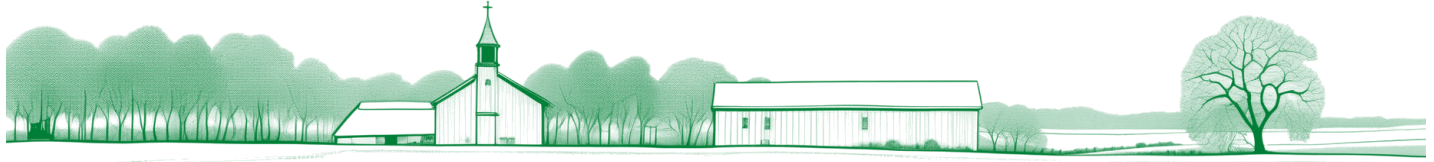




THINKING ABOUT EDGECOMBE COUNTY?

Edgecombe County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



The full Edgecombe County guide. Scan for the neighborhoods, prices, financing and history behind these answers on edgecombecountybuyersbrief.com.

Questions? Call or text Travis at (252) 202-4945.

1. What is the property tax rate in Edgecombe County?

Edgecombe County's rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is 89 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Inside a town you also pay the town's rate; Tarboro's for 2026-27 is 47.5 cents, so a Tarboro home pays a combined \$1.365 per \$100. Outside the towns, parcels also carry a fire district tax, which ranged from 7 to 14.5 cents per \$100 across the county's fire districts in 2025-26. The county's last reappraisal was in 2024.

Source: edgecombecountync.gov; ncdor.gov; tarboro-nc.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: edgecombecountync.gov

2. Where can I find crime statistics for Tarboro, NC?

Use official crime reporting rather than ranking sites. Local law enforcement agencies report crime to the NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the NC Department of Public Safety's NC Justice Data Portal publishes that data by county; not every agency reports every year, and the portal counts all Rocky Mount crimes in Edgecombe County. For questions about a specific area, contact the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office (252-641-7911) or the town police department, such as the Tarboro Police Department.

Source: edgecombecountync.gov; ncdps.gov; ncsbi.gov; tarboro-nc.com

3. Does Tarboro flood?

Parts of the county do: the Town of Tarboro names flash flooding when storm drains are overwhelmed and the Tar River and local creeks overflowing their banks. On the USGS gauge for the Tar River at Tarboro, the two highest crests on record are Hurricane Floyd (41.51 feet, September 1999) and Hurricane Matthew (36.29 feet, October 2016). FEMA lists Tarboro in its Community Rating System at Class 7 (15% listed discount) and Rocky Mount at Class 6 (20%); Edgecombe County's unincorporated areas and its other towns are not in the program. Check a property's flood zone on North Carolina's Flood Risk Information System, and note that standard homeowner policies do not cover flood and a new flood policy usually has a 30-day wait.

Source: fema.gov; nwis.waterdata.usgs.gov; tarboro-nc.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: fema.gov



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4. Is Rocky Mount in Edgecombe County or Nash County?

Both. Edgecombe County says Rocky Mount, its largest municipality, is divided between Nash and Edgecombe counties; Tarboro is the county seat. The side of the line sets the county tax: for 2026-27 the county rate is 89 cents per \$100 in Edgecombe and 63 cents in Nash, and the city adds its 69 cents on either side. Confirm the county on the parcel record before you make an offer.

Source: edgecombecountync.gov; ncdor.gov; rockymountnc.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: ncdor.gov

5. Where is the hospital in Tarboro?

ECU Health Edgecombe Hospital is at 111 Hospital Drive in Tarboro, licensed by the state for 101 general and 16 rehabilitation beds. The larger hospital nearby, Nash General Hospital, is at 2460 Curtis Ellis Drive in Rocky Mount on the Nash County side, licensed for 262 general beds. ECU Health Medical Center is in Greenville.

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

6. How far is Tarboro from Raleigh and Greenville?

Edgecombe County describes itself as about an hour's drive east of Raleigh, and the Town of Tarboro says Greenville and Rocky Mount are under a 30-minute drive. Actual times depend on where in the county you start. Census survey data put the average commute for county workers at 22.5 minutes, and 48.2% of them work outside the county.

Source: data.census.gov; edgecombecountync.gov; tarboro-nc.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: data.census.gov

7. Who provides electric, water and sewer in Edgecombe County?

Inside Tarboro, the town provides electric, water, sewer, garbage and recycling service through its Revenue Office (252-641-4220), and its electric utility is a public power system in the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency. Edgecombe County Water & Sewer serves the county water districts with Tar River water supplied through agreements with Rocky Mount and Tarboro. For a home on a private well or septic system, Edgecombe County Environmental Health handles well permits, septic soil evaluations and existing-system inspections.

Source: edgecombecountync.gov; tarboro-nc.com

8. What school district serves Edgecombe County homes?

Edgecombe County Public Schools serves the county. Since fall 2024 that includes students on the Edgecombe side of Rocky Mount, who were previously in Nash-Rocky Mount Schools, under Senate Bill 248 (Session Law 2023-37). For each school's published results, use the NC Department of Public Instruction's School Report Cards, and confirm the assigned school for a specific address with the district.

Source: ecps.us; ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com; ncleg.gov

9. What do homes cost in Edgecombe County?

The Census Bureau's 2020-2024 survey puts the median value of an owner-occupied home in Edgecombe County at \$125,100. The same survey shows median monthly owner costs of \$1,252 for homes with a mortgage and a median gross rent of \$858. These are survey medians, not current asking prices, so check current listings for today's market.

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10. Can I get a USDA loan in Edgecombe County?

USDA's property map shows an ineligible area only on the Rocky Mount side of the county, about 6% of its land; the Tarboro, Princeville and Pinetops town centers test eligible. USDA's Guaranteed limit for Edgecombe County 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). Run the exact address on USDA's property map, and ask a licensed mortgage broker to confirm your eligibility.

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

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