



The Cost of Housing in Johnson County

Safe, stable, and attainable housing is the foundation on which families build healthy and sustainable futures. Housing also represents one of the largest expenses in a household budget, and where one lives can impact access to schools, jobs, and community resources.

According to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the median cost of rent in Johnson County is \$1,312. The median cost of a mortgage is \$2,095.

One in three households (35%) pays \$1,500 or more on housing costs each month. More than half (54%) of Johnson County households pay \$2,000 or more monthly for housing costs. Housing costs have increased by at least 20% for all households in the past five years.

INCREASE IN HOUSING COSTS BY HOUSING TYPE

Johnson County, 2018-2022



Housing costs that exceed 30% of household income have historically been viewed as unsustainable and an indicator of an affordability problem. When monthly costs for housing become such a large portion of a household's overall budget, spending on essential items such as healthy food and needed medication can be at risk. The term "cost-burdened" is used to define this indicator.

In Johnson County, regardless of whether they rent or own their home, households experience cost burden with housing. Those who rent are more than twice as likely to be cost-burdened than those who own their home (approximately 41% of renters and 19% of homeowners).

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2022 1-year estimates

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