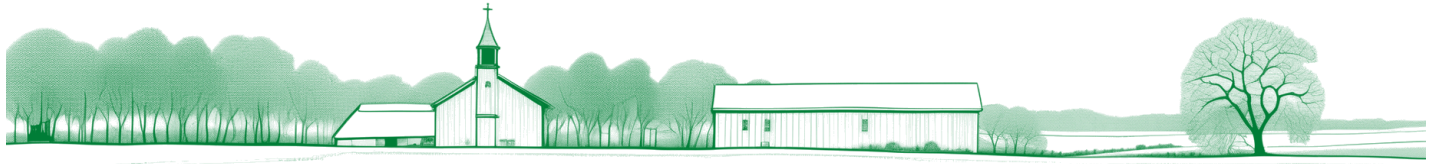




THINKING ABOUT HERTFORD COUNTY?

Hertford County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



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

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

1. What schools serve Hertford County?

The public school district is Hertford County Public Schools. Its schools include Hertford County High School, Hertford County Middle School, Hertford County Early College High School, C.S. Brown High School STEM, Ahoskie Elementary, Bearfield Primary and Riverview Elementary. For each school's results, use the NC School Report Cards published by NC DPI, and confirm the assigned school for a specific address with the district.

Source: dpi.nc.gov; hertford.k12.nc.us

2. How far is Ahoskie from Norfolk, Richmond and Raleigh?

Hertford County's own location page puts the county 55 miles southwest of Norfolk, 105 miles southeast of Richmond and 120 miles northeast of Raleigh. Ahoskie, the county's largest town, sits on US 13, 24 miles south of the Virginia line, and Chowan University in Murfreesboro describes itself as less than 30 miles from I-95. Drive times depend on the exact address, so map the trip from the home you are considering.

Source: ahoskienc.gov; chowan.edu; hertfordcountync.gov

3. What county is Ahoskie in, and how many people live there?

Ahoskie is in Hertford County, and the county seat is Winton; Murfreesboro, Cofield, Como and Harrellsville are also in the county. The Town of Hertford is a different place, in Perquimans County. Hertford County counted 21,552 people in the 2020 Census, and the Census Bureau estimates 19,015 as of July 1, 2025.

Source: ahoskienc.gov; census.gov; ncdor.gov; ncpedia.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: census.gov

4. What do homes cost in Hertford County?

In the Census Bureau's 2020-2024 survey, the median value of owner-occupied homes in Hertford County was \$119,200 and the median gross rent was \$844 a month. Owners with a mortgage reported median monthly housing costs of \$1,285. These are survey medians of what owners and renters reported, not current asking prices, so look at active listings and recent sales in the town you want.

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



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5. Who provides water, and are homes on wells and septic?

Ahoskie, Murfreesboro, Cofield, Winton and Union have their own water systems, and Hertford County Rural Water serves the rural areas through a Northern and a Southern district with 328 miles of water lines, interconnected with those systems. A home off any water line uses a private well. Albemarle Regional Health Services serves Hertford County and permits septic systems and private drinking water wells, so ask for the septic permit and a recent well test before you close.

Source: arhs-nc.org; hertfordcountync.gov

6. Where can I find crime statistics for Ahoskie, NC?

Crime figures for Hertford County come from incident reports (NIBRS) that law enforcement agencies send to the NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the NC Justice Data Portal shows them at the county level. The Hertford County Sheriff's Office covers the county, and Ahoskie, Murfreesboro and Winton have their own police departments. Look up the numbers yourself and call the agency with questions.

Source: hertfordcountync.gov; ncdps.gov

7. Is there a hospital in Ahoskie?

Yes. ECU Health Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie is a 114-bed community hospital, and its 15-bed emergency department sees about 20,000 patients a year. It opened in 1948 and serves nearly 40,000 residents across Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Gates counties.

Source: careers.ecuhealth.org; ecuhealth.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: careers.ecuhealth.org

8. What is Hertford County known for?

Hertford County was formed in 1759 and partly borders Virginia. Winton, the county seat on the Chowan River, was the first North Carolina town burned during the Civil War, on February 20, 1862. Chowan University in Murfreesboro traces its start to 1848, and Roanoke-Chowan Community College and ECU Health Roanoke-Chowan Hospital are in Ahoskie.

Source: careers.ecuhealth.org; chowan.edu; dnrc.nc.gov; ncpedia.org; roanokechowan.edu

9. What is the property tax rate in Hertford County?

Hertford County's rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is \$0.84 per \$100 of assessed value, or \$840 a year on a \$100,000 assessment; the county last reappraised in 2019 and next reappraises in 2027. Inside a town you also pay the town rate, which NCDOR's latest municipal table (fiscal 2025-26) lists as \$0.81 for Ahoskie, \$0.66 for Murfreesboro and \$0.65 for Winton. In 2025-26 some rural areas also carried a fire district rate of 4 or 5 cents per \$100.

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

10. Can I get a USDA loan or down payment help here?

USDA's map shows no ineligible area in Hertford County, Ahoskie included, but run the exact address; the Guaranteed loan's limit is \$122,800 in maximum adjusted household income for 1 to 4 people and \$162,100 for 5 to 8 (as of 2026-10-24). NCHFA's NC 1st Home Advantage Down Payment is a fixed \$15,000 for first-time buyers and veterans with Hertford County household income up to \$117,000 (1 to 2 people) or \$137,000 (3 or more); it is a 0% forgivable second mortgage (a loan, not a grant), forgiven 20% a year at the end of years 11-15. It can't be combined with NCHFA's other option, up to 3% of the loan amount for incomes up to \$158,000, and buying in census tract 9501.02 waives only the \$15,000's first-time-buyer rule. A licensed mortgage broker can tell you which you qualify for.

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



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