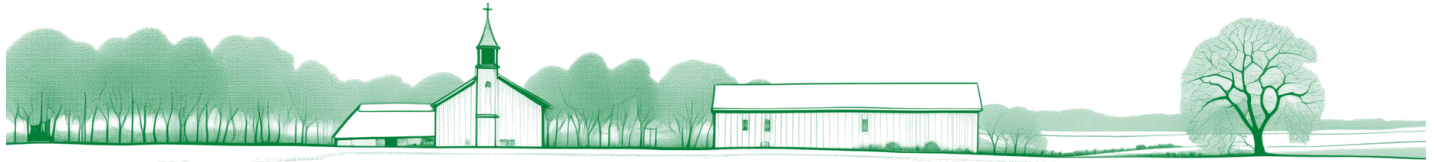




THINKING ABOUT MARTIN COUNTY?

Martin County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



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

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

1. Is there a hospital in Williamston or Martin County?

Not an operating hospital today. Martin General Hospital in Williamston closed in 2023, and the county manager has described the change as going from a hospital within 10 miles of any point in the county to 20 miles at best. On July 7, 2026, ECU Health and Martin County said \$25 million in the state budget plus \$35 million in NC Care funds lets them work toward a formal agreement to re-establish care; ECU Health's plan is a Rural Emergency Hospital offering emergency, observation and outpatient care. For now the nearest open hospitals include ECU Health Beaufort Hospital in Washington and ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville.

Source: ecuhealth.org; info.ncdhhs.gov; wunc.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: ecuhealth.org

2. What is the property tax rate in Martin County?

Martin County's rate for 2026-27 is \$0.72 per \$100 of assessed value, unchanged from 2025-26; the county reappraised in 2025 and the next reappraisal is scheduled for 2033. Inside town limits a town rate is added: for 2025-26, NC DOR lists Williamston at \$0.68 (combined \$1.40) and Robersonville at \$0.70 (combined \$1.42). The county's fire districts add \$0.04 to \$0.08 per \$100 where they apply (2025-26). Confirm the current rates on the parcel's tax bill before you budget.

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

3. How far is Williamston from Greenville?

By an OpenStreetMap road-routing estimate, Williamston is about 28 miles from Greenville, roughly 45 minutes without traffic. The same estimate puts Robersonville about 21 miles from Greenville, and Williamston about 100 miles, close to two hours, from Raleigh. Times vary with the exact address, so map the trip from the home you are considering.

Source: router.project-osrm.org

4. How many people live in Martin County?

The Census Bureau estimates Martin County at 21,601 people on July 1, 2025, down from 22,031 at the 2020 Census. Williamston is estimated at 5,086, down from 5,248 in 2020, and Robersonville at 1,237.

Source: tigerweb.geo.census.gov; www2.census.gov · as of July 1, 2025 · check: data.census.gov



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5. Where can I find crime statistics for Williamston, NC?

Official crime figures come from the NC State Bureau of Investigation, which publishes reported offenses by agency and county, with 2024 the latest year listed. The state's NC Justice Data Portal also has county-level dashboards refreshed every quarter. The Martin County Sheriff's Office in Williamston can answer questions about a specific area.

Source: martincountyncgov.com; ncdps.gov; ncsbi.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: ncsbi.gov

6. What school district serves Martin County?

Public schools in the county are run by Martin County Schools. For test scores, growth and other school data, use the NC Department of Public Instruction's School Report Cards.

Source: martin.k12.nc.us; ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com

7. Who provides water in Martin County, and what does it cost?

Towns such as Williamston run their own water systems. In the countryside, Martin County operates two water districts: District 1 serves close to 1,000 customers in the northwest and District 2 about 1,000 in the south. The county's water FAQ lists a base rate of \$50 a month including 1,000 gallons, plus \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons after that, a schedule it dates to July 2018. Ask whether a rural home is on a district line or a private well.

Source: martincountyncgov.com; townofwilliamston.com · as of October 25, 2026 · check: martincountyncgov.com

8. What does it cost to live in Martin County?

Census survey data for 2020 to 2024 put the median owner-occupied home value at \$109,700 in Martin County and \$107,100 in Williamston, against \$288,900 statewide. Median gross rent was \$758 in the county and \$684 in Williamston, against \$1,228 statewide. Median household income was \$48,578 in the county, against \$72,388 statewide.

Source: www2.census.gov · as of December 31, 2024 · check: data.census.gov

9. What is there to do in Williamston and Martin County?

The Town of Williamston points visitors and residents to the Roanoke River and its woodlands for boating, paddling, camping, birding, fishing and hunting. A one-mile rail trail runs from downtown to the river boardwalk, and the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center hosts equestrian and other events. The town also lists the Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge and a walking tour of downtown architecture.

Source: townofwilliamston.com

10. Can I use a USDA loan or NCHFA help in Martin County?

USDA's map shows no ineligible area in Martin County, Williamston included; run the exact address on USDA's property map before relying on it. USDA's Guaranteed 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, a 0% forgivable second mortgage (a loan, not a grant) forgiven 20% a year at the end of years 11-15, for Martin County household incomes up to \$117,000 (1 to 2 people) or \$137,000 (3 or more) and homes up to \$525,000. A licensed mortgage broker can confirm what 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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