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Pasquotank County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



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

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

Official crime figures for Pasquotank County come from incident reports (NIBRS) that local agencies send to the NC State Bureau of Investigation. The NC Justice Data Portal shows those figures at the state and county level, with crime rates calculated from reporting agencies' offenses and the population they serve. Local law enforcement is the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Office and, inside the city, the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Source: co.pasquotank.nc.us; elizabethcitync.gov; ncdps.gov; ncsbi.gov

2. What is the property tax rate in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County?

Pasquotank County's rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is $0.67 per $100 of assessed value, up from $0.62 in 2025-26; values were last reappraised in 2022 and the next reappraisal is scheduled for 2030. A home inside Elizabeth City also pays the city rate, which was $0.59 per $100 in the latest state table (2025-26), and the downtown service district adds $0.063. Part of Elizabeth City lies in Camden County, which has its own county rate, so check which county the parcel is in.

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

3. Does Elizabeth City flood, and does it get hurricanes?

Low areas along the Pasquotank River and its creeks do flood. The National Weather Service gauge at Mariners Wharf Park lists major flooding at 3.5 feet, where its impact notes say much of downtown floods, including businesses along US 158, E. Grice Street and Wharf Park; the highest crest on that gauge's record is 3.75 feet on August 4, 2020. Pasquotank County uses North Carolina's Know Your Zone hurricane evacuation zones, so look up both the FEMA flood zone and the evacuation zone for the exact address.

Source: api.water.noaa.gov; camdencountync.gov; msc.fema.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: water.noaa.gov

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4. What do homes cost in Elizabeth City, and what is the cost of living?

Census survey figures for Pasquotank County (2020-2024) put the median value of owner-occupied homes at $234,600 and the median gross rent at $1,170 a month. Owners with a mortgage had median monthly housing costs of $1,554, and the median household income was $66,589. These are multi-year survey figures, so ask for recent sales of similar homes before you set a budget.

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

5. What hospital serves Elizabeth City? Is the new hospital open?

Sentara Albemarle Medical Center in Elizabeth City is the local hospital. Its new 90-bed building opened on August 8, 2025, replacing a 65-year-old hospital owned by Pasquotank County, and the new emergency department opened that morning. The new hospital has a ten-bed unit where mothers labor, deliver and recover in one room.

Source: sentara.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: sentara.com

6. How far is Elizabeth City from Norfolk, the beach and an airport?

The City of Elizabeth City lists Norfolk and Portsmouth, Virginia, and Norfolk International Airport (the nearest major airport) as about 50 miles north, and Interstate 64 as 35 miles away. Elizabeth City Regional Airport, 3 miles southeast of the city, serves light and general aviation aircraft. The school district describes the Outer Banks and Virginia Beach as each about one hour away; the Outer Banks route runs US 158 through Currituck County into Kitty Hawk.

Source: ecgairport.com; ecpps.k12.nc.us; elizabethcitync.gov; kittyhawknc.gov

7. Who provides water, sewer and electric service in Elizabeth City?

Inside city limits, the City of Elizabeth City generally provides water, sewer and electric service; the city is a public power city and a member of ElectriCities of NC, and new accounts are set up at City Customer Service, 306 East Colonial Avenue (252-338-3981). Outside city limits, water service generally comes from Pasquotank County Utilities at 317 Pritchard St. Where there is no sewer, a home uses a septic system, and Albemarle Regional Health Services does the site evaluations and permits for Pasquotank County.

Source: arhs-nc.org; co.pasquotank.nc.us; elizabethcitync.gov

8. What internet service can I get in Elizabeth City?

Most households in Pasquotank County have a broadband subscription: the Census puts the share at 91.7% for 2020-2024. Providers and speeds vary from one address to the next, so look up the exact address on the FCC National Broadband Map before you buy, and ask the sellers which service they use.

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

9. What schools serve Elizabeth City, and how can I compare them?

Public schools in Elizabeth City and the rest of Pasquotank County are run by Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools. The NC Department of Public Instruction publishes a School Report Card for every public school, including charter schools, with student performance, academic growth and school characteristics, at ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com/src/. Confirm the assigned school for a specific address with the district.

Source: dpi.nc.gov; ecpps.k12.nc.us; ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com

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10. Is Elizabeth City eligible for a USDA home loan?

USDA's property map shows no ineligible area in Pasquotank County, including inside Elizabeth City, in a check of the map layer on 2026-10-24. Eligibility still depends on the exact address and on household income: the Guaranteed loan limit for Pasquotank County is $122,800 for 1-4 people and $162,100 for 5-8 (maximum adjusted household income). Run the exact address on USDA's map, and talk to a licensed mortgage broker for loan certainty.

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

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