\$13,500	\$338	966	21%	\$7.07	\$368	1.5
ANSON COUNTY	\$10.67	43%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,000	\$1,050	\$12,600	\$315	2,213	24%	\$9.12	\$474	1.2
ASHE COUNTY	\$10.67	48%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,600	\$1,065	\$12,780	\$320	1,975	19%	\$8.33	\$433	1.3
AVERY COUNTY	\$12.12	29%	\$630	\$25,200	2.0	\$44,400	\$1,110	\$13,320	\$333	1,273	19%	\$7.81	\$406	1.6
BEAUFORT COUNTY	\$10.67	32%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$44,600	\$1,115	\$13,380	\$335	4,563	25%	\$7.84	\$408	1.4
BERTIE COUNTY	\$10.67	36%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$35,700	\$893	\$10,710	\$268	1,942	25%	\$8.30	\$432	1.3
BLADEN COUNTY	\$10.67	57%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$40,100	\$1,003	\$12,030	\$301	2,864	22%	\$6.85	\$356	1.6
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	\$14.75	29%	\$767	\$30,680	2.4	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	5,418	18%	\$9.47	\$492	1.6
BUNCOMBE COUNTY	\$13.37	34%	\$695	\$27,800	2.2	\$52,500	\$1,313	\$15,750	\$394	25,501	30%	\$10.87	\$565	1.2
BURKE COUNTY	\$11.50	29%	\$598	\$23,920	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	8,931	26%	\$11.05	\$575	1.0

\* 50th percentile FMR (See Appendix A).

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	FY08 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTER HOUSEHOLDS				Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	% change since 2000	Two-bedroom FMR <sup>1</sup>	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI <sup>2</sup>	Rent affordable at AMI <sup>3</sup>	30% of AMI <sup>4</sup>	Rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2008) <sup>5</sup>	Rent affordable at mean wage	
CABARRUS COUNTY	\$14.23	14%	\$740	\$29,600	2.3	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	12,545	25%	\$11.94	\$621	1.2
CALDWELL COUNTY	\$11.50	29%	\$598	\$23,920	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	7,718	25%	\$9.75	\$507	1.2
CAMDEN COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$56,000	\$1,400	\$16,800	\$420	440	17%	\$11.99	\$624	1.0
CARTERET COUNTY	\$11.88	29%	\$618	\$24,720	1.9	\$54,100	\$1,353	\$16,230	\$406	5,889	23%	\$7.54	\$392	1.6
CASWELL COUNTY	\$11.10	29%	\$577	\$23,080	1.8	\$49,200	\$1,230	\$14,760	\$369	1,787	21%	\$7.03	\$365	1.6
CATAWBA COUNTY	\$11.50	29%	\$598	\$23,920	1.9	\$50,900	\$1,273	\$15,270	\$382	15,234	27%	\$11.67	\$607	1.0
CHATHAM COUNTY	\$15.31	21%	\$796	\$31,840	2.5	\$62,100	\$1,553	\$18,630	\$466	4,502	23%	\$10.01	\$521	1.5
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$10.67	61%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$39,800	\$995	\$11,940	\$299	1,846	18%	\$7.65	\$398	1.4
CHOWAN COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$43,700	\$1,093	\$13,110	\$328	1,546	28%	\$7.23	\$376	1.7
CLAY COUNTY	\$10.67	30%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$45,200	\$1,130	\$13,560	\$339	592	15%	\$7.60	\$395	1.4
CLEVELAND COUNTY	\$12.79	52%	\$665	\$26,600	2.1	\$49,000	\$1,225	\$14,700	\$368	10,043	27%	\$10.16	\$528	1.3
COLUMBUS COUNTY	\$10.67	43%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$39,800	\$995	\$11,940	\$299	5,033	24%	\$8.40	\$437	1.3
CRAVEN COUNTY	\$11.81	29%	\$614	\$24,560	1.9	\$51,200	\$1,280	\$15,360	\$384	11,514	33%	\$10.63	\$553	1.1
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	\$12.69	29%	\$660	\$26,400	2.1	\$49,300	\$1,233	\$14,790	\$370	43,610	41%	\$10.60	\$551	1.2
CURRITUCK COUNTY *	\$17.38	42%	\$904	\$36,160	2.8	\$65,100	\$1,628	\$19,530	\$488	1,280	19%	\$7.82	\$407	2.2
DARE COUNTY	\$15.02	29%	\$781	\$31,240	2.4	\$59,200	\$1,480	\$17,760	\$444	3,236	26%	\$9.07	\$472	1.7
DAVIDSON COUNTY	\$11.21	29%	\$583	\$23,320	1.8	\$54,400	\$1,360	\$16,320	\$408	14,996	26%	\$9.62	\$500	1.2
DAVIE COUNTY	\$12.54	27%	\$652	\$26,080	2.0	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	2,296	17%	\$8.86	\$461	1.4
DUPLIN COUNTY	\$10.67	51%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$40,900	\$1,023	\$12,270	\$307	4,586	25%	\$8.75	\$455	1.2
DURHAM COUNTY	\$15.31	21%	\$796	\$31,840	2.5	\$62,100	\$1,553	\$18,630	\$466	40,737	46%	\$18.77	\$976	0.8
EDGEcombe COUNTY	\$10.67	10%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	7,332	36%	\$9.85	\$512	1.1
FORSYTH COUNTY	\$12.54	27%	\$652	\$26,080	2.0	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	42,599	34%	\$12.46	\$648	1.0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$15.33	12%	\$797	\$31,880	2.5	\$74,900	\$1,873	\$22,470	\$562	3,963	22%	\$10.54	\$548	1.5
GASTON COUNTY	\$14.23	14%	\$740	\$29,600	2.3	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	23,031	31%	\$11.38	\$592	1.3
GATES COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$48,600	\$1,215	\$14,580	\$365	701	18%	\$7.54	\$392	1.6
GRAHAM COUNTY	\$10.67	30%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$38,500	\$963	\$11,550	\$289	579	17%	\$7.06	\$367	1.5
GRANVILLE COUNTY	\$12.00	29%	\$624	\$24,960	2.0	\$54,600	\$1,365	\$16,380	\$410	4,150	25%	\$9.34	\$485	1.3
GREENE COUNTY	\$10.67	42%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,900	\$1,073	\$12,870	\$322	1,697	25%	\$6.58	\$342	1.6
GUILFORD COUNTY	\$13.83	27%	\$719	\$28,760	2.2	\$56,100	\$1,403	\$16,830	\$421	62,967	37%	\$12.43	\$646	1.1
HALIFAX COUNTY	\$10.67	34%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$39,300	\$983	\$11,790	\$295	7,295	33%	\$8.10	\$421	1.3
HARNETT COUNTY	\$11.10	29%	\$577	\$23,080	1.8	\$51,500	\$1,288	\$15,450	\$386	10,047	30%	\$8.99	\$467	1.2
HAYWOOD COUNTY	\$11.87	34%	\$617	\$24,680	1.9	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	5,242	23%	\$9.55	\$497	1.2
HENDERSON COUNTY	\$13.37	34%	\$695	\$27,800	2.2	\$52,500	\$1,313	\$15,750	\$394	7,931	21%	\$10.58	\$550	1.3
HERTFORD COUNTY	\$10.67	35%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$38,500	\$963	\$11,550	\$289	2,683	30%	\$10.00	\$520	1.1
HOKE COUNTY	\$11.73	29%	\$610	\$24,400	1.9	\$42,000	\$1,050	\$12,600	\$315	2,842	25%	\$7.45	\$387	1.6
HYDE COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$42,200	\$1,055	\$12,660	\$317	472	22%	\$8.63	\$449	1.4
IREDELL COUNTY	\$13.10	29%	\$681	\$27,240	2.1	\$59,800	\$1,495	\$17,940	\$449	11,680	25%	\$11.68	\$607	1.1
JACKSON COUNTY	\$11.52	42%	\$599	\$23,960	1.9	\$48,700	\$1,218	\$14,610	\$365	3,630	28%	\$8.41	\$437	1.4
JOHNSTON COUNTY	\$15.33	12%	\$797	\$31,880	2.5	\$74,900	\$1,873	\$22,470	\$562	12,373	27%	\$9.39	\$489	1.6
JONES COUNTY	\$11.77	29%	\$612	\$24,480	1.9	\$41,900	\$1,048	\$12,570	\$314	830	20%	\$7.56	\$393	1.6
LEE COUNTY	\$12.21	29%	\$635	\$25,400	2.0	\$54,200	\$1,355	\$16,260	\$407	5,230	28%	\$11.04	\$574	1.1
LENOIR COUNTY	\$10.71	29%	\$557	\$22,280	1.7	\$45,500	\$1,138	\$13,650	\$341	7,878	33%	\$7.99	\$415	1.3

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	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	% change since 2000	Two-bedroom FMR <sup>1</sup>	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI <sup>2</sup>	Rent affordable <sup>3</sup> at AMI	30% of AMI <sup>4</sup>	Rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2008) <sup>5</sup>	Rent affordable at mean wage	
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$11.58	29%	\$602	\$24,080	1.9	\$52,900	\$1,323	\$15,870	\$397	5,165	21%	\$9.75	\$507	1.2
MACON COUNTY	\$11.48	29%	\$597	\$23,880	1.9	\$44,200	\$1,105	\$13,260	\$332	2,395	19%	\$9.60	\$499	1.2
MADISON COUNTY	\$13.37	34%	\$695	\$27,800	2.2	\$52,500	\$1,313	\$15,750	\$394	1,877	23%	\$8.47	\$441	1.6
MARTIN COUNTY	\$10.67	42%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$41,200	\$1,030	\$12,360	\$309	2,827	28%	\$8.87	\$461	1.2
MCDOWELL COUNTY	\$11.98	52%	\$623	\$24,920	1.9	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	3,788	23%	\$9.99	\$520	1.2
MECKLENBURG COUNTY	\$14.23	14%	\$740	\$29,600	2.3	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	103,024	38%	\$17.37	\$903	0.8
MITCHELL COUNTY	\$12.12	29%	\$630	\$25,200	2.0	\$42,700	\$1,068	\$12,810	\$320	1,254	19%	\$9.27	\$482	1.3
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$10.67	38%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$46,900	\$1,173	\$14,070	\$352	2,312	23%	\$9.13	\$475	1.2
MOORE COUNTY	\$12.52	29%	\$651	\$26,040	2.0	\$57,800	\$1,445	\$17,340	\$434	6,570	21%	\$9.72	\$505	1.3
NASH COUNTY	\$10.67	10%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$47,700	\$1,193	\$14,310	\$358	10,867	32%	\$9.55	\$496	1.1
NEW HANOVER COUNTY	\$14.75	29%	\$767	\$30,680	2.4	\$56,600	\$1,415	\$16,980	\$425	24,068	35%	\$10.06	\$523	1.5
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	\$10.67	34%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$40,400	\$1,010	\$12,120	\$303	2,016	23%	\$6.74	\$351	1.6
ONSLow COUNTY	\$11.60	29%	\$603	\$24,120	1.9	\$46,400	\$1,160	\$13,920	\$348	20,154	42%	\$9.12	\$474	1.3
ORANGE COUNTY	\$15.31	21%	\$796	\$31,840	2.5	\$62,100	\$1,553	\$18,630	\$466	19,468	42%	\$10.21	\$531	1.5
PAMLICO COUNTY	\$10.67	32%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$49,700	\$1,243	\$14,910	\$373	925	18%	\$7.17	\$373	1.5
PASQUOTANK COUNTY	\$12.13	29%	\$631	\$25,240	2.0	\$43,300	\$1,083	\$12,990	\$325	4,424	34%	\$8.67	\$451	1.4
PENDER COUNTY	\$11.63	29%	\$605	\$24,200	1.9	\$49,400	\$1,235	\$14,820	\$371	2,794	17%	\$7.62	\$396	1.5
PERQUIMANS COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$41,900	\$1,048	\$12,570	\$314	994	21%	\$6.24	\$325	2.0
PERSON COUNTY	\$11.29	28%	\$587	\$23,480	1.8	\$52,800	\$1,320	\$15,840	\$396	3,576	25%	\$9.79	\$509	1.2
PITT COUNTY	\$12.00	29%	\$624	\$24,960	2.0	\$51,600	\$1,290	\$15,480	\$387	22,000	42%	\$8.50	\$442	1.4
POLK COUNTY	\$12.31	52%	\$640	\$25,600	2.0	\$53,900	\$1,348	\$16,170	\$404	1,690	21%	\$9.91	\$515	1.2
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$13.83	27%	\$719	\$28,760	2.2	\$56,100	\$1,403	\$16,830	\$421	11,866	23%	\$10.06	\$523	1.4
RICHMOND COUNTY	\$10.67	36%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$41,200	\$1,030	\$12,360	\$309	5,003	28%	\$8.53	\$444	1.3
ROBESON COUNTY	\$10.67	32%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$36,700	\$918	\$11,010	\$275	11,898	27%	\$7.23	\$376	1.5
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	\$10.94	28%	\$569	\$22,760	1.8	\$47,600	\$1,190	\$14,280	\$357	9,735	26%	\$9.33	\$485	1.2
ROWAN COUNTY	\$12.33	34%	\$641	\$25,640	2.0	\$54,400	\$1,360	\$16,320	\$408	13,203	26%	\$12.26	\$638	1.0
RUTHERFORD COUNTY	\$12.02	52%	\$625	\$25,000	2.0	\$44,000	\$1,100	\$13,200	\$330	6,424	26%	\$9.23	\$480	1.3
SAMPSON COUNTY	\$10.67	52%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$45,200	\$1,130	\$13,560	\$339	5,910	27%	\$8.91	\$463	1.2
SCOTLAND COUNTY	\$11.35	29%	\$590	\$23,600	1.8	\$45,400	\$1,135	\$13,620	\$341	4,138	31%	\$7.81	\$406	1.5
STANLY COUNTY	\$11.10	29%	\$577	\$23,080	1.8	\$51,300	\$1,283	\$15,390	\$385	5,278	24%	\$9.82	\$511	1.1
STOKES COUNTY	\$12.54	27%	\$652	\$26,080	2.0	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	3,156	18%	\$9.15	\$476	1.4
SURRY COUNTY	\$10.67	39%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$46,400	\$1,160	\$13,920	\$348	6,721	24%	\$9.11	\$474	1.2
SWAIN COUNTY	\$10.67	30%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$40,500	\$1,013	\$12,150	\$304	1,188	23%	\$7.47	\$389	1.4
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	\$13.69	61%	\$712	\$28,480	2.2	\$52,200	\$1,305	\$15,660	\$392	2,536	21%	\$8.17	\$425	1.7
TYRRELL COUNTY	\$12.29	29%	\$639	\$25,560	2.0	\$38,300	\$958	\$11,490	\$287	387	25%	\$7.24	\$376	1.7
UNION COUNTY	\$14.23	14%	\$740	\$29,600	2.3	\$64,300	\$1,608	\$19,290	\$482	8,433	19%	\$10.57	\$550	1.3
VANCE COUNTY	\$10.77	29%	\$560	\$22,400	1.8	\$43,000	\$1,075	\$12,900	\$323	5,473	34%	\$8.08	\$420	1.3
WAKE COUNTY	\$15.33	12%	\$797	\$31,880	2.5	\$74,900	\$1,873	\$22,470	\$562	82,584	34%	\$13.06	\$679	1.2
WARREN COUNTY	\$11.02	29%	\$573	\$22,920	1.8	\$40,000	\$1,000	\$12,000	\$300	1,756	23%	\$7.28	\$378	1.5
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$11.58	29%	\$602	\$24,080	1.9	\$40,900	\$1,023	\$12,270	\$307	1,420	26%	\$5.05	\$263	2.3
WATAUGA COUNTY	\$13.81	29%	\$718	\$28,720	2.2	\$54,200	\$1,355	\$16,260	\$407	6,144	37%	\$7.45	\$388	1.9
WAYNE COUNTY	\$11.29	29%	\$587	\$23,480	1.8	\$48,200	\$1,205	\$14,460	\$362	14,786	35%	\$9.79	\$509	1.2

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	FY08 HOUSING WAGE		HOUSING COSTS			AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI)				RENTER HOUSEHOLDS				Full-time jobs at mean renter wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR
	Hourly wage necessary to afford 2 BR FMR	% change since 2000	Two-bedroom FMR <sup>1</sup>	Income needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Full-time jobs at minimum wage needed to afford 2 BR FMR	Annual AMI <sup>2</sup>	Rent affordable at AMI <sup>3</sup>	30% of AMI <sup>4</sup>	Rent affordable at 30% of AMI	Number (2000)	% of total households (2000)	Estimated mean renter hourly wage (2008) <sup>5</sup>	Rent affordable at mean wage	
<b>WILKES COUNTY</b>	<b>\$10.67</b>	36%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$49,200	\$1,230	\$14,760	\$369	5,877	22%	\$10.18	\$529	1.0
<b>WILSON COUNTY</b>	<b>\$12.38</b>	29%	\$644	\$25,760	2.0	\$48,800	\$1,220	\$14,640	\$366	11,101	39%	\$10.81	\$562	1.1
<b>YADKIN COUNTY</b>	<b>\$12.54</b>	27%	\$652	\$26,080	2.0	\$57,300	\$1,433	\$17,190	\$430	2,864	20%	\$9.09	\$473	1.4
<b>YANCEY COUNTY</b>	<b>\$10.67</b>	41%	\$555	\$22,200	1.7	\$42,200	\$1,055	\$12,660	\$317	1,478	20%	\$8.15	\$424	1.3

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