



An in-depth examination of North Carolina voter attitudes on
important current issues

Registered Voters in North Carolina

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Key Insights

The Meredith Poll conducted a survey of North Carolina registered voters. The online sample--from Qualtrics--used a quota based on the U.S. Census Bureau's estimates of the North Carolina population and current data on N.C. voter registrations and turnout of voters. After the survey was completed, we **weighted** the survey for **gender, party affiliation, geographic location, race and ethnicity, and education** so that our sample most closely resembles North Carolina.

The sample had 759 respondents, giving us a confidence interval of +/- 3.5%. The survey was in the field April 2-8, 2025.

Satisfaction with the Direction of the Country and State

Satisfaction with the Direction of the Country

North Carolinians, despite a change in presidential administration, continue to be dissatisfied with the direction of the country. Slightly less than one-third of the respondents (32%) indicated they were satisfied with the way things are going in the country, while 60 percent indicated they were dissatisfied with the direction of the country.

The dissatisfaction with the direction was almost universal across demographic groups. Democrats and Republicans had a majority of their respondents dissatisfied with the direction of the country. Only those over 80 years of age were satisfied with the direction of the country.

"It is unusual for all partisan respondents to be dissatisfied with the direction of the country," said Meredith Poll Director David McLennan. "Typically, respondents of the party that controls the White House are more positive about the direction of the country. The fact that a majority of Republicans are dissatisfied with the direction of the country, particularly after recently winning the presidential election, bodes poorly for Donald Trump's approval and how the Republicans will fare in the 2026 midterm elections."

Satisfaction with the Direction of the State

Our respondents were more satisfied with the direction of the state than of the nation, but not optimistic. They were equally divided (42%-42%) between those satisfied with the direction of the state and those dissatisfied with it. There were differences in how different groups viewed the direction of the state. A plurality of Republicans saw the state moving in a positive direction, yet a plurality of Democrats and Unaffiliated respondents perceived that things were not going well in the state. Those in urban areas were more dissatisfied than those living in rural areas of the state, while those who were most educated were more satisfied than not.

"People are generally more satisfied with how things are going in North Carolina than in the nation. That is not unusual," said David McLennan. "However, the fact that less than a majority of North Carolinians are satisfied with the direction of the state is a sign that people are generally unhappy with conditions."

Perceptions of the Economy and People's Personal Financial Situations

U.S. Economy

North Carolinians are very sour on the U.S. economy at the moment, with two-thirds reporting that the economy is somewhat or very weak. Only 31 percent feel the economy is strong. People are somewhat more optimistic about the economy a year from now with 43 percent indicating it will be stronger, but 44 percent indicating it will not be in a good position.

In terms of current conditions, there were no significant differences between demographic groups about the state of the economy. People's beliefs in the economy a year from now are a bit more mixed. Those with the least education and the oldest respondents are most optimistic about the economy. A plurality of Republicans think the economy will be improved, but a plurality of Democrats and unaffiliated respondents are less optimistic.

"Our survey was in the field as President Trump implemented the nearly universal tariffs and the stock market dropped significantly," said David McLennan. "It is hard for people to be optimistic about the economy's future when they are worried about the price of goods and their retirement funds. The lack of optimism about the economy's future is problematic for President Trump's approval ratings and people's satisfaction with how things are going more generally."

Personal Financial Situation

Our respondents' perceptions of their personal financial situations mirror that of their perceptions of the economy. Only 1-in-4 respondents feel that their financial situation is excellent or very good with the rest indicating real concerns about their finances. In thinking about their future financial situation, almost two-thirds of the respondents think their finances will be in excellent or good shape in a year. A majority of respondents in every demographic group felt their current financial situation was fair or poor. Similarly, members of every demographic group felt that their personal financial situation would be better next year.

The key finding is that almost half of the respondents (45%) think that what happens in Washington, D.C., has a great deal of impact on their personal financial situation with another 40 percent indicating that decisions in the nation's capital have some impact. Relatively few think that federal policy decisions don't impact their personal finances.

"There is a disconnect between people's views that their financial situation will be better next year, and their pessimism about the economy," said David McLennan. "People acknowledge the importance of policy decisions in Washington on their personal financial situations, but have questions about how policy choices made there are going to make the economy stronger."

Trump Administration Policy Ideas

Deportation of Immigrants

Of the policy issues that the Trump administration has emphasized since the inauguration, deporting immigrants has the highest approval. Sixty percent of North Carolina respondents consider the efforts to deport migrants to be effective or very effective. A plurality of respondents—35 percent—would like to see the efforts increased, while a slightly lower percentage—32 percent—would like to see fewer migrants deported. One issue of concern expressed by our respondents was that of ensuring migrants received due process protections in the deportation process. A majority—58 percent—stated that those being considered for deportation deserve the same rights as American citizens, including use of warrants, access to legal representation, etc., while 29 percent do not believe that those rights are important.

The immigration issue illustrates the partisan divide most dramatically. Ninety percent of Republican respondents think the Trump policy and execution of deportations is effective, while just over one-third of Democratic respondents (34.8%) feel the same way. Almost half of the unaffiliated respondents (46.1%) believe these deportations are effective. Other groups with strong support for the Trump immigration actions include Hispanics (71%) and those with less than a high school education (75.2%).

On the related questions of whether deportations should be increased or decreased and whether immigrants deserve due process protections, a sharp partisan divide exists. While over half of Democratic respondents (57.2%) and a plurality of unaffiliated respondents (46.2%) want to see deportations decrease, 57.2 percent of Republican respondents want to see the rate of deportations increase. Likewise, on the issue of due process protections, majorities of Democratic respondents (79.3%) and unaffiliated respondents (61%) believe immigrants deserve due process protections, while just 37.3 percent of Republicans feel the same.

David McLennan states: “President Trump ran on the immigration issue in three presidential elections and deporting undocumented immigrants continues to strongly connect him with his Republican base. It is troubling to see that Republicans want deportations to increase seemingly without ensuring basic legal protections outlined in the Constitution.”

Tariffs

Compared to immigration, Trump’s actions on tariffs are very unpopular. Just over one-third (37%) of the respondents thought the tariffs were effective in improving the U.S. economy, with a majority (53%) having real doubts that the tariffs will have a positive effect on the economy. In a similar vein, twice as many respondents think that tariffs will hurt their personal finances (47%), rather than help their finances (23%). Almost one-in-three respondents (29%) aren’t sure.

Partisan differences strongly affect people's views on the impact of tariffs on the economy. Almost two-thirds of Republican respondents (65.4%) feel tariffs will benefit the economy, while just 16.6 percent of Democratic respondents and 30.8% of unaffiliated respondents feel that tariffs are good for the economy. On the question of how tariffs will affect an individual's personal finances, almost 40 percent of Republican respondents feel that tariffs will positively affect their personal finances, while just 12 percent of Democratic respondents and 23.1% of unaffiliated respondents feel that way. There is also a large educational gap in terms of how people feel tariffs will affect them personally. A plurality of those with less than a high school diploma feel that tariffs will have a positive effect on their finances, while just 20.1 percent of those with a college degree and just 17.6% of those with a graduate degree feel this way.

“Although this is an unpopular policy for most North Carolinians and many feel that tariffs will hurt the U.S. economy and their personal finances, Republicans have a more ‘wait-and-see’ attitude about the impact of tariffs,” McLennan said. “They are much more willing to give President Trump the benefit of the doubt even as the stock market plunges.”

[Cuts in Government Agencies/Personnel \(DOGE\)](#)

The efforts of Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have produced tens of thousands of job cuts in federal agencies and the closing of some departments. A large majority of North Carolinians (67%) are concerned that these changes will affect government services, while 30 percent have little or no concern about the government's ability to provide services that people use.

The only demographic group with a majority of respondents indicating little or no concern with the federal cuts on government services is Republicans. Among this group, 53.6 percent expressed little or no concerns with the efforts of DOGE, while 42.3% of Republican respondents expressed a great deal or some concern. On the other hand, 90.2% of Democratic respondents had concerns with these government cuts.

“Americans may think that the government is too large or that there is waste in government spending, but the efforts of Elon Musk and DOGE are very unpopular in North Carolina. Even many of President Trump's loyal supporters are concerned that these cuts will affect services and payments they use,” said David McLennan.

N.C. Policy Issues

[Cell Phones in Public Schools](#)

The topic of banning cell phones in public schools has deep (68% approve) and broad (almost every demographic group) support. The only group without a majority of its respondents supporting this legislation is the youngest age group (18-28) with just over a third of its respondents (37.4%) supporting such legislation. In terms of partisan support, over three-quarters of Republican respondents (76.1%) support this bill, while 57.6

percent of Democratic respondents and 59.6 percent of unaffiliated respondents support this action.

“This bill has almost universal support and reflects the perception that these devices are so distracting and that students’ test scores are not where people think they should be,” said David McLennan.

[Limiting the Use of Some Public Restrooms to the Sex Assigned at Birth](#)

In 2016, North Carolina passed HB2, a bill that restricted the use of public restrooms to the sex assigned at birth for a person. This law was unpopular and led to this provision of the law being rescinded. A similar bill in 2025 has much more support, with 57 percent of respondents supporting the limitation of some public restrooms to people’s assigned sex. Slightly less than one-third (32%) oppose such a law. In a related provision—making the sex on a birth certificate unable to be changed—56 percent of the respondents supported such a requirement, with 34 percent being opposed.

In terms of restricting people’s use of bathrooms, there was a large partisan divide, with 84.3 percent of Republican respondents supporting this bill, but only 36.9 percent of Democratic respondents and 30.8 percent of unaffiliated respondents. Among Democrats, a plurality of respondents did not support the legislation at all. Almost every other demographic group had a majority of its respondents supporting this legislation. The only group that was almost evenly divided was the youngest respondents (18-28 years old) in which 46.8 percent supported the bill and 44.2 percent opposed it.

On the topic of restricting birth certificates, a similar partisan divide between Democratic and Republican respondents exists, with 33.3 percent of Democratic respondents supporting the bill and 81.1 percent of Republicans. A plurality of unaffiliated respondents (46.4%) support the legislation. In addition to less than half of the youngest respondents supporting the bill, less than half of the Black and Hispanic/Latino respondents support the bill.

“In less than a decade, the issue of restricting transgender rights has become popular among North Carolinians,” said David McLennan. “This clearly reflects the concerted efforts of national Republicans, including President Trump, to demonize this group.”

[Allowing Permitless Handgun Carry and Lowering the Age for Purchasing Handguns](#)

Legislation to allow people to carry a concealed handgun without receiving a permit from a county sheriff has mixed support in the state. Forty-seven percent of respondents support such a law, while 48 percent oppose this effort. There is a partisan gap in responses, with just over a third of Democratic respondents supporting the bill (36.8), while 55 percent of Republicans support the bill.

On a related provision about lowering the age for purchasing a handgun from 21 to 18, a large majority of North Carolinians—71%—oppose such legislation with only 25 percent supporting this. A small majority of Republican respondents (55%) support such

legislation, but it is interesting to note that the age group most affected by such legislation has a majority of its respondents opposing lowering the age to purchase a handgun.

“As with most gun legislation,” said David McLennan, “there are partisan differences. However, North Carolinians, as a whole, do not support additional loosening of gun laws. For many, a person wishing to get a handgun should get a permit from the county sheriff and those under 21 should be restricted from owning a handgun.”

[Allowing the State Auditor to Have More Authority to Cut State Agencies and Personnel \(DAVE Act\)](#)

With DOGE investigating perceived waste and fraud in federal government programs, Republicans in the North Carolina General Assembly have proposed legislation empowering the State Auditor, David Boliek, to propose cuts in programs and changes in staff levels in state government agencies (DAVE Act). When asked if North Carolina state government agencies were efficient with little waste or fraud or were inefficient with a great deal of waste and fraud, a plurality of respondents—42%—supported the idea that NC offices and agencies were inefficient and had waste and fraud, while 27% thought the agencies operated efficiently. It is worth noting that almost one-third of the respondents indicated that they did not know. There were no significant differences between the demographic groups, including partisan groups.

Despite a larger percentage of respondents having the perception that the North Carolina government was inefficient and had large amounts of waste and fraud, a plurality of respondents—46%—opposed giving the State Auditor more power to cut programs and personnel in the agencies. Thirty-eight percent of the respondents support such a law. As with the perception of waste and fraud in state government, the opposition to giving more power to the auditor was across the board. It is worth noting that even a plurality of Republicans—the party of the State Auditor—oppose giving him more power to cut state agencies and personnel.

“The efforts by Republicans in the General Assembly to mimic DOGE in North Carolina is not being met by much support,” said David McLennan. “Although some North Carolinians believe that the state government is wasteful in its spending of taxpayer dollars, many in the state are skeptical about giving one person or one office the power to make unilateral decisions.”

Approval of Political Leaders

[President Donald Trump](#)

President Trump’s approval rating among North Carolina voters has dropped significantly in the last two months since the last Meredith Poll was conducted. He is currently 15 percentage points underwater (41% Approve; 56% Disapprove). In fact, his approval rating is about 4% lower than the average of his first term in office among North Carolina voters.

Among demographic groups, there are large gaps. Only eight percent of Democratic respondents think Trump is doing a good job, while over 80 percent of Republican respondents feel the same. Among unaffiliated respondents, just over 23 percent of this group approves of his work as president. The gender gap has also grown. While just over half of all males (51.7%) approve of Trump as president, just over one-third of women approve (34.3%). Trump's strongest approval numbers continue among whites, those who live in rural areas of the state, and those with less education.

David McLennan states: "Trump is clearly being hurt by the economic turmoil in the country. As he has implemented his unpopular tariffs and government cuts, this has affected his approval numbers, even among some Republicans. He ran on the strength of his economic message and now he is being held to account for damage to the economy."

Vice President JD Vance

JD Vance's approval is similar to that of Donald Trump—40 percent. His disapproval is somewhat less than Trump's at 50 percent, but far more people don't know enough (11 percent) of his work as vice president to offer an opinion about it. Similar to President Trump, Vance has high approval ratings from Republicans (78.1%), and low approval among Democrats (9.1%) and unaffiliated respondents (23.1%).

"Vice President Vance's approval is tied to that of the president," said David McLennan. "He has demonstrated loyalty to Trump and his agenda, so as the approval of the Trump agenda goes, so does that of JD Vance."

Governor Josh Stein

North Carolina Governor Josh Stein continues to have a good start to his administration in terms of public approval. At almost the 100-day mark, Stein has strong approval ratings—56% approve, and just one-in-four respondents (25%) had no opinion of Stein's work as governor.

Among demographic groups, Stein has strong support, even among Republican voters (53% approve), as well as minority voters and in rural, suburban, and urban parts of the state. In an interesting situation, a higher percentage of unaffiliated voters expressed that they don't know about Stein's work as governor than they approve or disapprove of it.

"Governor Stein has had a good start to his term as governor," said David McLennan, "He appears to be working with Republican leadership in the General Assembly on some key issues. However, as the more controversial culture issues advance—like DEI elimination or permitless carry for handguns, he may butt heads with the leadership. This may affect his approval among Republicans."

Topline Results

Direction of the Country and State

Direction of the County

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of the country today?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	244	32
No	459	60
Don't know	56	7

N=759

Direction of the State

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of North Carolina today?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	322	42
No	316	42
Don't know	121	16

N=759

Perceptions of the Economy and People's Personal Financial Situation

Economy

How strong is the economy in the United States at this moment?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very Strong	41	5
Somewhat strong	200	26
Somewhat weak	306	40
very weak	196	26
Don't know	16	2

N=759

One year from today, how strong will the United States economy be?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very Strong	142	19
Somewhat strong	183	24
Somewhat weak	121	16
very weak	209	28
Don't know	104	14

N=759

Personal financial situation

Current financial situation

How would you rate your personal financial situation right now?

Response	Number	Percentage
Excellent	39	5
In good shape	155	20
In fair shape	311	41
In poor shape	251	33
Don't know	3	0

N=759

Future financial situation

Thinking ahead to one year from now, how do you expect your personal financial situation to look?

Response	Number	Percentage
Excellent	162	21
In good shape	337	44
In fair shape	131	17
In poor shape	76	10
Don't know	53	7

N=759

Impact of decisions in Washington, D.C., on your personal financial situation

How big of an impact do you think decisions that are made in Washington, D.C., have on your personal financial situation?

Response	Number	Percentage
A big impact	345	45
Some impact	303	40
Not much of an impact	73	10
No impact at all	12	2
Don't know	26	3

N=759

Trump Administration Policies
Immigration Deportations

How effective has the Trump administration been in arresting and deporting immigrants who should not be in the United States?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very effective	213	28
Somewhat effective	242	32
Somewhat ineffective	95	13
Very ineffective	144	19
Don't know	65	9

N=759

Do you think the rate of arrests and deportations should be increased, decreased, or stay the same?

Response	Number	Percentage
Increased	263	35
Decreased	246	32
Stay the same as it is now	164	22
Don't know	86	11

N=759

Do you believe that immigrants deserve the same due process protections (e.g., being served with a warrant and having a hearing or trial before a judge) as United States citizens?

Response	Number	Percentage
Yes	441	58
No	219	29
Don't know	99	13

N=759

Tariffs

The Trump administration plans to place a 25% tariff on automobiles and car parts manufactured outside the United States. How effective do you think these tariffs will be at improving the US economy?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very effective	111	15
Somewhat effective	164	22
Somewhat ineffective	105	14
Very ineffective	296	39
Don't know	83	11

N=759

What impact do you think a tariff on imported cars and car parts will have on your personal financial situation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Improve my personal financial situation a lot	55	7
Improve my personal financial situation a little	121	16
Hurt my personal financial situation a little	208	27
Hurt my personal financial situation a lot	153	20
Don't know	222	29

N=759

Cuts in Federal Agencies and Personnel (DOGE)

The Trump administration is attempting to make large cuts in agencies and employees of the federal government. How concerned are you that these cuts will affect your ability to get services from the federal government (e.g., receive your Social Security payment, visit a national park, etc.)?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very concerned	316	42
Somewhat concerned	191	25
Somewhat unconcerned	119	16
Very unconcerned	105	14
Don't know	28	4

N=759

North Carolina Policies

Cell Phones in Public Schools

North Carolina is considering a bill that would ban students from using cell phones in public schools (K-12) during instructional time. Do you support such legislation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	296	39
Somewhat support	217	29
Somewhat don't support	100	13
Don't support at all	110	14
Don't know	36	5

N=759

Restricting the Use of Some Public Restrooms to the Gender Assigned at Birth

The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation that would restrict transgendered individuals to using public bathrooms to those assigned at their birth (i.e., cannot use restrooms for their changed sex). Do you support such legislation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	312	41
Somewhat support	125	16
Somewhat don't support	75	10
Don't support at all	167	22
Don't know	80	11

N=759

The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation making it impossible to change the sex on a birth certificate. Do you support such legislation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	312	41
Somewhat support	114	15
Somewhat don't support	76	10
Don't support at all	184	24
Don't know	73	10

N=759

Allowing Permitless Concealed Carry and Lowering the Age for Purchasing a Handgun
The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation to remove the requirement that people must have a permit from their county sheriff in order to possess a handgun. Do you support such legislation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	225	30
Somewhat support	130	17
Somewhat don't support	89	12
Don't support at all	272	36
Don't know	43	6

N=759

The North Carolina legislature is considering lowering the age in which a person can legally possess a handgun from 21 to 18. Do you support such legislation?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	89	12
Somewhat support	98	13
Somewhat don't support	117	15
Don't support at all	423	56
Don't know	32	4

N=759

Perceptions of the Efficiency of NC Government and Support for the State Auditor Being Given More Power to Reduce State Agencies and Personnel (DAVE Act)

Which statement comes closest to your position on North Carolina's state government?

Response	Number	Percentage
The offices are efficient in how they are run and have very little waste or fraud in their operations.	203	27
The offices are inefficient in how they are run and have a great deal of waste or fraud in their operations.	316	42
Don't know	240	32

N=759

The North Carolina legislature is considering having the State Auditor, David Boliek, make recommendations about significant cuts to state offices and employees, similar to what is happening in the federal government. Do you support such actions?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly support	131	17
Somewhat support	156	21
Somewhat don't support	147	19
Don't support at all	205	27
Don't know	120	16

N=759

Approval of political leaders

Trump approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	179	24
Somewhat approve	131	17
Somewhat disapprove	96	13
Strongly disapprove	326	43
Don't know	27	4

N=759

Vance approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Vice President JD Vance is handling his job as vice president?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	172	23
Somewhat approve	127	17
Somewhat disapprove	83	11
Strongly disapprove	294	39
Don't know	83	11

N=759

Stein approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Josh Stein is handling his job as governor?

Response	Number	Percentage
Strongly approve	166	22
Somewhat approve	260	34
Somewhat disapprove	95	13
Strongly disapprove	88	12
Don't know	150	20

N=759

Demographics* (Note: See Methodology section for weighting by demographic variable)

Lastly, we would like to ask some questions about you.

Location

Would you consider where you live to be:

Response	Number	Percentage
Urban	167	22
Rural	275	36
Suburban	304	40
Don't know	13	2

N=759

Were you born in North Carolina or somewhere else?

Response	Number	Percentage
Born in North Carolina	404	53
Born somewhere else	355	47

N=759

Gender

What is your gender identity?

Response	Number	Percentage
Female	458	60
Male	294	39

Non-binary/third gender	6	1
Prefer not to say	1	0

N=759

Race/Ethnicity

What is your race/ethnic group?

Response	Number	Percentage
White	496	65
Black or African American	185	24
Hispanic/Latino	31	4
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	20	3
Other	23	3
Prefer not to say	4	1

N=759

Age

What is your age?

Response	Number	Percentage
18-28	190	25
29-44	215	28
45-60	142	19
61-79	192	25
80+	20	3
Prefer not to say		

N=759

Education

What best describes the level of education you last completed?

Response	Number	Percentage
Less than high school diploma	23	3
High school diploma	194	26
Some college	245	32
Bachelor's degree	179	24
Graduate or professional degree	113	15
Prefer not to say	5	1

N=759

Ideology

How would you describe yourself?

Response	Number	Percentage
Very liberal	89	12
Somewhat liberal	136	18
Somewhere in the middle	273	36
Somewhat conservative	138	18
Very conservative	123	16

N=759

Political Party

What political party do you most identify with?

Response	Number	Percentage
Democrat	276	36
Republican	260	34
Unaffiliated	199	26
Other	13	2
Don't know	11	1

N=759

Cross-tabulations

Satisfaction with Direction of the US and State

Direction of the Country

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of the country today?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	23.4	67.7	9
Republican	37.5	55.3	7.3
Unaffiliated	32.6	61.2	6.3
Other	23.1	61.5	15.4
White	38.1	55.2	6.7
Black or African American	17.8	74.1	8.1
Hispanic/Latino	35.5	54.8	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	30.0	55.0	15.0
Other	13.0	78.3	8.7
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0
Female	26.6	65.7	7.6
Male	40.8	52	7.1
Non-binary/third gender	16.7	83.3	0
Prefer not to say	100	0	0
18-28	26.8	62.1	11.1
29-44	36.3	55.8	7.9
45-60	28.9	64.8	6.3
61-79	30.7	64.6	4.7
80+	75.0	25.0	0
Prefer not to say			

Less than high school diploma	47.8	47.8	4.3
High school diploma	34.5	54.1	11.3
Some college	31.0	63.7	5.3
Bachelor's degree	31.3	63.1	5.6
Graduate or professional degree	28.3	63.7	8.0
Prefer not to say	40.0	40.0	20.0
Urban	23.4	67.7	9.0
Suburban	32.6	61.2	6.3
Rural	37.5	55.3	7.3
Don't know	23.1	61.5	15.4

Direction of the State

All in all, are you satisfied with the direction of North Carolina today?

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Democrat	37.1	44.9	18
Republican	44.7	40.7	14.5
Unaffiliated	30.8	40.1	15.8
Other	36.4	53.8	23.1
White	44.6	39.1	16.3
Black or African American	36.8	50.3	13.0
Hispanic/Latino	54.8	19.4	25.8
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35.0	40.0	25.0
Other	26.1	60.9	13.0

Prefer not to say	75.0	25.0	0
Female	38.6	43	18.3
Male	48.6	38.8	12.6
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	66.7	0
18-28	40.5	35.8	23.7
29-44	44.2	45.6	10.2
45-60	37.3	48.6	14.1
61-79	45.3	39.6	15.1
80+	50.0	25.0	25.0
Prefer not to say			
Less than high school diploma	34.8	43.5	21.7
High school diploma	44.8	40.2	14.9
Some college	42.4	42.0	15.5
Bachelor's degree	41.9	36.7	18.4
Graduate or professional degree	41.6	29.1	12.4
Prefer not to say	20.0	40.0	40.0
Urban	37.1	44.9	18.0
Suburban	44.1	40.1	15.8
Rural	44.7	40.7	14.5
Don't know	23.1	53.8	23.1

Perceptions of the US Economy and People's Personal Financial Situation

US Economy

How strong is the economy in the United States at this moment?

	Very strong	Somewhat strong	Somewhat weak	Very weak	Don't Know
Democrat	4.6	23.4	37.7	30.5	4.2
Republican	6.5	27.3	41.5	22.9	1.8
Unaffiliated	4.9	26.3	41.1	26.3	1.3
Other	7.7	46.2	30.8	15.4	0
White	4.6	30.0	40.1	23.4	1.8
Black or African American	7.0	18.9	42.7	28.1	3.2
Hispanic/Latino	9.7	25.8	32.3	29.0	3.2
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.0	15.0	45.0	35.0	0
Other	4.3	13.0	39.1	43.5	0
Prefer not to say	0	50.0	0	50.0	0
Female	6.5	34.0	39.8	18.0	1.7
Male	4.8	21.6	41.0	30.1	2.4
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	0	83.3	0
Prefer not to say	0	0	100.0	0	0
18-28	10.0	20.5	38.4	28.4	2.6
29-44	6.5	25.6	39.5	27.0	1.4
45-60	4.2	26.1	38.7	26.8	4.2
61-79	0.5	29.2	45.3	24.0	1.0
80+	5.0	65.0	30.0	0	0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	17.4	26.1	30.4	26.1	0

High school diploma	8.2	25.8	41.8	22.2	2.1
Some college	2.9	26.5	39.2	27.8	3.7
Bachelor's degree	4.5	26.8	41.9	25.7	1.1
Graduate or professional degree	5.3	24.8	40.7	28.3	0.9
Prefer not to say	0	60.0	20.0	20.0	0
Urban	4.2	23.4	37.7	30.5	4.2
Suburban	4.9	26.3	41.1	26.3	1.3
Rural	6.5	27.3	41.5	22.9	1.8
Don't know	7.7	46.2	30.8	15.4	0.0

One year from today, how strong will the United States economy be?

	Very strong	Somewhat strong	Somewh at weak	Very weak	Don't Know
Democrat	17.4	22.8	16.8	26.3	17.7
Republican	21.5	25.1	14.5	27.3	11.6
Unaffiliated	17.1	23	17.4	28.9	13.5
Other	15.4	48.2	0	15.4	23.1
White	22.0	24.8	14.5	26.8	11.9
Black or African American	10.3	24.3	20	27.6	17.8
Hispanic/Latino	22.6	19.4	16.1	29.0	12.9
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15.0	25.0	15.0	25.0	20.0
Other	8.7	17.4	17.4	39.1	17.4
Prefer not to say	50.0	0	0	50.0	0
Female	23.1	29.6	17.7	21.8	7.8
Male	16.2	20.5	15.1	30.6	17.7

Non-binary/third gender	0	20.0	0	80.0	0
Prefer not to say	100.0	0	0	0	0
18-28	15.8	24.7	13.2	32.1	14.2
29-44	21.9	25.1	18.6	25.1	9.3
45-60	16.2	23.9	16.2	23.2	20.4
61-79	19.3	20.8	16.1	29.2	14.6
80+	25.0	40.0	10.0	25.0	0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	34.8	21.7	13.0	13.0	17.4
High school diploma	21.7	26.3	16.5	19.1	16.5
Some college	20.0	21.2	12.7	29.4	17.7
Bachelor's degree	16.2	25.1	17.3	34.1	7.3
Graduate or professional degree	12.4	26.5	19.5	31.0	10.6
Prefer not to say	0	0	40.0	20.0	40.0
Urban	17.4	22.8	16.8	26.3	16.8
Suburban	17.1	23.0	17.4	28.9	13.5
Rural	21.5	25.1	14.5	27.3	11.6
Don't know	15.4	46.2	0.0	15.4	23.1

Personal financial situation

How would you rate your personal financial situation right now?

	Excellent	In good shape	In fair shape	In poor shape	Don't know
Democrat	6	17.4	40.1	35.3	1.2
Republican	4	17.1	42.9	35.6	.4
Unaffiliated	5.9	25.3	39.5	29.3	0
Other	0	15.4	46.2	38.5	0
White	5.4	20.4	42.1	31.9	.2
Black or African American	3.8	21.1	38.4	35.7	1.1
Hispanic or Latino	9.7	19.4	35.5	35.5	0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5	15	50	30	0
Other	0	17.4	43.5	39.1	0
Female	3.7	19.2	37.3	39.3	.4
Male	7.5	22.8	46.6	23.1	0
Non-binary/third gender	0	0	33.3	50	16.7
18-28	7.4	17.4	36.3	38.9	0
29-44	5.6	19.5	40.5	34	.5
45-60	3.5	16.2	41.5	38	.7
61-79	3.1	26	46.4	24	.5
80+	10	35	35	20	0
Less than high school diploma	8.7	13	26.1	52.2	0
High school diploma	3.6	13.9	38.1	43.8	.5
Some college	3.3	22	37.1	37.1	.4
Bachelor's degree	7.8	24.6	44.1	22.9	.6
Graduate or professional degree	7.1	23.9	50.4	18.6	0

Urban	6.0	17.4	40.1	35.3	1.2
Suburban	5.9	25.3	39.5	29.3	0.0
Rural	4.0	17.1	42.9	35.6	0.4
Don't know	0.0	15.4	46.2	38.5	0.0

Personal finances a year from now

Thinking ahead to one year from now, how do you expect your personal financial situation to look?

	It will improve a lot	It will improve some	It will get a little worse	It will get a lot worse	Don't know
Democrat	27.5	42.5	14.4	.6	6
Republican	18.9	46.2	17.8	9.8	7.3
Unaffiliated	19.7	43.1	19.1	10.9	7.2
Other	30.8	61.5	0	0	7.7
White	17.5	46.4	17.7	10.7	7.7
Black or African American	30.3	38.4	16.8	7	7.6
Hispanic or Latino	35.5	48.4	9.7	6.5	0
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	10	55	20	15	0
Other	17.4	34.8	21.7	21.7	4.3
Female	22.1	43.2	17.2	10	7.4
Male	20.7	46.6	17.7	9.9	5.1
Non-binary/third gender	0	33.3	0	66.7	0
18-28	31.6	49.5	9.5	6.3	3.2
29-44	26	45.6	16.3	6.5	5.6
45-60	13.4	43.3	21.1	12.7	10.6
61-79	12	40.1	22.9	15.6	9.4
80+	20	40	20	10	10
Less than high school diploma	13	56.5	17.4	4.3	8.7

High school diploma	21.6	51.5	13.4	7.2	6.2
Some college	25.3	43.7	14.7	9.4	6.9
Bachelor's degree	16.8	41.3	22.9	13.4	5.6
Graduate or professional degree	22.1	34.5	21.2	12.4	9.7
Urban	27.5	42.5	14.4	9.6	6.0
Suburban	19.7	43.1	19.1	10.9	7.2
Rural	18.9	46.2	17.8	9.8	7.3
Don't know	30.8	61.5	0.0	0.0	7.7

Perceptions about the Importance of Decisions in Washington, D.C., on Your Personal Financial Situation

How big of an impact do you think decisions that are made in Washington, D.C., have on your personal financial situation?

	A big impact	Some impact	Not much of an impact	No impact at all	Don't know
Democrat	19.9	33	24.3	15.2	7.6
Republican	25	57.7	8.8	4.2	4.2
Unaffiliated	49	39.8	7.2	1.6	2.3
Other	30.8	46.2	15.4	0	7.7
White	48.6	40.3	7.5	1.2	2.4
Black or African American	38.4	37.3	16.2	2.7	5.4
Hispanic/Latino	41.9	41.9	6.5	0	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	35	50	10	0	5
Other	43.5	43.5	8.7	4.3	0
Female	45.9	39.7	8.3	1.5	4.5
Male	44.2	40.8	11.9	1.7	1.4

Non-binary/third gender	83.3	16.7	0	0	0
18-28	39.5	40.5	13.7	2.1	4.2
29-44	40.9	41.9	11.6	2.8	2.8
45-60	52.8	32.4	7	.7	7
61-79	50.5	42.7	5.7	.5	.5
80+	50	40	5	0	5
Less than high school diploma	30.4	34.8	13	13	8.7
High school diploma	38.7	42.8	11.9	1.5	5.2
Some college	49.4	35.9	10.6	1.2	2.9
Bachelor's degree	47.5	40.8	8.4	.6	2.8
Graduate or professional degree	50.4	42.5	4.4	1.8	.9
Urban	46.7	36.5	12.0	0.6	4.2
Suburban	49.0	39.8	7.2	1.6	2.3
Rural	41.5	41.8	10.5	2.2	4.0
Don't know	30.8	46.2	15.4	0.0	7.7

Trump Policies

Immigration Deportations

How effective has the Trump administration been in arresting and deporting immigrants who should not be in the United States?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't Know
Democrat	11.6	23.2	15.9	35.9	13.4
Republican	54.6	35.4	5.4	2.3	2.3
Unaffiliated	15.4	30.8	23.1	30.8	0
Other	18.2	54.5	0	9.1	18.2
Don't know	17.6	38.2	17.1	17.1	10.1
White	32.5	30.8	12.5	16.5	7.7

Black or African American	16.2	33.0	13.5	25.9	11.4
Hispanic/Latino	35.5	35.5	9.7	12.9	6.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	20.0	35.0	10.0	15.0	20.0
Other	21.7	39.1	13.0	26.1	0
Prefer not to say	50.0	25.0	0	25.0	0
Female	26.0	30.3	13.1	20.5	10.0
Male	31.6	34.7	11.6	16.0	6.1
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	16.7	50.0	16.7
Prefer not to say	100.0	0	0	0	0
18-28	20.5	35.8	12.6	22.1	8.9
29-44	30.7	34.4	11.2	16.3	7.4
45-60	28.9	24.6	10.6	23.9	12.0
61-79	28.6	31.8	15.6	16.7	7.3
80+	60.0	20.0	10.0	5.0	5.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	47.8	30.4	0	13.0	8.7
High school diploma	29.4	32.5	17.0	11.9	9.3
Some college	26.9	33.1	10.2	18.0	11.8
Bachelor's degree	25.1	31.3	14.0	25.1	4.5
Graduate or professional degree	29.2	27.4	10.6	25.7	7.1
Prefer not to say	20.0	80.0	0	0	0
Urban	23.4	31.1	14.4	20.4	10.8

Suburban	26.6	33.2	11.5	20.7	7.9
Rural	32.7	30.9	12.7	16.4	7.3
Don't know	23.1	30.8	7.7	15.4	23.1

Do you think the rate of arrests and deportations should be increased, decreased, or stay the same?

	Increased	Decreased	Stay the same as it is now	Don't know
Democrat	17.8	57.2	13.8	11.2
Republican	58.8	6.2	26.9	8.1
Unaffiliated	7.7	46.2	30.8	15.4
Other	18.2	27.3	18.2	36.4
Don't know	29.1	31.7	25.1	14.1
White	40.3	27.8	22.4	9.5
Black or African American	22.7	42.7	20.5	14.1
Hispanic or Latino	25.8	51.6	9.7	12.9
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	20.0	25.0	30.0	25.0
Other	30.4	34.8	21.7	13.0
Prefer not to say	50.0	0	25.0	25.0
Female	30.1	36.2	21.6	12.0
Male	42.5	25.5	21.4	10.5
Non-binary/third gender	0	83.3	16.7	0
Prefer not to say	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	24.2	45.8	20.5	9.5
29-44	37.2	28.8	22.8	11.2
45-60	33.8	26.1	22.5	17.6
61-79	38.5	29.7	22.4	9.4
80+	75.0	15.0	5.0	5.0
Prefer not to say				
Less than high school diploma	43.5	26.1	21.7	8.7
High school diploma	30.4	29.9	27.3	12.4
Some college	37.6	31.8	18.8	11.8
Bachelor's degree	37.4	34.6	19.6	8.4
Graduate or professional degree	31.0	35.4	20.4	13.3
Prefer not to say	0	40.0	40.0	20.0

Urban	31.1	38.3	16.8	13.8
Suburban	34.2	33.9	21.7	10.2
Rural	37.8	27.6	24.0	10.5
Don't know	23.1	23.1	30.8	23.1

Do you believe that immigrants deserve the same due process protections (e.g., being served with a warrant and having a hearing or trial before a judge) as United States citizens?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Democrat	79.3	12.0	8.7
Republican	37.3	49.6	13.1
Unaffiliated	61.5	23.1	15.4
Other	54.5	9.1	36.4
Don't know	55.8	26.6	17.6
White	53.0	33.5	13.5
Black or African American	68.1	20.0	11.9
Hispanic or Latino	74.2	16.1	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	65.0	15.0	20.0
Other	60.9	26.1	13.0
Prefer not to say	50.0	50.0	0
Female	61.1	24.7	14.2
Male	53.1	36.1	10.9
Non-binary/third gender	83.3	0	16.7
Prefer not to say	0	0	100.0
18-28	71.1	17.9	11.1
29-44	58.1	27.4	14.4
45-60	53.5	31.7	14.8
61-79	52.6	34.9	12.5
80+	20.0	70.0	10.0
Prefer not to say			

Less than high school diploma	47.8	34.8	17.4
High school diploma	56.7	27.3	16.0
Some college	59.2	29.0	11.8
Bachelor's degree	57.0	33.5	9.5
Graduate or professional degree	61.9	23.9	14.2
Prefer not to say	60.0	0	40.0
Urban	65.9	20.4	13.8
Suburban	59.2	28.3	12.5
Rural	53.1	34.9	12.0
Don't know	38.5	23.1	38.5

Tariffs

The Trump administration plans to place a 25% tariff on automobiles and car parts manufactured outside the United States. How effective do you think these tariffs will be at improving the US economy?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Don't know
Democrat	6.5	10.1	11.6	65.9	5.8
Republican	30.0	35.4	15.0	8.5	11.2
Unaffiliated	15.4	15.4	7.7	38.5	23.1
Other	9.1	18.2	9.1	36.4	27.3
Don't know	6.5	20.6	16.6	41.7	14.6
White	17.1	22.2	14.9	36.3	9.5
Black or African American	9.7	20.5	14.1	43.8	11.9
Hispanic or Latino	16.1	22.6	6.5	38.7	16.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.0	35.0	15.0	35.0	10.0
Other	8.7	4.3	4.3	65.2	17.4
Prefer not to say	25.0	50.0	0	25.0	0
Female	13.1	19.0	14.8	41.5	11.6
Male	17.7	26.2	12.9	34.4	8.8
Non-binary/third gender	0	0	0	83.3	16.7
Prefer not to say	0	100.0	0	0	0
18-28	11.6	23.7	13.7	37.9	13.2

29-44	17.7	26.5	14.9	32.1	8.8
45-60	15.5	14.8	12.0	45.8	12.0
61-79	12.0	18.8	15.6	44.8	12.0
80+	35.0	30.0	5.0	20.0	10.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	21.7	21.7	13.0	26.1	17.4
High school diploma	15.5	25.3	19.6	28.9	10.8
Some college	12.8	19.6	14.0	45.8	7.8
Bachelor's degree	14.2	15.9	10.6	49.6	9.7
Graduate or professional degree	0	60.0	0	20.0	20.0
Prefer not to say					
Urban	13.8	15.6	15.6	41.9	13.2
Suburban	12.8	20.7	12.5	43.8	10.2
Rural	18.2	25.5	14.9	33.5	8.0
Don't know	0.0	46.2	7.7	7.7	38.5

What impact do you think a tariff on imported cars and car parts will have on your personal financial situation?

	Improve my personal financial situation a lot	Improve my personal financial situation a little	Hurt my personal financial situation a little	Hurt my personal financial situation a lot	Don't know
Democrat	4.0	8.0	31.5	33.0	23.6
Republican	13.5	26.2	22.3	4.2	33.8
Unaffiliated	7.7	15.4	15.4	7.7	53.8
Other	9.1	27.3	9.1	27.3	27.3
Don't know	3.5	13.1	30.2	23.6	29.6
White	6.3	15.5	28.6	16.9	32.7
Black or African American	8.6	17.8	24.9	26.5	22.2
Hispanic or Latino	16.1	12.9	19.4	25.8	25.8

Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.0	15.0	25.0	20.0	35.0
Other	4.3	13.0	39.1	26.1	17.4
Prefer not to say	25.0	25.0	0	50.0	0
Female	5.9	13.1	27.3	20.7	33.0
Male	9.5	20.4	27.6	18.7	23.8
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	33.3	33.3	16.7
Prefer not to say	0	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	10.0	24.7	22.1	20.0	23.2
29-44	11.2	14.9	27.9	19.1	27.0
45-60	4.9	9.2	29.6	25.4	31.0
61-79	2.1	12.5	31.8	19.3	34.4
80+	5.0	25.0	15.0	5.0	50.0
Less than high school diploma	17.4	26.1	4.3	17.4	34.8
High school diploma	7.7	22.7	21.1	17.0	31.4
Some college	5.3	14.7	26.5	22.0	31.4
Bachelor's degree	7.3	12.8	34.6	19.6	25.7
Graduate or professional degree	8.8	8.8	34.5	23.0	24.8
Prefer not to say	0	40.0	0	20.0	40.0
Urban	10.8	15.0	26.9	22.8	24.6
Suburban	5.6	14.1	29.6	22.7	28.0
Rural	6.9	18.5	26.5	16.0	32.0
Don't know	7.7	15.4	0.0	15.4	61.5

Cuts in Government Agencies and Personnel (DOGE)

The Trump administration is attempting to make large cuts in agencies and employees of the federal government. How concerned are you that these cuts will affect your ability to get services from the federal government (e.g., receive your Social Security payment, visit a national park, etc.)?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Very unconcerned	Don't know
Democrat	66.3	23.9	2.9	4.3	2.5

Republican	18.8	23.5	29.2	24.6	3.8
Unaffiliated	38.5	23.1	7.7	7.7	23.1
Other	9.1	27.3	9.1	27.3	27.3
Don't know	39.2	29.1	16.6	12.6	2.5
White	38.9	22.2	19.2	16.5	3.2
Black or African American	45.9	31.9	10.3	5.9	5.9
Hispanic or Latino	41.9	29.0	9.7	16.1	3.2
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	50.0	30.0	5.0	15.0	0
Other	56.5	30.4	4.3	8.7	0
Prefer not to say	50.0	0	0	50.0	0
Female	44.1	27.3	16.6	8.1	3.9
Male	37.1	22.4	14.3	22.8	3.4
Non-binary/third gender	83.3	0	16.7	0	0
Prefer not to say	0	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	38.9	35.8	14.2	7.9	3.2
29-44	38.1	28.4	15.3	14.0	4.2
45-60	44.4	23.2	14.8	12.0	5.6
61-79	49.0	15.1	16.7	16.7	2.6
80+	15.0	0	30.0	55.0	0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	39.1	17.4	21.7	13.0	8.7
High school diploma	37.6	28.9	17.5	12.4	3.6
Some college	39.2	25.7	15.5	16.3	3.3
Bachelor's degree	42.5	25.7	14.5	14.0	3.4
Graduate or professional degree	54.0	18.6	13.3	11.5	2.7
Prefer not to say	20.0	20.0	20.0	0	40.0
Urban	45.5	27.5	13.2	10.2	3.6
Suburban	41.8	24.0	13.2	17.4	3.6
Rural	40.0	24.4	20.4	12.7	2.5
Don't know	23.1	38.5	7.7	0.0	30.8

North Carolina Policies

Banning Cell Phones in Public Schools

North Carolina is considering a bill that would ban students from using cell phones in public schools (K-12) during instructional time. Do you support such legislation?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	29.7	27.9	15.2	20.7	6.5
Republican	51.9	24.2	11.9	9.2	2.7
Unaffiliated	23.1	38.5	15.4	0	23.1
Other	36.4	45.5	9.1	0	9.1
Don't know	36.2	33.7	12.1	14.6	3.5
White	46.0	28.4	11.3	9.9	4.4
Black or African American	23.8	27.0	17.3	25.9	5.9
Hispanic or Latino	32.3	32.3	12.9	16.1	6.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15.0	40.0	25.0	20.0	0
Other	34.8	34.8	13.0	13.0	4.3
Prefer not to say	75.0	0	0	25.0	0
Female	34.9	28.2	15.3	17.7	3.9
Male	45.9	29.3	9.9	9.2	5.8
Non-binary/third gender	0	33.3	16.7	33.3	16.7
Prefer not to say	100.0	0	0	0	0
18-28	15.3	22.1	24.7	32.1	5.8
29-44	36.7	29.8	13.0	14.0	6.5
45-60	42.3	30.3	12.7	9.9	4.9
61-79	58.3	33.3	3.6	2.6	2.1
80+	80.0	20.0	0	0	0
Less than high school diploma	30.4	26.1	13.0	26.1	4.3
High school diploma	33.5	25.8	18.0	17.0	5.7
Some college	39.2	28.6	10.2	16.7	5.3
Bachelor's degree	40.8	30.7	12.8	10.6	5.0
Graduate or professional degree	46.0	31.0	12.4	8.8	1.8
Prefer not to say	60.0	20.0	0	20.0	0

Urban	35.3	26.9	13.2	19.8	4.8
Suburban	38.8	31.9	14.1	11.2	3.9
Rural	42.9	26.5	11.6	14.2	4.7
Don't know	7.7	15.4	23.1	20.8	23.1

Restricting Some Public Restrooms to the Sex Assigned at Birth

The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation that would restrict transgendered individuals to using public bathrooms to those assigned at their birth (i.e., cannot use restrooms for their changed sex). Do you support such legislation?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	21.7	15.2	14.1	38.0	10.9
Republican	68.5	15.8	4.6	3.8	7.3
Unaffiliated	15.4	15.4	15.4	15.4	38.5
Other	18.2	45.5	0	9.1	27.3
Don't know	35.2	17.6	11.1	24.6	11.6
White	45.2	14.7	8.5	21.6	10.1
Black or African American	32.4	21.1	13.5	20.5	12.4
Hispanic or Latino	35.5	25.8	9.7	25.8	3.2
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15.0	10.0	15.0	45.0	15.0
Other	47.8	8.7	8.7	21.7	13.0
Prefer not to say	75.0	25.0	0	0	0
Female	36.7	16.2	12.2	24.0	10.9
Male	49.0	17.0	6.5	17.3	10.2
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	0	83.3	0
Prefer not to say	0	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	26.8	20.0	14.7	30.0	8.4
29-44	46.0	16.3	8.8	19.5	9.3
45-60	42.3	14.8	4.2	21.1	17.6
61-79	45.8	15.1	10.9	18.8	9.4
80+	70.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	5.0

Less than high school diploma	65.2	4.3	4.3	13.0	13.0
High school diploma	41.2	21.1	10.8	19.1	7.7
Some college	41.6	15.9	11.0	20.8	10.6
Bachelor's degree	38.0	14.5	8.4	28.5	10.6
Graduate or professional degree	39.8	14.2	9.7	22.1	14.2
Prefer not to say	40.0	40.0	0	0	20.0
Urban	37.7	15.0	11.4	22.8	13.2
Suburban	41.4	17.4	9.5	23.0	8.6
Rural	43.6	16.4	9.1	20.4	10.5
Don't know	41.1	16.5	9.9	22.0	10.5

The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation making it impossible to change the sex on a birth certificate. Do you support such legislation?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	21.0	12.3	12.3	41.7	12.7
Republican	66.9	14.2	6.5	8.8	3.5
Unaffiliated	30.8	15.4	7.7	23.1	23.1
Other	36.4	27.3	0	9.1	27.3
Don't know	36.2	19.1	12.1	21.1	11.6
White	47.8	13.1	7.9	23.0	8.3
Black or African American	28.6	17.8	15.1	24.3	14.1
Hispanic or Latino	29.0	19.4	16.1	25.8	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.0	30.0	15.0	40.0	10.0
Other	39.1	13.0	4.3	39.1	4.3
Prefer not to say	75.0	25.0	0	0	0
Female	36.0	16.6	9.6	27.1	10.7
Male	50.0	12.2	10.9	18.7	8.2
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	0	83.3	0
Prefer not to say	0	100.0	0	0	0
18-28	27.4	17.4	12.1	34.2	8.9
29-44	42.3	15.3	13.0	19.5	9.8

45-60	45.1	14.1	5.6	23.2	12.0
61-79	47.4	13.0	8.9	21.9	8.9
80+	70.0	15.0	0	10.0	5.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	47.8	13.0	4.3	26.1	8.7
High school diploma	41.8	20.6	8.2	20.1	9.3
Some college	41.6	13.5	9.8	23.3	11.8
Bachelor's degree	35.2	14.0	14.5	27.4	8.9
Graduate or professional degree	46.9	11.5	7.1	28.3	6.2
Prefer not to say	40.0	0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Urban	36.5	15.0	10.2	25.7	12.6
Suburban	41.8	16.1	9.5	25.0	7.6
Rural	43.6	14.2	10.9	22.2	9.1
Don't know	30.8	7.7	0.0	30.8	30.8

Allowing Permitless Concealed Carry and Lowering the Age for Purchasing a Handgun

The North Carolina legislature is considering legislation to remove the requirement that people must have a permit from their county sheriff in order to possess a handgun. Do you support such legislation?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	22.8	14.1	9.4	49.3	4.3
Republican	35.0	20.0	14.6	25.4	5.0
Unaffiliated	30.8	7.7	23.1	15.4	23.1
Other	18.2	45.5	9.1	9.1	18.2
Don't know	32.7	16.6.	10.6	33.7	6.5
White	30.2	16.7	10.9	37.5	4.6
Black or African American	27.6	18.9	15.7	30.8	7.0
Hispanic or Latino	25.8	19.4	6.5	38.7	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	40.0	10.0	5.0	35.0	10.0
Other	26.1	17.4	13.0	34.8	8.7
Prefer not to say	50.0	0	0	50.0	0

Female	26.4	17.0	11.1	40.0	5.5
Male	34.7	17.7	12.6	28.9	6.1
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	0	16.7	50.0	0
Prefer not to say	0	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	23.2	19.5	16.3	34.7	6.3
29-44	36.3	15.8	10.7	31.6	5.6
45-60	29.6	16.2	9.9	34.5	9.9
61-79	28.1	17.7	8.9	42.7	2.6
80+	35.0	10.0	20.0	35.0	0
Urban	34.1	13.8	10.8	35.3	6.0
Suburban	28.3	13.5	10.2	43.1	4.9
Rural	28.7	22.9	14.2	29.1	5.1
Don't know	23.1	23.1	7.7	15.4	30.8

The North Carolina legislature is considering lowering the age in which a person can legally possess a handgun from 21 to 18. Do you support such legislation?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	22.8	14.1	9.4	49.3	4.3
Republican	35.0	20.0	14.6	25.4	5.0
Unaffiliated	30.8	7.7	23.1	15.4	23.1
Other	18.2	45.5	9.1	9.1	18.2
Don't know	32.7	16.6	10.6	33.7	6.5
White	30.2	16.7	10.9	37.5	4.6
Black or African American	27.6	18.9	15.7	30.8	7.0
Hispanic or Latino	25.8	19.4	6.5	38.7	9.7
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	40.0	10.0	5.0	35.0	10.0
Other	26.1	17.4	13.0	34.8	8.7
Prefer not to say	50.0	0	0	50.0	0
Female	26.4	17.0	11.1	40.0	5.5
Male	34.7	17.7	12.6	28.9	6.1
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	0	16.7	50.0	0

Prefer not to say	0	0	0	100.0	0
18-28	23.2	19.5	16.3	34.7	6.3
29-44	36.3	15.8	10.7	31.6	5.6
45-60	29.6	16.2	9.9	34.5	9.9
61-79	28.1	17.7	8.9	42.7	2.6
80+	35.0	10.0	20.0	35.0	0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	39.1	30.4	8.7	21.7	0
High school diploma	30.4	25.3	13.9	23.7	6.7
Some college	31.4	13.5	11.0	38.4	5.7
Bachelor's degree	28.5	14.0	12.8	39.7	5.0
Graduate or professional degree	24.8	14.2	8.8	48.7	3.5
Prefer not to say	20.0	0	0	20.0	60.0
Urban	12.0	15.6	11.4	57.5	3.6
Suburban	9.5	11.9	14.8	60.2	3.9
Rural	13.8	13.5	18.2	50.9	3.6
Don't know	15.4	0.0	23.1	30.8	30.8

North Carolina Government Efficiency and Giving the State Auditor More Power to Cut State Agencies and Personnel (DAVE Act)

Which statement comes closest to your position on North Carolina's state government?

	The offices are efficient in how they are run and have very little waste or fraud in their operations.	The offices are inefficient in how they run and have a great deal of waste or fraud in their operations.	Don't know
Democrat	28.7	39.5	31.7
Republican	25.5	42.5	32
Unaffiliated	27.3	42.1	30.6
Other	15.4	38.5	46.2
White	24.2	40.7	35.1
Black or African American	32.4	42.2	25.4
Hispanic or Latino	45.2	38.7	16.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	20	65	15
Other	21.7	34.8	43.5
Female	23.6	41.3	35.2
Male	31.3	41.8	35.2
Non-binary/third gender	50	50	0
18-28	29.5	46.3	24.2
29-44	27	45.1	30.3
45-60	24.6	45.1	30.3
61-79	26	31.3	42.7
80+	20	35	45
Less than high school diploma	21.7	39.1	39.1
High school diploma	26.3	42.3	31.4
Some college	27.3	40.4	32.2
Bachelor's degree	25.1	44.1	30.7
Graduate or professional degree	30.1	40.7	29.2
Urban	28.7	39.5	31.7
Suburban	27.3	42.1	30.6
Rural	25.5	42.5	32.0
Don't know	15.4	38.5	46.2

The North Carolina legislature is considering having the State Auditor, David Boliek, make recommendations about significant cuts to state offices and employees, similar to what is happening in the federal government. Do you support such actions?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat don't support	Don't support at all	Don't know
Democrat	12	22.9	18	31.1	16.2
Republican	19.3	22.5	18.9	23.5	16
Unaffiliated	18.8	11.4	26.1	29.3	14.5
Other	7.1	0	30.9	23.1	38.5
White	22.4	22.2	17.5	24.2	13.7
Black or African American	5.9	17.3	22.7	34.1	20
Hispanic or Latino	12.9	19.4	29	16.1	22.6
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	10	25	25	20	20
Female	13.1	17	21.2	29.7	19
Male	24.1	26.2	17	21.4	11.3
Non-binary/third gender	0	16.7	0	83.3	0
18-28	12.1	16.3	25.3	27.4	18.9
29-44	15.3	22.8	21.4	23.3	17.2
45-60	19	14.8	13.4	33.8	19
61-79	20.3	25.5	17.2	27.6	9.4
80+	45	30	5	10	10
Less than high school diploma	13	30.4	8.7	21.7	26.1
High school diploma	14.4	22.7	21.6	23.2	18
Some college	18	17.6	19.6	25.3	19.6
Bachelor's degree	17.9	21.2	21.2	31.3	8.4
Graduate or professional degree	21.2	20.4	13.3	32.7	12.4
Urban	12.0	22.8	18.0	31.1	16.2
Suburban	18.8	18.4	20.1	28.3	14.5
Rural	19.3	22.5	18.9	23.3	16.0
Don't know	7.7	0.0	30.8	23.1	38.5

Approval of political leaders

President Trump

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that President Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't Know
Democrat	2.9	5.1	11.6	77.5	2.9
Republican	53.1	27.3	11.9	5.8	1.9
Unaffiliated	15.4	7.7	23.1	30.8	23.1
Other	9.1	27.3	9.1	27.3	27.3
Don't know	15.1	21.1	14.6	45.2	4.0
White	32.7	17.1	9.5	38.3	2.4
Black or African American	4.3	15.7	19.5	54.6	5.9
Hispanic/Latino	16.1	22.6	19.4	35.5	6.5
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0.0	35.0	10.0	50.0	5.0
Other	8.7	13.0	21.7	52.2	4.3
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Female	19.9	14.4	13.8	48.3	3.7
Male	29.6	22.1	11.2	33.7	3.4
Non-binary/third gender	16.7	0.0	0.0	83.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
18-28	15.8	16.8	16.3	47.9	3.2
29-44	24.7	19.1	15.8	35.3	5.1
45-60	25.4	16.2	9.2	45.8	3.5
61-79	24.5	16.7	9.4	46.9	2.6
80+	65.0	15.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	43.5	17.4	8.7	26.1	4.3
High school diploma	25.3	17.5	16.5	35.6	5.2

Some college	22.4	19.2	9.8	45.3	3.3
Bachelor's degree	21.8	16.8	15.1	45.3	1.1
Graduate or professional degree	23.0	11.5	9.7	51.3	4.4
Prefer not to say	0.0	60.0	0.0	20.0	20.0
Urban	14.4	15.6	18.0	47.9	4.2
Suburban	21.7	19.1	10.9	45.7	2.6
Rural	31.6	16.7	11.6	37.1	2.9
Don't know	15.4	7.7	7.7	38.5	30.8

Vice President Vance

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Vice President JD Vance is handling his job as president?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't Know
Democrat	2.9	6.2	9.8	70.7	10.5
Republican	50.8	27.3	8.5	5.8	7.7
Unaffiliated	15.4	7.7	23.1	15.4	38.5
Other	9.1	18.2	0.0	27.3	45.5
Don't know	14.6	18.1	15.6	39.7	12.1
White	30.6	17.1	9.7	34.5	8.1
Black or African American	6.5	13.5	14.1	50.8	15.1
Hispanic/Latino	9.7	35.5	12.9	25.8	16.1
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	5.0	20.0	10.0	40.0	25.0
Other	8.7	8.7	13.0	47.8	21.7
Prefer not to say	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0
Female	18.8	13.8	12.4	40.6	14.4
Male	29.3	21.4	8.8	35.0	5.4
Non-binary/third gender	0.0	16.7	0.0	83.3	0.0
Prefer not to say	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
18-28	12.1	23.7	12.6	38.9	12.6
29-44	22.8	17.7	14.4	32.1	13.0
45-60	23.9	13.4	10.6	41.5	10.6

61-79	27.6	12.0	6.3	46.4	7.8
80+	65.0	10.0	50.0	15.0	5.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	34.8	13.0	13.0	21.7	17.4
High school diploma	23.7	20.6	13.4	29.4	12.9
Some college	20.4	15.1	11.0	40.4	13.1
Bachelor's degree	24.0	15.6	11.2	42.5	6.7
Graduate or professional degree	21.2	15.0	6.2	49.6	8.0
Prefer not to say	20.0	40.0	0.0	20.0	20.0
Urban	12.6	13.2	15.6	43.1	15.6
Suburban	21.7	19.4	8.6	42.4	7.9
Rural	30.2	16.0	11.3	32.4	10.2
Don't know	15.4	15.4	0.0	30.8	38.5

[Governor Stein](#)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Governor Josh Stein is handling his job as governor?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't Know
Democrat	30.8	27.5	10.1	13.0	18.5
Republican	17.7	37.3	16.9	9.2	18.8
Unaffiliated	15.4	15.4	23.1	15.4	30.8
Other	0.0	18.2	0.0	27.3	54.5
Don't know	16.6	41.7	10.1	11.6	20.1
White	23.8	35.3	12.9	9.3	18.8
Black or African American	19.5	32.4	13.0	14.6	20.5
Hispanic/Latino	9.7	38.7	9.7	22.6	19.4
Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	15.0	35.0	10.0	25.0	15.0
Other	21.7	26.1	4.3	8.7	39.1
Prefer not to say	25.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Female	20.5	31.4	10.7	13.1	24.2

Male	23.8	38.4	15.6	9.2	12.9
Non-binary/third gender	33.3	33.3	0.0	16.7	16.7
Prefer not to say	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
18-28	20.0	30.0	11.6	16.8	21.6
29-44	19.5	31.6	12.6	12.1	24.2
45-60	23.9	35.2	13.4	10.6	16.9
61-79	24.5	41.7	12.5	6.8	14.6
80+	25.0	25.0	15.0	10.0	25.0
Prefer not to say					
Less than high school diploma	21.7	26.7	17.4	4.3	30.4
High school diploma	18.6	29.9	13.4	13.9	24.2
Some college	19.2	38.0	12.7	11.8	18.4
Bachelor's degree	25.7	34.6	12.8	10.6	16.2
Graduate or professional degree	27.4	36.3	9.7	10.6	15.9
Prefer not to say	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.0
Urban	19.8	29.9	10.8	14.4	25.1
Suburban	23.0	25.5	12.5	11.5	17.4
Rural	22.5	36.4	13.5	9.5	18.2
Don't know	7.7	15.4	15.4	23.1	38.5

Methodological Information

Mode: Online

Population: N.C. Registered Voters 18+

Dates in the field: April 2-8, 2025

Sample Size: 759

Credibility Interval: +/- 3.5%

Weighting Variables (NC): Gender, Education, Location (Urban, Rural, and Suburban counties), Political Party, and Race and Ethnicity.

Procedures: The Meredith Poll used an online sample provided by Qualtrics. Participants were recruited into the sample by Qualtrics and received small amounts of compensation in exchange for their opinions. The survey was not an open link posted on social media, but rather was by direct invitation to a very large national pool of people who agree to take online surveys. More information about the Qualtrics panels and quality tests are available [here](#). Quotas on demographic variables such as gender, race, etc. were applied prior to online survey commencement.

Online interviews were included in the final dataset if respondents spent a minimum length of time on the interview and particular sections, and if a respondent progressed through the entire survey. Respondents were recruited to the survey with a generic description about the fall elections.

We used registered voters for our sample.

Credibility Interval

Unlike a traditional random-digit-dial telephone survey, online surveys do not have a traditional margin of error. Non-probability quota samples like these do not adhere to assumptions of random selection. To account for uncertainty inherent in any sample-based research design, we provide a credibility interval. More information about this technique can be found [here](#). The credibility interval was calculated by inflating traditional confidence intervals by a design effect calculated using the squared sum of weights. For this North Carolina sample, this means: $(1.0 * 2.5 = 3.5)$. We round these values up for presentation of results. As with all surveys, Total survey error often exceeds sampling error.

Weighting Information

Weights were generated in Qualtrics using a technique known as iterative proportional fitting, also known as raking. The weight variable was calculated based on the variables in the table below.

The demographic information was obtained through self-report--respondents answered closed-ended questions.

Model—we used estimates of the North Carolina population by the US Census Bureau and voter registration totals as of 2/8/2025 provided by the North Carolina Board of Elections.

Age*	
18-28	7.2%
29-44	32%
45-60	26.6%
61-79	25%
80+	9.2%

*Note: The age ranges for the generational categories are different in our questions, due to the fact of aging. Gen Z, for example, is now considered to be 18-28.

Gender	
Female	50%
Male	49%
Other/refused	1%
Race and Ethnicity	

White	67%
Black	20%
Other	13%
Educational Attainment	
Less than a bachelor's degree	70%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30%
Location—county of residence	
Rural	39%
Urban	25%
Suburban	36%
Party Affiliation	

Democrat	31%
Republican	30.5%
Unaffiliated	37.5%

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