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1 in 4 families in Wake and Johnston counties spend too much of their income on housing.

Families who spend too much toward housing may have difficulty affording other necessities, like food, transportation, education and healthcare.

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A modest 2-bedroom apartment costs $1,200 per month at Fair Market Rent in Wake and Johnston Counties.

For that rent to be affordable, a family would need to earn:

$48,000 a year
$23.07 per hour

Wake and Johnston County Annual Salaries

Childcare Worker: $24,170
Preschool Teacher: $29,860
Restaurant Cook: $32,280
Medical Assistant: $34,290
Social Worker: $45,180
Mechanic: $46,370
Police Officer: $53,370
Librarian: $64,370
Nurse: $67,170

Area Median Income (for a family of 4): $94,100

Below the salary needed for fair-market rent.
In addition to building affordable homes, Habitat Wake is working to change laws and shape policies that affect access to housing.

In partnership with Habitat for Humanity International and Habitat North Carolina, Habitat Wake advocates for housing solutions at the local, state, and federal levels to enable families to have greater access to homes they can afford.

This year, we’re advocating for:

- Passage of Raleigh’s Affordable Housing Bond
- Housing relief for families impacted by COVID-19, primarily through rental, mortgage, and utility assistance
- Bus routes aligned with affordable housing and increased access to transportation options for Habitat homeowners
- Property tax solutions for homeowners to gain long term affordability
- Development practices that increase housing options for families earning less than 80% of median income

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