

HOUSING 2014

Housing Affordability Challenges in the Charlotte Metro Area

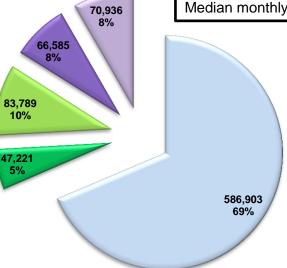
- In the Charlotte metro area, 113,806 households, or 13% of households, spend at least half of their income on housing costs. Nationwide, 16% of all households are severely cost burdened.
- Renters are more likely to be severely housing cost burdened than owners, with 22% of renters spending at least half their income on housing.
- Median household income in the Charlotte metro area is \$49,500, compared to the median U.S. household income of \$51,015.
- Among low- and moderate-income working households, 17% of households spend at least half of their income on housing costs.

Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden

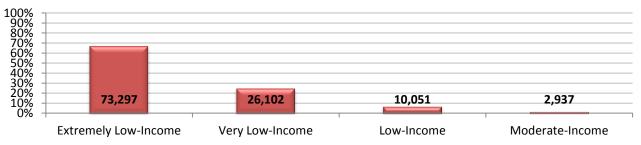
- Owner households spending at least half their income on housing
- Owner households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing
- Renter households spending at least half their income on housing
- Renter households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing

Charlotte Metro Area Households: 2012

Total households 867,204
Renters make up 34% of households
Owners make up 66% of households
Median household income is \$49,500
Median monthly owner housing cost is \$780
Median monthly renter housing cost is \$1,027

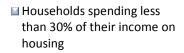


Percentage of Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden by Income



Low- and Moderate-Income Working Households in the Charlotte Metro Area Face Affordability Challenges

Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden



- Owner households spending at least half their income on housing
- Owner households spending between 30% & 50% of their income on housing
- Renter households spending at least half their income on housing
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Charlotte Metro Area Working Households 2012

Total households 375,481

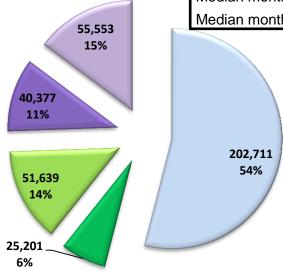
Renters make up 48% of households

Owners make up 52% of households

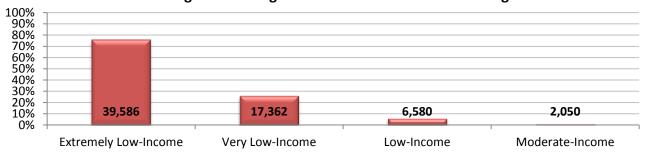
Median household income is \$36,367

Median monthly owner housing cost is \$940

Median monthly renter housing cost is \$762



Percentage of Working Households with a Severe Housing Cost Burden



Definitions

Severely Housing Cost Burdened: Households who spend at least half of their income on housing costs.

Extremely Low-Income: Households who earn 30 percent or less than the median income for households in their area (AMI).

Very Low-Income: Households who earn between 31 and 50 percent of AMI.

Low-Income: Households who earn between 51 and 80 percent of AMI.

Moderate-Income: Households who earn between 81 and 120 percent of AMI.

Working: Households whose members work a total of at least 20 hours a week on average.

Metro Area: Metropolitan area defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

Data Notes

Data are from Center for Housing Policy tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey 2012 Public-Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) files. More detailed information is available in *Housing Landscape 2014* at www.nhc.org.

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