

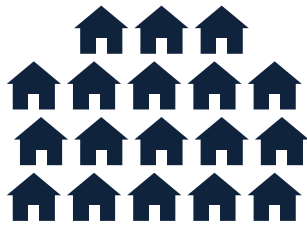


MARKET INSIGHTS · LAST 12 MONTHS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Zebulon

Zebulon Homes Sell at 100.0% of Asking Price

Over the last 12 months, 60 of 65 Zebulon listings sold, and typical homes went for 100.0% of the first asking price in 57 days. Homes priced right from the start sold in 54 days, while the 7 that needed price cuts took 89 days and still landed at 95.6% of asking.



18 sold

out of every 20 listed



2 didn't

expired, withdrawn or canceled

65

homes finished on the market

60

sold

5 (8%)

didn't sell

57

median days to sell from the first day listed

100.0%

sold vs. first asking price

\$349,777

median sold price

Which pile do you want to be in?

Solid houses sold. Outlined houses expired, were withdrawn or were canceled.

What waiting costs

A typical \$349,777 home, per month

Mortgage (principal + interest)	\$1,867
Property taxes	\$152
Homeowners insurance	\$250
Upkeep	\$291
Utilities	\$250
Total	\$2,810

About \$2,810 every month the home sits.

Listings that didn't sell stayed on the market a median of 130 days — roughly \$12,000 in holding costs, and the home still didn't sell.

An example, not a quote: 20% down, 30-year fixed at 7.03% (Freddie Mac average, 2026-09-24); Johnston County rate 0.52 per \$100 (NC Department of Revenue, 2025-26 county rates); town taxes add more inside town limits; insurance, upkeep (1% of value a year) and utilities are typical estimates. If your home is paid off, the mortgage line drops out — the rest still adds up.

Priced right from day one vs. chasing the market

54

median days to sell when priced right
53 homes that sold at 97%+ of first asking

89

median days when price cuts were needed
7 homes · sold for 95.6% of first asking



What this means if you're selling

- Price it right from day one — homes priced correctly sold in 54 days versus 89 days for those needing cuts.
- Listings that never sold sat a median of 130 days and still needed a 1.3% price cut.
- 9% of contracts fell apart, but 83% of those homes later sold, often within 38 more days.
- If your home doesn't sell in the first stretch, be ready to adjust — waiting costs time, not just money.

Price range matters

Starting price	Finished	Sold	Didn't sell	Days to sell	vs. first ask
\$300–400K	50	46	8%	52	100.0%
\$400–500K	12	12	0%	91	100.0%

When contracts fall apart

9%

of contracts fell apart before closing
6 of about 66

83%

of those homes later sold

17%

never sold

100.9%

sold vs. first ask after a fall-through
vs. 100.0% on the first contract

38

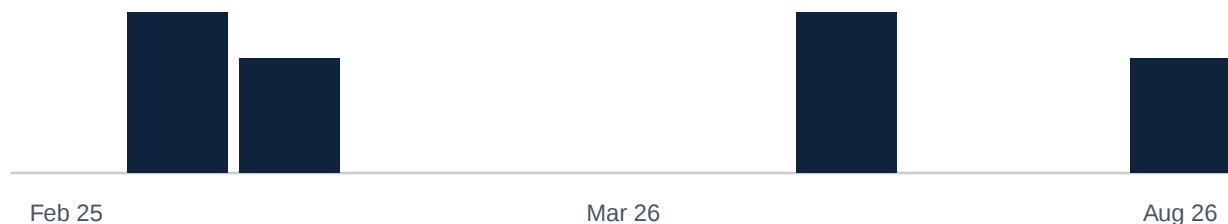
median days to sell after a fall-through
vs. 59 on the first contract

The MLS doesn't record why a contract ends. In our experience the most common reasons are home inspection findings, appraisals that come in below the price, and buyer financing — which is why preparing the home and pricing it to appraise matter before it goes on the market.

How buyers paid on closed sales: conventional loans 55% · cash 13% · VA 10% · FHA 20% · other 2%.

Share of listings that didn't sell, by month

Latest month: 14% didn't sell



What this means if you're buying

- 30% of Zebulon homes sold below the first asking price — there's room to negotiate.
- Homes that don't sell in the first 54 days often need a price cut to move.
- Most buyers here use conventional loans (55%), with FHA (20%) and cash (13%) also common.



Did you know?

- In Zebulon, 1 in 13 listings didn't sell in the last 12 months, down from 1 in 8 the year before.
- Homes where the first contract fell apart and later sold went for 100.9% of asking — even higher than first-time sales.
- An estimated typical mortgage payment on a \$349,777 home at 7.03% runs about \$2,810 a month.

Want this for your street?

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How these numbers are counted

Homes only (single-family, townhomes and condos) in the last 12 months. "Didn't sell" means the listing expired, was withdrawn or was canceled; some owners take a home off the market for reasons that have nothing to do with the market. Days to sell count from the first day a home was listed, including relistings. "First asking" is the first list price. Contract fall-throughs are listings that came back on the market after going under contract. Source: Hive MLS data, compiled by the Buddy Blake Team. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.