



How much will you need to earn in the future? Try REALITY CHECK and find out!

REALITY CHECK from the North Carolina Department of Commerce is a fun, new online tool designed to estimate the income necessary to support your desired lifestyle. State **where you'd like to live** in North Carolina and **how you spend your money**. From there, you'll be directed to **jobs that meet your financial needs**.

This customized cost estimate includes expenses like:

Money...

we hope we will have enough of it to buy what we need with something left over for what we want. But we can do more than hope — REALITY CHECK from the North Carolina Department of Commerce is a new online tool designed to illustrate the amount of income needed to afford the things that we want. With this information, users can **compare occupations** and **find a career path** that is right for them.



Housing Costs

- Own or rent?
- Cable?
- Cell phone?
- Utilities?



Transportation

- Type of vehicle?
- Car payment?
- Walk, bike, bus?



Food & Entertainment

- Expensive tastes?
- Thrifty shopper?
- Shows, events?
- Travel?



Other Costs

- Healthcare?
- Student loans?
- Pets?
- Savings?