## A Homebuyer's Guide to Relocating to Wilmington

Everything You Need to Know about North Carolina's Best-Kept Secret, Including the Location, Costs, and Culture





There are so many things you'll love about living in **Wilmington**, but here are the essential things you should know.

**THE LOCATION** 

**THE COSTS** 

THE CULTURE







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When you're in a Riverlights State of Shine, you "do you" with vibrant flairlighting up our little town surrounded by coast, where water is part of the day's routine. You are part of the good energy that shines through our neighborhoods and Marina Village. It's an invitation to root yourself on the bright side of life. So, isn't it about time you found your State of Shine? Come explore our 16 model homes to start finding yours.









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**70 West Builders** 

1,760 sq. ft. From the mid <sup>\$</sup>300s Lenox Model 731 Edgerton Dr



**H&H Homes** 

2,011 - 2,596 sq. ft. From the low <sup>s</sup>300s Jonesy Model 235 Trawlers Way



**Pulte Homes** 

1,841 - 2,869 sq. ft. From the mid <sup>s</sup>300s Newberry Model 740 Edgerton Dr



Legacy Homes by Bill Clark\*

1,453 - 2,225 sq. ft. From the high \$300s



**Trusst Builder Group** 

2,266 - 2,317 sq. ft. From the low \$400s Linville Model 831 Wharton Ave



**Trusst Builder Group** 

2,158 - 2,656 sq. ft. From the mid <sup>\$</sup>400s Roanoke Model 730 Edgerton Dr



**Trusst Builder Group** 

2,158 - 2,656 sq. ft. From the high <sup>\$</sup>400s Catawba Model 726 Edgerton Dr



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2,062 - 3,171 sq. ft. From the high \$500s



Charter Building Group

2,602 - 3,032 sq. ft. From the high <sup>\$</sup>400s Everton Model 520 Edgerton Dr



Del Webb\*\*

1,262 - 2,565 sq. ft. From the high <sup>\$</sup>200s Dunwoody Way Model 4136 Passerine Av



**AR Homes** 

3,868 sq. ft. From the mid <sup>\$</sup>700s Seascape Model 524 Edgerton Dr

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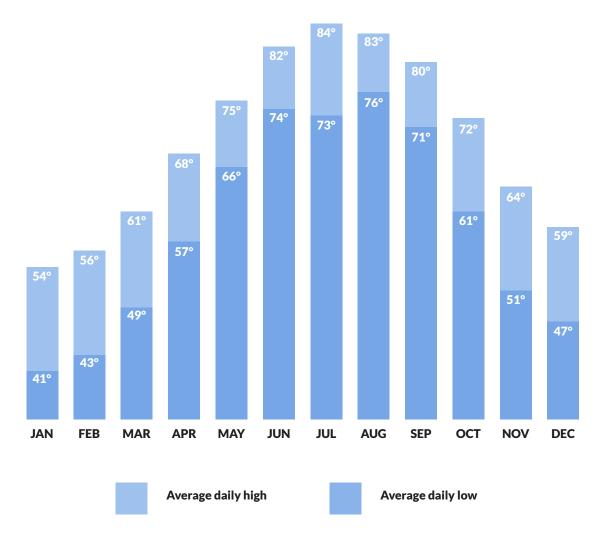
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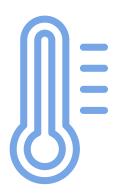
#### **CLIMATE**

## **Temperature**

Looking for warmer climes while still enjoying a change of season? In Wilmington, you'll find the mild winters of the South with warm summer days tempered by proximity to the ocean. Long spring and autumn seasons mean plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors year-round.

#### Average high and low temperatures in Wilmington, NC





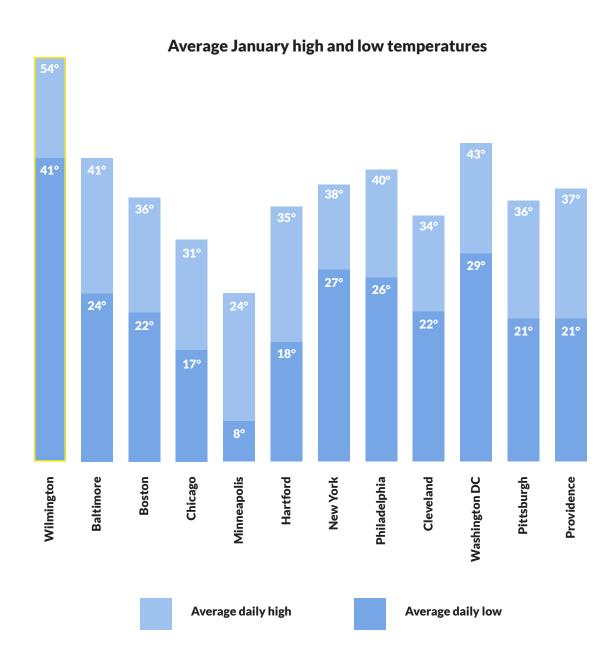
Source: NOAA 6

#### **CLIMATE**

## Mild Winters

Trade in gloomy, frigid January days for crisp, sunny days. Wilmington's winters are famously mild, perfect for a brisk hike or walk along the beach. And you won't find snow here; in the rare instance of snowfall in Wilmington, it's gone by mid-day.





Source: NOAA THE LOCATION | 7

#### **CLIMATE**

## Sunny Days



Embrace the sunshine year-round.
Wilmington is one of the sunniest places in the United States.

| Wilmington    |   | 111 days |
|---------------|---|----------|
| New York City |   | 107 days |
| Baltimore     |   | 105 days |
| Boston        |   | 98 days  |
| Washington DC |   | 96 days  |
| Chicago       | - <del>\tilde\til</del> | 84 days  |
| Hartford      |   | 82 days  |
| Columbus      |   | 72 days  |
| Pittsburgh    |   | 59 days  |
| Buffalo       |   | 54 days  |

Source: NOAA THE LOCATION | 8

#### **BEACHES**

## Wrightsville Beach



Just east of Wilmington along the Intracoastal Waterway lies the beachside community of Wrightsville Beach. In it, you'll find a Venetian labyrinth of beach homes, yacht-lined waterways, charming shops, and ample restaurants brimming with locals and tourists alike.





## The Loop at Wrightsville Beach







The Loop at Wrightsville Beach is a great way to take in the local sights. Known locally as "the Loop," this 2.5-mile walking trail winds through the main thoroughfares of Wrightsville Beach and around some of the most scenic views on the island.

Spend your day on foot or rent a bike. End your day taking in the sunset at one of the many beachside restaurants and bars.

#### **BEACHES**

## Carolina Beach



Come to Carolina Beach for the sun and sand, stay for the local culture. Home to one of America's best boardwalks, local eateries like Britt's Donuts, and Carolina Beach State Park, you'll love this ocean escape.





#### **BEACHES**

### Kure Beach







Laid-back charm. Long days soaking in the sun. Kure Beach is a true beach town. Along its banks, you'll also find historic sites like the Fort Fisher Civil War Museum and the North Carolina Aquarium. Visit for a day or a week; it's just a short drive from Wilmington.

#### Fort Fisher State Historic Site and Civil War Museum

Learn about the biggest land and sea battle of the Civil War

**NC Aquarium** 

**Fort Fisher State Recreation Area** 6 miles of beach

Fishing Pier & Boardwalk

**Oceanfront Park** 

**Ferry to Southport** 

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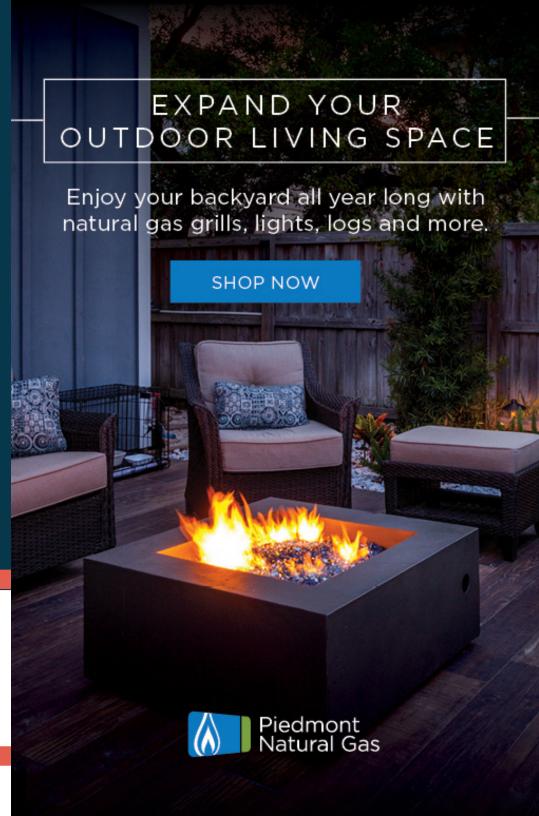


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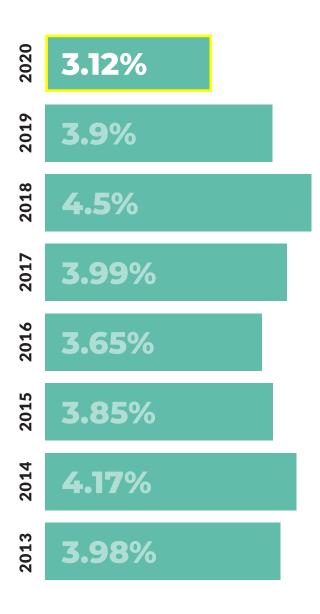


#### **HOME COSTS**

## **Interest Rate Outlook**

According to the 2020 Cape Fear Area Housing Report, the average mortgage rate on a conventional 30-year home mortgage was 3.12% in 2020.

#### Average mortgage rate on 30-year home mortgage



Source: Cape Fear Housing Report

## **Cost of Homes**

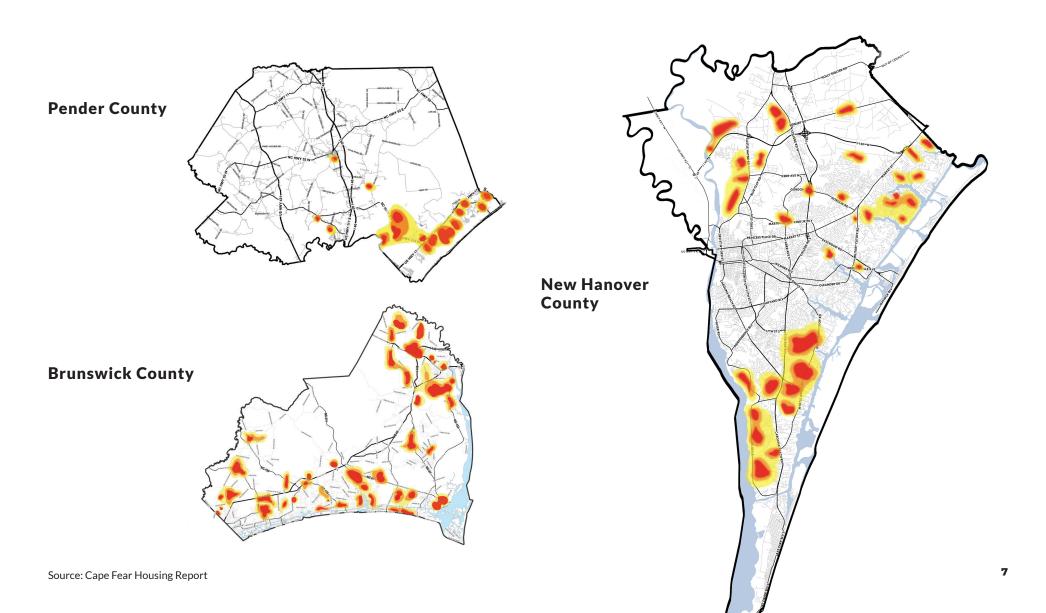
## **Wilmington Area Home Sales** Wilmington Area Median Sales Price **E03** €03 **EO**3 €03 €03 €03 **©**3 220,000 # of Wilmington # of National (millions) # of Wilmington # of National (millions)

Source: Cape Fear Housing Report 16

#### **HOME COSTS**

## Home Construction Growth

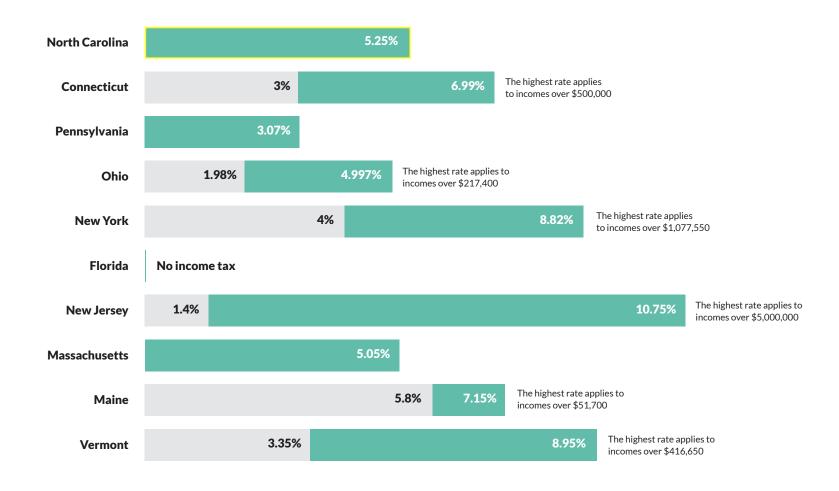
Construction Activity Heat Maps of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Area by County



#### **COST OF LIVING**

### Tax Breakdown

According to SmartAsset.com, North Carolina is a "moderately tax-friendly" state. However, people relocating will find plentiful financial reasons to move here. Social Security income is not taxed in North Carolina. Low property taxes and sales taxes keep the overall cost of living low.

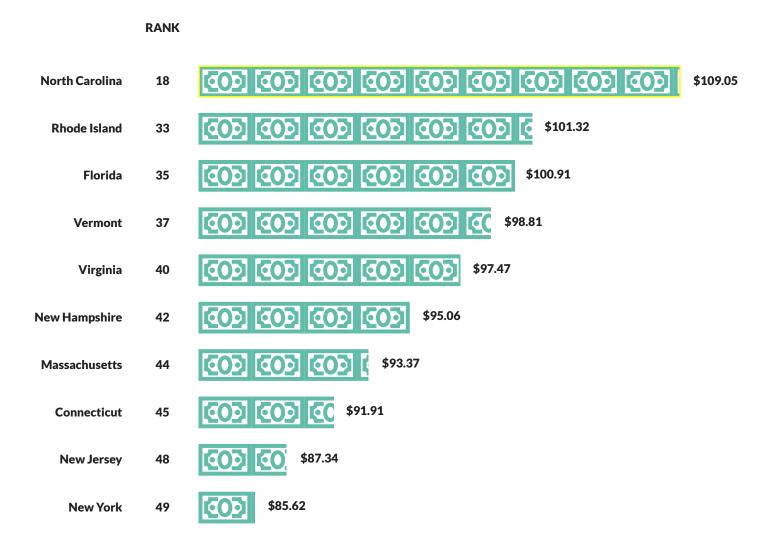


Source: Kiplinger Tax Map

#### **COST OF LIVING**

## Real Value of \$100

How far does \$100 go in North Carolina in comparison to other states?



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## **Annual Household Grocery Costs**



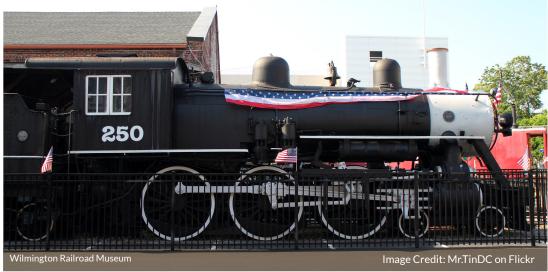


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## **Attractions**







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**Battleship North Carolina** 

Riverwalk on Cape Fear River

Airlie Gardens

**Bellamy Mansion** 

**Thalian Hall** 

North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

Cape Fear Museum of History & Science

Wilmington Railroad Museum

## Airlie Gardens



Stroll 67 acres of foliage and historic structures in this garden. Airlie is home to rotating exhibits, a butterfly house, and numerous events, such as its Summer Concert Series.





## Thalian Hall



In Wilmington, you'll find endless examples of Southern charm blending seamlessly with today's arts and culture.

Built in 1858, Thalian Hall is a beautiful performance hall that housed historic performances by the likes of Buffalo Bill Cody, Lillian Russell, and the Ziegfeld Follies. Today, Thalian Hall keeps its legacy alive with live theatre and music, as well as a rotating indie and foreign film series.

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#### **DINING**

## Local Dishes. National Recognition.







#### Manna

AAA Four Diamond

#### Catch

James Beard Award semifinalist Chef Keith Rhodes

#### Benny's Big Time Pizza

Chef Vivian Howard, a James Beard Award winner and star of the PBS program A Chef's Life

#### **DINING**

## **Town Favorites**







#### The Fork n Cork

"This place offered one of the best burgers that I have had!"

- Daniel R.

#### Indochine

"Delicious high-quality Thai food that never disappoints."

- J.M.

#### Ceviche's

"Lovely Panamanian restaurant and bar. Their ceviche was bomb!"

- Angelina W.

#### **FEATURED ON**



#### **Copper Penny**

"Pub grub-check! Fast service-check! Quality draft list-check!"

-Candi M.

#### Sweet n Savory

"We stopped in at sweet n savory for brunch on Sunday and now have been coming back every Sunday since."

- Jennifer G.

Source: Yelp 28

#### **CULTURE**

## Downtown Shopping, Food, Bars, Riverwalk







Eat. Drink. Shop. Be Merry!

Explore the heart of our vibrant riverfront city. Historic downtown Wilmington is a scenic and thriving community of cafes, shops, waterfront hotels, restaurants, and a bustling nightlife.

Take a horse-drawn carriage tour to see the area's landmarks. For the paranormal enthusiast, nightly ghost tours offer a thrilling take on Wilmington's past. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk at sunset or want to dance the night away, downtown Wilmington offers something for everyone.

#### **CULTURE**

## **Events & Entertainment**







**Jungle Rapids Family Fun Park** 

**Downtown Sundown Summer Concert Series** 

Thalian Hall

**Greenfield Lake Amphitheatre** 

**Fishing Tournaments** 

**Cucalorus Film Fest** 

O'Neill Sweetwater Pro-Am **Surf Competition** 

NC Holiday Flotilla at Wrightsville Beach

**Cape Fear Kite Festival** 

**Downtown Riverfest** 

Lighthouse Beer & Wine Fest

**Battleship Half Marathon** 

NC Iron Man 70.3

#### **EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## **Azalea Festival**



The North Carolina Azalea Festival is Wilmington's premier event and draws attendance upwards of 200,000 festival-goers every April.

It features fairs, special events, and concerts from the likes of Carrie Underwood, Snoop Dogg, The Avett Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Duran Duran, Cole Swindell, Billy Currington, and more.

#### **EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

## The Wilson Center at Cape Fear **Community College**



This state-of-the-art auditorium just steps from downtown is host to a variety of Broadway performances, classical concerts, and more. Recent shows include Tony Bennett, Jay Leno, Gladys Knight, and Earth, Wind, and Fire.



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Experience life along the Northeast Cape Fear River just a short drive from Historic Downtown Wilmington and beautiful Wrightsville Beach. River Bluffs offers something for everyone from affordable cottage-style homes, low maintenance-single story plans great for active adult living, townhomes, and even fully custom homes built alongside our beautiful riverfront. Choose your desired lot, a premier area home builder, and a floor plan that best fits your family's needs and start enjoying the River Bluffs experience.







#### **Amenities**

- Half Mile Riverwalk
- 188-Slip Marina
- Community Pavilion & Courtyard
- Kayak & Boat Launch/Storage
- Beach-Entry Pool
- Fitness Center
- General Store
- Community Farm
- Tennis & Pickle Ball Courts
- Half Court Basketball
- Dog Park
- Naturally Preserved Open Spaces
   & Recreational Areas

#### Low HOAs:

Includes front and back yard lawn care, valet trash, and recycling services.





## Tour 40+ homes in the Wilmington-Cape Fear home market

The Parade of Homes is the ultimate opportunity to view a variety of new homes built by talented local builders.

For two full weekends, the Parade of Homes showcases the best and brightest that the building industry has to offer as we work to make your real estate dreams a reality. No matter what home style you are considering, we are sure you will find what you are looking for in this year's Parade.

#### WHEN:

Apil 24-25, 2021

May 1-2, 2021

#### WHERE:

Across the Wilmington-Cape Fear area

#### WHAT:

Tour more than 40 homes in the area

To learn more, visit: WilmingtonParadeOfHomes.com

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