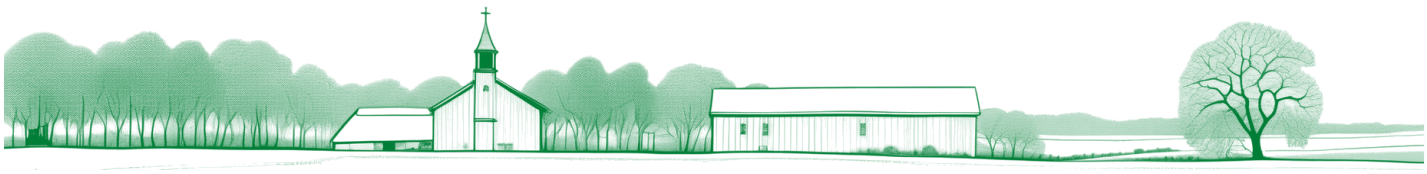
THINKING ABOUT WILSON COUNTY?

Wilson County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



Questions about Wilson County? Call or text Travis at **(252) 632-8681**.

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

Crime data for Wilson 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 list of reporting agencies for the year you look at. For a question about a specific area, contact the Wilson County Sheriff's Office or, inside a city or town, its police department.

Source: ncdps.gov; ncsbi.gov

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

Wilson County's rate for fiscal 2026-27 is $0.595 per $100 of assessed value; the county last reappraised in 2024 and plans the next in 2029. Inside the City of Wilson, the 2026-27 budget the council passed on June 18, 2026 kept the city rate at $0.525, with $0.18 more inside the downtown Municipal Service District. Outside the city, a fire district rate applies depending on location (from $0 to $0.13 in the state's 2025-26 table).

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

3. What internet service is available in Wilson?

Greenlight Community Broadband, owned by the City of Wilson, has offered fiber to homes and businesses since 2008, and its network passes every home and business in the city. It also serves several locations elsewhere in Wilson County, and in April 2025 the state awarded a rural expansion project in the county to Brightspeed covering 791 homes and businesses. Census estimates that 86.4% of City of Wilson households had a broadband subscription in 2020-2024; check any address outside the city on the FCC National Broadband Map.

Source: census.gov; greenlightnc.com; ncbroadband.gov · as of October 25, 2026 · check: broadbandmap.fcc.gov

4. What are utility bills like in Wilson, NC?

Inside the city, the City of Wilson provides electric, natural gas, water and sewer service; Wilson Energy serves about 37,000 electric and 17,000 natural gas customers. The city put the average residential bill for all of those services plus stormwater and trash at $313.56 a month before its 2026-27 budget and $319.75 with the fee changes in the 2026-27 budget the council passed on June 18, 2026. Drinking water is treated at the Toisnot and Wiggins Mill water treatment plants. Outside the city, ask the seller which providers serve the address and for recent bills.

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5. Is Wilson, NC expensive to live in?

Census figures for 2020-2024 put the median value of an owner-occupied home at $210,700 in the City of Wilson and $186,000 across Wilson County. Median gross rent was $971 a month in the city and $953 county-wide, and median household income was $52,485 in the city and $56,423 in the county. These are survey estimates, not today's asking prices, so compare them with recent sales where you want to buy.

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

6. How far is Wilson from Raleigh?

The City of Wilson describes itself as about 40 miles east of Raleigh, near Interstate 95 and US 264. Census survey data for 2020-2024 show that 30.0% of Wilson County workers work in another North Carolina county and the average trip to work is 22.5 minutes. Drive your own route at commute time before you buy.

Source: data.census.gov; wilsonnc.org · as of October 25, 2026 · check: wilsonnc.org

7. What hospital serves Wilson?

Wilson Medical Center at 1705 Tarboro Street SW in Wilson is the hospital the state lists in Wilson County. As of March 5, 2026 it is licensed for 270 general and 24 psychiatric beds.

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

8. How do I get a septic or well permit in Wilson County?

Wilson County Environmental Health evaluates each site for a septic system based on its soil, topography and intended use, and issues or denies permits under state law; it does not do perc tests. Applications are submitted through the county's online OpenGov portal, and septic records can be requested by email. A new private well needs a permit, $300 including the water sample after installation, and must be located, built and sampled before it is used.

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

9. How are the schools in Wilson County?

The NC Department of Public Instruction publishes a School Report Card for every public school in the state, including Wilson County's. Look up the schools for a specific address on the NC School Report Cards site, and confirm the assigned schools with the school district before you buy, since assignments can change.

Source: ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com

10. Can I use a USDA loan in Wilson County?

USDA's property map puts the City of Wilson and some land around it in its ineligible area (about 13% of the county's land), while the Black Creek, Elm City, Lucama, Saratoga, Sims and Stantonsburg town centers test eligible; run the exact address. USDA's Guaranteed income limit for Wilson County is $122,800 in adjusted household income for 1 to 4 people and $162,100 for 5 to 8 (as of 2026-10-24). NCHFA's fixed $15,000 first-time buyer and veteran help has Wilson County income limits of $117,000 (1 to 2 people) and $137,000 (3 or more) and a $525,000 price limit; it is a 0% forgivable second mortgage (a loan, not a grant), forgiven 20% a year at the end of years 11-15, and in five listed Wilson census tracts the first-time-buyer rule is waived (check the tract on the FFIEC geocoder). A licensed mortgage broker can confirm which program fits your situation.

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

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