

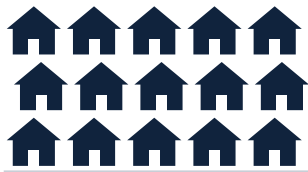


MARKET INSIGHTS · LAST 12 MONTHS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

ZIP 28516 · Beaufort

In ZIP 28516, 1 in 4 homes listed didn't sell

In the last 12 months, 390 homes finished their time on the market in ZIP code 28516 (Beaufort area): 286 sold and 104 did not — about 1 in 4. The ones that sold took a median of 61 days, counted from the first day listed, and closed at 96.3% of their first asking price.



15 sold

out of every 20 listed



5 didn't

expired, withdrawn or canceled

390

homes finished on the market

61

median days to sell
from the first day listed

286

sold

96.3%

sold vs. first asking price

104 (27%)

didn't sell

\$466,000

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 Outlined houses expired, were withdrawn or were canceled.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 \$466,000 home, per month

Mortgage (principal + interest)	\$2,488
Property taxes	\$87
Homeowners insurance	\$250
Upkeep	\$388
Utilities	\$250
Total	\$3,460

About \$3,460 every month the home sits.

Listings that didn't sell stayed on the market a median of 164 days — roughly \$18,700 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); Carteret County rate 0.225 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

19

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

96

median days when price cuts were needed
157 homes · sold for 91.1% of first asking



What this means if you're selling

- Homes priced right from day one sold in a median of 19 days. Homes that needed price cuts took 96 days and sold for 91.1% of their first price.
- Price range matters: 36% of homes starting at \$750K–1M didn't sell, compared with 23% at \$400–500K.
- Waiting costs money. A \$466,000 home runs about \$3,460 a month to hold — roughly \$18,700 over the time a typical unsold listing sat.
- About 1 in 5 contracts fell apart before closing. Homes that went back on the market sold for 89.1% of first asking, versus 96.7% for homes that closed on the first contract.

Price range matters

Starting price	Finished	Sold	Didn't sell	Days to sell	vs. first ask
Under \$300K	56	41	27%	35	93.9%
\$300–400K	81	61	25%	49	95.0%
\$400–500K	66	51	23%	55	98.0%
\$500–750K	108	82	24%	69	96.8%
\$750K–1M	44	28	36%	99	96.1%
\$1M+	35	23	34%	84	93.4%

When contracts fall apart

19%

of contracts fell apart before closing
67 of about 354

66%

of those homes later sold

33%

never sold

89.1%

sold vs. first ask after a fall-through
vs. 96.7% on the first contract

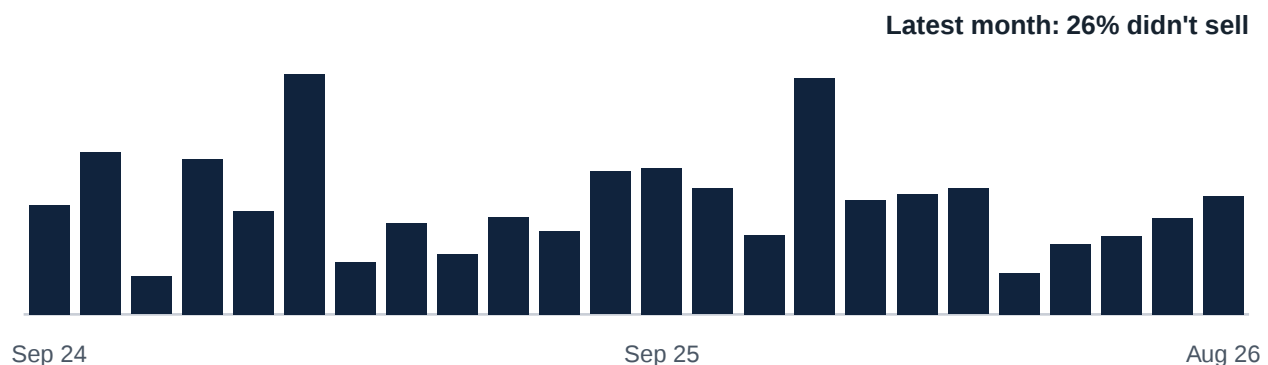
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median days to sell after a fall-through
vs. 50 on the first contract

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 50% · cash 38% · VA 5% · FHA 5% · other 3%.

Share of listings that didn't sell, by month





What this means if you're buying

- 75% 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 164 days.

Did you know?

- 38% of buyers paid cash, and 5% used VA loans.
- A year earlier, 25% of listings didn't sell; now it's 27%.
- When a contract fell apart, 33% 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.