



# RESEARCH TARGET COMMUNITIES

## Do Your Homework

When you first think about buying a house, you probably spend hours daydreaming about fun things like new paint colors and furniture. These are certainly things to look forward to, but you should also consider other quality-of-life factors influencing your purchase.

Start your home search by [reviewing our neighborhoods](#) in Stafford County, Spotsylvania County, Prince William County, Orange County, Augusta County, and Charlottesville.

## Cities and Neighborhoods

Home buying can be tricky if you don't know a location's pros and cons, especially if you're buying a house long distance, as many military members need to. So, you'll have to rely on your internet detective skills and guidance from Atlantic Builders staff.

There are multiple ways to help you decide if the neighborhoods you've chosen are the perfect fit. First, always hunt for first-hand accounts from other military families in the area (the boots on the ground, if you will). They'll give you the insider knowledge you need.

## Local Schools

Just like your home buying rank list, your local school priority list is unique to your family. Whether you are searching for a local public school system, seeking private education, or want contacts for homeschooling communities in the area, you'll need some resources to point you in the right direction.

When possible, always contact school administrators for specific questions. Contacting other military families to hear their opinions is also a smart idea.

## Commute Times

It's often challenging for military members to spend large amounts of quality time with their families. Deployments, TDYs, and other separations are all part of the lifestyle. So, quick commutes are often a high priority. Luckily, many Atlantic Builder communities are close to local military installations.

- [Online local newspapers](#)
- [Community forums \(i.e. Nextdoor, Niche\)](#)
- [Military family Facebook groups](#)
- [Local police departments](#)

- [National Center for Education Statistics](#)
- [Virginia School Quality Profiles](#)
- [Department of Defense School Liaison Program](#)
- [Virginia Department of Education Military Families Student Services Program](#)
- [School website, PTA/PTO, and social media](#)

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