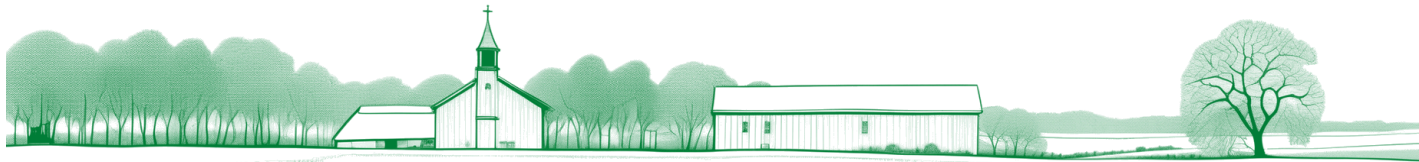




THINKING ABOUT HALIFAX COUNTY?

Halifax County: 10 Questions Buyers Ask

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



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

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

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

Crime figures for Halifax County and its towns come from the National Incident-Based Reporting System: law enforcement agencies report to the NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the state's NC Justice Data Portal publishes county-level dashboards that are refreshed every quarter. The Halifax County Sheriff's Office can answer questions about a specific area.

Source: halifaxncsheriff.com; ncdps.gov

2. Is there a hospital in Roanoke Rapids?

Yes. ECU Health North Hospital on Smith Church Road in Roanoke Rapids is a 204-bed hospital serving Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties. It has a 24-hour emergency department and offers medical and surgical services, diagnostics, and specialty and primary care.

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

3. What school district serves Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County?

Halifax County has three public school districts: Roanoke Rapids Graded School District, Halifax County Schools and Weldon City Schools. The district follows the property's address, so confirm it for the specific home. Each school's state data is on the NC School Report Cards site run by NC DPI.

Source: dpi.nc.gov; halifaxdevelopment.com; ncfvapublicprod.ondemand.sas.com

4. What is there to do in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County?

Water is the main draw: Lake Gaston is about 34 miles long with 350 miles of shoreline, and Lake Gaston, Roanoke Rapids Lake and the Roanoke River are fished year round for striped bass, largemouth bass and walleye. The Roanoke Canal Trail runs about seven miles from the Roanoke Rapids Lake dam to River Falls Park in Weldon. Medoc Mountain State Park covers more than 2,300 acres for hiking.

Source: halifaxdevelopment.com



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5. What is the property tax rate in Halifax County and Roanoke Rapids?

Halifax County's rate for fiscal year 2026-27 is \$0.70 per \$100 of assessed value; the last countywide revaluation was 2024 and the next is scheduled for 2028. Inside a town, the town rate is added; the latest state table (fiscal year 2025-26) lists Roanoke Rapids at \$0.641, Weldon \$0.72, Scotland Neck \$0.73, Enfield \$0.927, Littleton \$0.69, Halifax \$0.62 and Hobgood \$0.72. Fire and school districts can add more: in 2025-26 the Roanoke Rapids school district levied \$0.215 and Weldon's \$0.20. Towns set new rates each budget year, so check the current bill for the exact parcel.

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

6. What county is Lake Gaston in?

Lake Gaston straddles the North Carolina and Virginia line, and on the North Carolina side its shoreline touches Warren, Halifax and Northampton counties. Dominion Energy, which runs the Gaston dam, lists the reservoir at 20,300 acres with 350 miles of shoreline and publishes the lake's water level, flow and quality information. The Lake Gaston Day Use Area has a public swimming area and boat ramp. A lake or Littleton mailing address does not settle the county, so check the parcel's county on its tax record.

Source: dominionenergy.com; visitnc.com

7. Who provides water and sewer in Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County?

The Roanoke Rapids Sanitary District supplies water and sewer to Roanoke Rapids, Gaston and some areas outside the district, drawing from Roanoke Rapids Lake. Halifax County Public Utilities runs a countywide water system with more than 500 miles of line, and the towns of Weldon, Scotland Neck, Littleton, Halifax, Hobgood and Enfield run their own systems. Homes off public sewer or water use a septic system or private well, and Halifax County Environmental Health issues those permits before any building permit for new work, so ask for the septic and well records on a home before you close.

Source: halifaxdevelopment.com; halifaxnc.com

8. How far is Roanoke Rapids from Raleigh and Richmond?

Halifax County's Economic Development Commission lists Raleigh at 75 miles, Richmond at 80 miles and Norfolk at 90 miles, and says the county is within 90 minutes of Raleigh, Durham, Greenville, Richmond and Hampton Roads. Interstate 95 runs through the county. Amtrak passenger trains stop in nearby Rocky Mount and Raleigh. Drive times from a specific house vary, so map the trip from that address.

Source: halifaxdevelopment.com

9. What is the cost of living in Roanoke Rapids?

The Census Bureau's figures are for all of Halifax County, not Roanoke Rapids alone. Its 2020-2024 survey put the median value of an owner-occupied home at \$106,200, the median gross rent at \$813 a month, and the median monthly owner cost with a mortgage at \$1,205. Median household income over the same period was \$45,590. These are multi-year survey medians, not current prices, so ask for recent sales of similar homes before you set a budget.

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



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10. Can I get a USDA loan or down payment help in Halifax County?

USDA's map shows no ineligible area in Halifax County, Roanoke Rapids and Weldon included, but run the exact address on USDA's property map; 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 household income up to \$117,000 (1 to 2 people) or \$137,000 (3 or more) on homes up to \$525,000; 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 one of the county's targeted census tracts (9304.00, 9305.04, 9308.00, 9309.02) waives only the first-time-buyer rule. A licensed mortgage broker can confirm whether a specific loan fits.

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

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