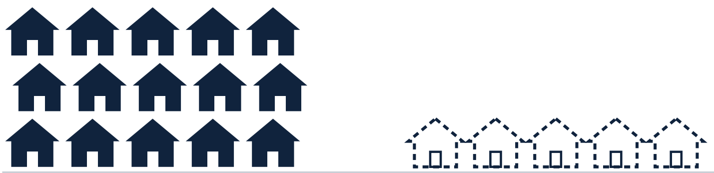
MARKET INSIGHTS · LAST 12 MONTHS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

ZIP 28480 · Wrightsville Beach

In ZIP 28480, 1 in 4 homes listed didn't sell

In the last 12 months, 127 homes finished their time on the market in ZIP code 28480 (Wrightsville Beach area): 93 sold and 34 did not — about 1 in 4. The ones that sold took a median of 48 days, counted from the first day listed, and closed at 93.8% of their first asking price.



15 sold
out of every 20 listed

5 didn't
expired, withdrawn or canceled

Which pile do you want to be in?

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 Outlined houses expired, were withdrawn or were canceled.

127
homes finished on the market

48
median days to sell
from the first day listed

93
sold

93.8%
sold vs. first asking price

34 (27%)
didn't sell

$1,734,600
median sold price

What waiting costs

A typical $1,734,600 home, per month	
Mortgage (principal + interest)	$9,186
Property taxes	$442
Homeowners insurance	$250
Upkeep	$1,446
Utilities	$250
Total	**$11,570**

About $11,570 every month the home sits.

Listings that didn't sell stayed on the market a median of 134 days — roughly $50,800 in holding costs, and the home still didn't sell.

An example, not a quote: 20% down, 30-year fixed at 6.95% (Freddie Mac average, 2026-09-17); New Hanover County rate 0.306 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

5
median days to sell when priced right
26 homes that sold at 97%+ of first asking

91
median days when price cuts were needed
67 homes · sold for 91.4% of first asking

What this means if you're selling

- Homes priced right from day one sold in a median of 5 days. Homes that needed price cuts took 91 days and sold for 91.4% of their first price.
- Waiting costs money. A $1,734,600 home runs about $11,570 a month to hold — roughly $50,800 over the time a typical unsold listing sat.
- About 1 in 10 contracts fell apart before closing. Homes that went back on the market sold for 79.5% of first asking, versus 94.4% for homes that closed on the first contract.

Price range matters

Starting price	Finished	Sold	Didn't sell	Days to sell	vs. first ask
$500–750K	14	10	**29%**	95	91.5%
$1M+	100	74	**26%**	48	93.7%

When contracts fall apart

10%
of contracts fell apart before closing
10 of about 103

60%
of those homes later sold

20%
never sold

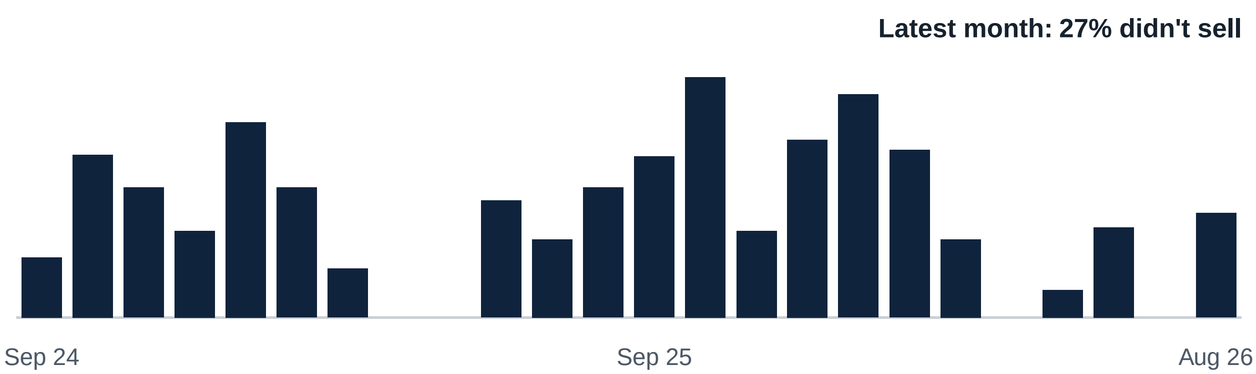
79.5%
sold vs. first ask after a fall-through
vs. 94.4% on the first contract

160
median days to sell after a fall-through
vs. 36 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 34% · cash 57% · VA 2% · FHA 0% · other 7%.

Share of listings that didn't sell, by month



What this means if you're buying

- 83% of homes sold below their first asking price — the first price is often a starting point.
- Homes that sit usually sit for a reason. Listings that didn't sell stayed on the market a median of 134 days.

Did you know?

- 57% of buyers paid cash, and 2% used VA loans.
- A year earlier, 27% of listings didn't sell; now it's 27%.
- When a contract fell apart, 20% of those homes never sold at all.

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.