THINKING ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY?

Washington County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

Straight answers to the questions people ask most about buying a home in Washington County, NC.



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Questions? Call or text Travis at (252) 632-8681.

1. Where can I find crime statistics for Plymouth, NC?

Crime data for Washington County is published on the NC Department of Public Safety's NC Justice Data Portal, which reports at the state and county level from incident reports local agencies send to the State Bureau of Investigation. Not every agency reports every year, so check the portal's reporting-agencies list for the year you look at. For a question about a specific area, call the Washington County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line, 252-793-2422.

Source: ncdps.gov; ncsbi.gov; washconc.org

2. What towns are in Washington County, and is Washington, NC one?

Plymouth is the county seat of Washington County, and its other towns are Roper and Creswell. Washington, NC is a different place: it is the county seat of Beaufort County. Washington County had an estimated 10,638 residents in July 2025.

Source: census.gov; linc.osbm.nc.gov; washconc.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: linc.osbm.nc.gov

3. What is the property tax rate in Washington County?

For 2026-27 Washington County's rate is $0.85 per $100 of assessed value; the last reappraisal was in 2021 and the next is scheduled for 2027. Inside a town you also pay its rate; the state's latest town table, for 2025-26, lists $0.54 in Plymouth, $0.82 in Roper and $0.50 in Creswell, so confirm the current year's town rate with the county tax office. Washington County is also one of seven NC counties that levy a land transfer tax, $1 per $100 of the sale price, when a deed is recorded.

Source: ncdor.gov; perquimanscountync.gov; visitplymouthnc.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: ncdor.gov

4. How far is Plymouth, NC from Raleigh, Greenville and the beach?

Washington County describes itself as 120 miles east of Raleigh, 80 miles west of Nags Head and less than 50 miles from Greenville, with US 64 running through it. Census puts the average commute for county workers at 32.4 minutes (2020-2024). Drive your own route at the hour you would commute before you buy.

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5. How much do homes cost in Plymouth, NC?

Census figures for 2020-2024 put the median value of an owner-occupied home in Washington County at $125,900 and median gross rent at $743 a month. Those are county-wide survey estimates, not current asking prices, so compare recent sales on the street you want.

Source: census.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: census.gov

6. Is there a hospital in Plymouth, NC?

Yes. Washington Regional Medical Center in Plymouth is on the state's list of licensed hospitals as of March 5, 2026, licensed for 25 general beds. For care a small hospital does not offer, the same list shows ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville with 847 general beds.

Source: info.ncdhhs.gov · as of March 5, 2026 · check: info.ncdhhs.gov

7. Does Plymouth, NC flood?

Washington County, Plymouth, Roper and Creswell all take part in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, and their current flood maps took effect January 17, 2025. FEMA lists the county in its Community Rating System at Class 7 (15% listed discount) and the three towns at Class 8 (10%). Check the exact parcel on North Carolina's Flood Risk Information System and get a flood insurance quote early.

Source: fema.gov; fris.nc.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: fris.nc.gov

8. Who provides water in Washington County?

Washington County owns and runs a regional water system built to serve the areas outside the town limits of Plymouth, Roper and Creswell; inside a town, ask town hall. To turn on an existing county tap, the refundable deposit is $60 for an owner and $120 for a renter. Where there is no tap but a main is nearby, a tap fee, deposit and plumbing permit apply under the county's current fee schedule.

Source: washconc.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: washconc.org

9. What is Plymouth, NC known for?

The county points visitors to historic downtown Plymouth, the Albemarle Sound shore at Roper, and the black bears of Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge south of Creswell. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the refuge supports one of the densest black bear populations ever reported. Pettigrew State Park, in Washington and Tyrrell counties, is built around Lake Phelps and the Scuppernong River, where tundra swans winter.

Source: fws.gov; ncparks.gov; washconc.org

10. Can I get a USDA loan or down payment help in Washington County?

USDA's property map shows no ineligible area in Washington County; run the exact address before you count on it. USDA's Guaranteed limit here is $122,800 in maximum adjusted household income for 1 to 4 people and $162,100 for 5 to 8 (as of October 24, 2026). NCHFA's fixed $15,000 NC 1st Home Advantage Down Payment is a 0% forgivable second mortgage (a loan, not a grant), forgiven 20% a year at the end of years 11-15, with county income limits of $117,000 for 1 to 2 people and $137,000 for 3 or more; it is for first-time buyers and veterans, or for a buyer who owns no other property at closing in targeted census tract 9502.01 (check the tract on the FFIEC geocoder), and it can't be combined with NCHFA's 3% assistance. A licensed mortgage broker can confirm which program fits your situation.

Source: eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov; nchfa.com · as of October 24, 2026 · check: eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov

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