

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Welcome Home

The Town of Edenton, nestled along the shores of the Albemarle Sound and Edenton Bay, is an architectural masterpiece boasting hundreds of 18th-20th century homes, including the oldest wooden structure in North Carolina circa 1718.

Edenton was the first colonial capital of North Carolina and home to a number of Founding Fathers and the first organized political action by women in our country's history. Today the town serves as the seat of Chowan County, the smallest county in the State of North Carolina.

The county offers an abundance of historic landmarks, architecture, recreational activities, agricultural and aquatic resources. Today, we celebrate our past, look forward to the future, and welcome people from all over the world to what Forbes.com named One of America's Prettiest Towns.

Come see why for over 300 years people have been calling Edenton and Chowan County home!



Quick Facts

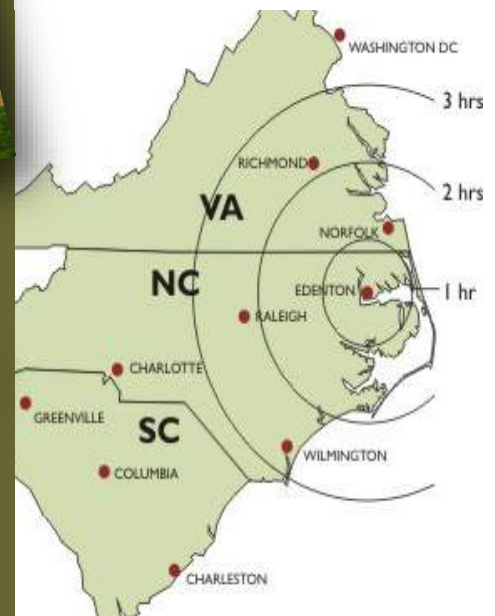
Chowan County est. 1668
Town of Edenton est. 1712
County Population ~ 14,726
Town Population ~ 4,790
Median Age ~ 45
County Median Household Income ~ \$36,385

Climate

Averages
Temperature ~ 56 F
High ~ 71 F
Low ~ 49
Annual Snowfall ~ 4.5 inches

Property Tax Rate

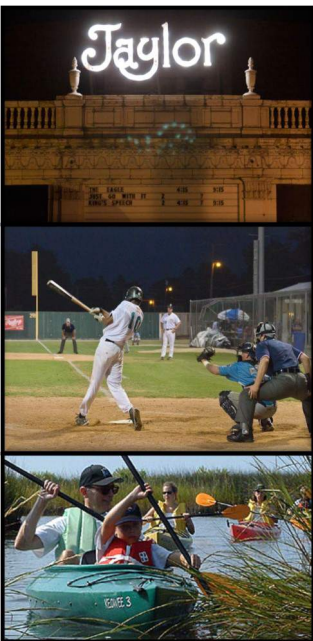
Per \$100/value
Chowan County ~ \$.74
Town of Edenton ~ \$.3850
County Fire ~ \$.055
Sales Tax Rate ~ 6.75%





Quality of Life

Small town charm and limitless opportunities for fun, embrace a simpler, stress free life along Edenton Bay.



The tree lined streets of historic Edenton lead to a vibrant historic town center filled with everything from boutique shops and antique stores, restaurants, and a historic movie theater. Whether you need a special gift or an everyday necessity - Edenton's merchants are here to help. Spend an afternoon with the family on the waterfront, relax with a picnic at the waterfront park or enjoy a variety of restaurants from casual eateries to upscale dining. Businesses are all locally owned and the community embraces the spirit of shopping local. Enjoy first run movie at the historic **Taylor Movie Theatre** with comfortable seating and popcorn available nightly.

The oldest remaining wooden grandstand of its type in North Carolina, **Historic Hicks Field**, is home to the Edenton Steamers, a collegiate summer baseball team. The field was a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project built in the 1930s. Take a step back in time and enjoy baseball the way it was intended to be—up close with friends and family.

The area is home to artisans and craftspeople from all over the world and the **Chowan Arts Council and Gallery Shop** features many of these artisans and hosts a rotation of exhibits throughout the year. If you find a piece you love,

you can take it home!

The Links at Mulberry Hill, located on the Albemarle Sound 7 miles from the heart of Edenton, offers an 18-hole course, designed by Ellis Maples, driving range, practice green, swimming pool and tennis courts. There are also golf courses and amenities at nearby Scotch Hall and Albemarle Plantation.

The surrounding waters of Edenton Bay, the Chowan River and the Albemarle Sound offer year round recreation opportunities, including miles of paddling trails, fishing, and boating. **The Town of Edenton** rents kayaks, paddle boards, and canoes on the waterfront and the **Recreation Department** offers sailing classes during the summer. Getting on the water is easy with public launches throughout the area.



Local Abundance

Locally Grown Year Round

Agriculture has been an economic driver in Chowan County since its inception in 1663. Today, local produce, seafood, meat, and goods are abundant from road side stands and local farmers markets throughout the region. Edenton has it's own farmers market every Saturday May-December. It is easy to get to know the local farmers, because they are literally your neighbors.

www.edentonfarmersmarket.com/

Healthcare

Vidant Chowan Hospital, located in historic Edenton, provides services and programs to 45,000 people in four counties and offers a wide range of services and health care specialties. Vidant Chowan Hospital's partnership with Vidant Health provides access to state-of-the-art services provided by an academic medical center. The medical staff includes some of the finest primary care, pediatric, internal medicine physicians and surgeons in the region with a telemedicine link with the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Special medical and surgical services include intensive care, a surgical center, emergency department, an expanded labor and delivery suite and bone density screening. <https://www.vidanthealth.com/chowan/>



"From shops selling funky and eclectic art and a scenic waterfront that includes a restored 1886 lighthouse to historic homes and delicious food, Edenton more than exceeds that prettiest town designation."

~Felicia L. Mason

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Annual Events

Spring & Summer

Pilgrimage or Easels in the Garden
(alternating years)
Boogie on Broad
Music and Water Festival
July 4th Celebration and Fireworks
Shrimp by the Bay
Chowan County Regional Fair

Autumn & Winter

Peanut Festival
Edenton Tea Party Month
Christmas Candlelight Tour

For more information on upcoming events:
www.visitedenton.com



A Home For Every Lifestyle

The median listing price for a home in Chowan County is \$210,000 and homes range from less than \$100,000 to over a million. No matter your desires, there is a home for you and the lifestyle you desire. Whether you dream of a waterfront condo, a new build in the country, or a historic home in town. The rural county and the small town of Edenton offer a variety of options. Contact one of our local realtors for a more in-depth look at the local market.

Edenton, North Carolina A Certified Retirement Community

Designated a "North Carolina Certified Retirement Community" in 2014, Edenton has long been a sought after retirement destination providing:

- * Reasonable housing prices,
- * A moderate climate,
- * Easy access to quality healthcare,
- * And, a variety of social and civic organizations that encourage retirees to participate.

Retirees are engaged in the community as it integrates its historic past with a vibrant future.

For more information on retiring in Edenton visit www.edenton.net/retirement or call 252.482.2007

Did You Know?

Edenton was an epicenter of life and political thought in Colonial North Carolina. It was home to signers of the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution, Justices of the Supreme Court, and the first organization political action by women just to name a few. The town is a living museum of history and architecture.

Education For Every Age

Edenton-Chowan School District: www.ecps.k12.nc.us

- * Average enrollment 1,700 students
- * Teacher-Student Ratio: 1:20
- * 26% of teachers hold advanced degrees
- * 40 National Board Certified Teachers
- * Early College Program allows high school students to earn college credit
- * All district schools are accredited by the State of North Carolina and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



College of the Albemarle Edenton-Chowan Campus: www.albemarle.edu/

Part of the larger College of the Albemarle system which serves seven counties (Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans), the Edenton-Chowan Campus offers a wide range of programs and services including curriculum college programs, continuing education, Small Business Center development, basic skills, GED/AHS and personal enrichment classes.

Keeping You Safe

The Chowan County Sheriffs Office and Edenton Police Department work closely together to maintain the safety and security of the county and its residents. The county and town both maintain lower than average crime rates and this is due in part to interdepartmental cooperation.

Both the Sheriffs Office and Edenton Police Department are charged with enforcing the law, investigating crimes, apprehending criminals. The County provides custody and control of arrested persons in detention facilities and serves the court system by service of civil and criminal process and furnishing court security. The departments share operational facilities at the Chowan County Public Safety Building and both have a variety of community programs aimed at engaging community members of all ages in an effort to dissuade and mitigate crime. If you would like more information on specific programs and statistics, please contact the department directly.

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