

Safe, Stable, and Affordable Housing



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Safe and stable housing has been associated with improved health and wellbeing, while housing instability has been associated with poorer health outcomes, including higher rates of lifetime hospitalization for children.

Close to half of families living in Chesterfield and the City of Colonial Heights spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs.

Cost Burden of Renting

Colonial Heights



■ Moderately Burdened
■ Severely Burdened

Chesterfield



Severely cost-burdened is defined as spending 50% or more of their household income on gross rent.

11%

of households in Chesterfield County



17%

of households in the City of Colonial Heights

Experience severe housing problems

(to include overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities.)

“If I were to go out today and get an apartment, a one-bedroom is about \$1,300, then I’ve got to have at least \$1,300, if not \$2,600, if not \$3,900 for the deposit... There’s no such thing as affordable housing.”

Bridgette Engle, Case Manager, My Brother’s Keeper

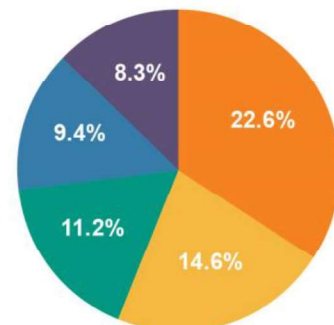
Nearly 23% of respondents named “cost of living” as the biggest problem in their household relating to economic stability.

Economic Stability Problems

from survey respondents

Reasons

- Cost of Living
- Paying Bills
- Income / Wages
- Finding jobs that I can do or fit my skills
- Debt



This chart represents the top 5 responses. The remaining responses were spread across 7 other categories.