



North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Do you support or oppose extending unemployment benefits for another 20 weeks to North Carolinians who have been laid off, provided they continue seeking work?

Support..... 65%
Oppose..... 32%
Not sure..... 3%

Q2 Last week, leaders in the General Assembly advanced a bill to extend unemployment benefits, but attached a condition that would also require the Governor to agree to cut the overall state budget by 13% in 2012. Do you think lawmakers should have had an opportunity to vote on the unemployment extension by itself?

Yes..... 66%
No..... 22%
Not sure..... 12%

Q3 Over the weekend, the Governor vetoed the bill that combined the unemployment extension with the 2012 budget cuts and asked lawmakers to send her a bill that deals only with the unemployment issue. Do you agree with the Governor's decision to keep the matters separate?

Yes..... 65%
No..... 25%
Not sure..... 10%

Q4 The current budget proposal from legislative leaders would cut taxes from their current levels and includes unprecedented cuts to a number of public services. I'm going to read you a list of specific cuts that have been proposed and ask you to compare them to the option of leaving taxes at current levels: Given the choices of cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades two and three or leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants, which would you prefer?

Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3..... 29%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants..... 66%
Not sure..... 4%

Q5 Given the choices of cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system or leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system, which would you prefer?

Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system..... 38%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system..... 57%
Not sure..... 5%

Q6 Given the choices of cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22% or leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the Department intact, which would you prefer?

Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%..... 46%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact..... 48%
Not sure..... 6%





Q7 Some state legislators want North Carolina to turn down more than \$400 million in federal funds to build high-speed rail service in the state: do you agree with them that North Carolina should reject the money, or do you think that North Carolina should accept the money from the federal government?

- NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service*..... 43%
- NC should accept the money*..... 47%
- Not sure*..... 9%

Q8 Do you think all community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans or should individual community colleges be allowed to refuse to offer such loans?

- All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans*..... 61%
- Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans*..... 30%
- Not sure*..... 9%

Q9 North Carolina law currently limits the annual interest rate on consumer loans offered by loan companies to around 54%. The companies say they need higher rates to loan to people with poor credit. Do you think lawmakers should approve a bill requested by the companies to allow them to charge an annual interest rate of around 90%?

- Lawmakers should raise permissible rates to 90%*..... 7%
- Rates should not be raised*..... 84%
- Not sure*..... 9%

Q10 Do you think that state and local governments should remove roadblocks to employment for ex-criminal offenders who have completed their sentence and are seeking a fresh start in life?

- Lawmakers should remove roadblocks*..... 46%
- They should not remove roadblocks*..... 32%
- Not sure*..... 21%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman*..... 52%
- Man*..... 48%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

- Democrat*..... 44%
- Republican*..... 31%
- Independent/Other*..... 25%

Q13 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

- White*..... 76%
- African-American*..... 20%
- Other*..... 4%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

- 18 to 29*..... 10%
- 30 to 45*..... 26%
- 46 to 65*..... 44%
- Older than 65*..... 20%

Q15 Area Code

- 252*..... 11%
- 336*..... 18%
- 704*..... 24%
- 828*..... 15%
- 910*..... 16%
- 919*..... 16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Extending Unemployment Benefits			
Support	65%	65%	64%
Oppose	32%	31%	33%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Legislators Have Had Opportunity to Vote on Unemployment Benefit Extension Separately?			
Yes	66%	68%	64%
No	22%	19%	26%
Not sure	12%	13%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agree w/ Gov's Decision to Keep Benefit Extension Separate from Budget?			
Yes	65%	70%	59%
No	25%	17%	34%
Not sure	10%	13%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cut Taxes & Teachers or Keep Taxes & Teachers?			
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3	29%	24%	35%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants	66%	70%	62%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cut Taxes & UNC Jobs or Keep Taxes and Jobs?			
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system	38%	32%	45%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system	57%	63%	50%
Not sure	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cut Taxes & DENR or Keep Taxes & DENR \$?			
Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%	46%	43%	49%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact	48%	50%	46%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should NC Accept or Reject Fed Rail \$?			
NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service	43%	40%	47%
NC should accept the money	47%	47%	48%
Not sure	9%	13%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should All Students Have Access to Fed Loans or Should Colleges Be Allowed to Refuse to Offer Them?			
All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans	61%	66%	57%
Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans	30%	25%	35%
Not sure	9%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Lenders Be Allowed to Raise Interest Rates to 90%?			
Law makers should raise permissible rates to 90%	7%	5%	8%
Rates should not be raised	84%	83%	85%
Not sure	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Gov't's Remove Blocks to Ex-cons Seeking Jobs?			
Lawmakers should remove roadblocks	46%	45%	48%
They should not remove roadblocks	32%	31%	33%
Not sure	21%	23%	19%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Extending Unemployment Benefits				
Support	65%	85%	42%	57%
Oppose	32%	12%	52%	42%
Not sure	3%	3%	6%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Legislators Have Had Opportunity to Vote on Unemployment Benefit Extension Separately?				
Yes	66%	68%	63%	66%
No	22%	20%	24%	24%
Not sure	12%	12%	13%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agree w/ Gov's Decision to Keep Benefit Extension Separate from Budget?				
Yes	65%	78%	48%	62%
No	25%	15%	37%	29%
Not sure	10%	7%	15%	9%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cut Taxes & Teachers or Keep Taxes & Teachers?				
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3	29%	16%	38%	40%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants	66%	79%	57%	56%
Not sure	4%	5%	5%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cut Taxes & UNC Jobs or Keep Taxes and Jobs?				
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system	38%	21%	52%	51%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system	57%	75%	41%	44%
Not sure	5%	5%	6%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cut Taxes & DENR or Keep Taxes & DENR \$?				
Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%	46%	29%	63%	54%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact	48%	66%	27%	42%
Not sure	6%	5%	10%	4%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should NC Accept or Reject Fed Rail \$?				
NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service	43%	26%	54%	59%
NC should accept the money	47%	63%	34%	36%
Not sure	9%	10%	12%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should All Students Have Access to Fed Loans or Should Colleges Be Allowed to Refuse to Offer Them?				
All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans	61%	68%	54%	59%
Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans	30%	22%	38%	34%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Lenders Be Allowed to Raise Interest Rates to 90%?				
Lawmakers should raise permissible rates to 90%	7%	6%	7%	7%
Rates should not be raised	84%	83%	82%	89%
Not sure	9%	10%	11%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Gov't's Remove Blocks to Ex-cons Seeking Jobs?				
Lawmakers should remove roadblocks	46%	53%	36%	47%
They should not remove roadblocks	32%	27%	39%	34%
Not sure	21%	20%	25%	19%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Extending Unemployment Benefits				
Support	65%	61%	78%	64%
Oppose	32%	36%	17%	36%
Not sure	3%	3%	5%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should Legislators Have Had Opportunity to Vote on Unemployment Benefit Extension Separately?				
Yes	66%	68%	60%	54%
No	22%	21%	26%	26%
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	20%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Agree w/ Gov's Decision to Keep Benefit Extension Separate from Budget?				
Yes	65%	65%	63%	77%
No	25%	25%	27%	23%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cut Taxes & Teachers or Keep Taxes & Teachers?				
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3	29%	31%	19%	40%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants	66%	65%	74%	60%
Not sure	4%	4%	7%	-





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cut Taxes & UNC Jobs or Keep Taxes and Jobs?				
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system	38%	43%	19%	36%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system	57%	53%	71%	60%
Not sure	5%	4%	9%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cut Taxes & DENR or Keep Taxes & DENR \$?				
Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%	46%	51%	28%	41%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact	48%	43%	63%	55%
Not sure	6%	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should NC Accept or Reject Fed Rail \$?				
NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service	43%	48%	25%	43%
NC should accept the money	47%	43%	61%	53%
Not sure	9%	8%	15%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should All Students Have Access to Fed Loans or Should Colleges Be Allowed to Refuse to Offer Them?				
All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans	61%	59%	69%	64%
Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans	30%	33%	19%	20%
Not sure	9%	8%	12%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should Lenders Be Allowed to Raise Interest Rates to 90%?				
Lawmakers should raise permissible rates to 90%	7%	6%	9%	4%
Rates should not be raised	84%	85%	83%	78%
Not sure	9%	9%	8%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should Gov't's Remove Blocks to Ex-cons Seeking Jobs?				
Lawmakers should remove roadblocks	46%	44%	60%	37%
They should not remove roadblocks	32%	33%	25%	41%
Not sure	21%	23%	15%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Extending Unemployment Benefits					
Support	65%	76%	57%	65%	68%
Oppose	32%	20%	42%	32%	25%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%	3%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Legislators Have Had Opportunity to Vote on Unemployment Benefit Extension Separately?					
Yes	66%	64%	70%	68%	56%
No	22%	28%	18%	21%	28%
Not sure	12%	8%	12%	10%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agree w/ Gov's Decision to Keep Benefit Extension Separate from Budget?					
Yes	65%	76%	57%	69%	59%
No	25%	16%	33%	20%	32%
Not sure	10%	8%	10%	11%	8%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cut Taxes & Teachers or Keep Taxes & Teachers?					
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3	29%	28%	33%	28%	26%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants	66%	68%	63%	68%	68%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cut Taxes & UNC Jobs or Keep Taxes and Jobs?					
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system	38%	20%	40%	40%	39%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system	57%	80%	49%	56%	56%
Not sure	5%	-	10%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cut Taxes & DENR or Keep Taxes & DENR \$?					
Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%	46%	24%	45%	51%	48%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact	48%	68%	46%	44%	47%
Not sure	6%	8%	9%	5%	5%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should NC Accept or Reject Fed Rail \$?					
NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service	43%	16%	49%	44%	47%
NC should accept the money	47%	68%	42%	49%	41%
Not sure	9%	16%	9%	7%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should All Students Have Access to Fed Loans or Should Colleges Be Allowed to Refuse to Offer Them?					
All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans	61%	72%	64%	60%	56%
Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans	30%	16%	31%	31%	32%
Not sure	9%	12%	4%	9%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Lenders Be Allowed to Raise Interest Rates to 90%?					
Lawmakers should raise permissible rates to 90%	7%	25%	9%	4%	2%
Rates should not be raised	84%	67%	80%	88%	89%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Should Gov't's Remove Blocks to Ex-cons Seeking Jobs?					
Lawmakers should remove roadblocks	46%	44%	37%	51%	50%
They should not remove roadblocks	32%	32%	36%	32%	29%
Not sure	21%	24%	27%	18%	21%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Extending Unemployment Benefits							
Support	65%	72%	61%	62%	61%	68%	67%
Oppose	32%	27%	32%	34%	38%	29%	30%
Not sure	3%	1%	7%	3%	1%	3%	4%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should Legislators Have Had Opportunity to Vote on Unemployment Benefit Extension Separately?							
Yes	66%	60%	70%	64%	63%	68%	69%
No	22%	25%	22%	20%	30%	17%	23%
Not sure	12%	15%	8%	16%	7%	14%	8%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Agree w/ Gov's Decision to Keep Benefit Extension Separate from Budget?							
Yes	65%	73%	60%	56%	66%	70%	71%
No	25%	18%	27%	30%	25%	24%	24%
Not sure	10%	9%	13%	14%	9%	7%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Cut Taxes & Teachers or Keep Taxes & Teachers?							
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 8,200 teachers' assistants positions in grades 2 and 3	29%	40%	30%	24%	24%	30%	32%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the teachers' assistants	66%	59%	66%	74%	67%	63%	62%
Not sure	4%	1%	3%	2%	8%	7%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Cut Taxes & UNC Jobs or Keep Taxes and Jobs?							
Prefer cutting taxes and eliminating 3,200 jobs in the university system	38%	39%	39%	34%	47%	38%	35%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the jobs in the university system	57%	60%	54%	62%	44%	58%	59%
Not sure	5%	1%	7%	5%	9%	3%	6%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Cut Taxes & DENR or Keep Taxes & DENR \$?							
Prefer cutting taxes and cutting the state's Department of Environment and Natural Resources by 22%	46%	49%	42%	53%	48%	33%	48%
Prefer leaving taxes at current levels and keeping the department intact	48%	50%	47%	41%	46%	60%	47%
Not sure	6%	1%	10%	6%	6%	8%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should NC Accept or Reject Fed Rail \$?							
NC should reject \$400 million in federal funds for high speed rail service	43%	33%	39%	46%	59%	40%	40%
NC should accept the money	47%	59%	49%	43%	35%	48%	54%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	11%	6%	12%	7%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should All Students Have Access to Fed Loans or Should Colleges Be Allowed to Refuse to Offer Them?							
All community college students should have access to low cost federal student loans	61%	57%	60%	65%	63%	65%	56%
Individual community colleges should be allowed to refuse to offer federal loans	30%	36%	29%	27%	32%	27%	32%
Not sure	9%	8%	12%	8%	5%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should Lenders Be Allowed to Raise Interest Rates to 90%?							
Lawmakers should raise permissible rates to 90%	7%	3%	13%	7%	6%	6%	4%
Rates should not be raised	84%	91%	80%	80%	87%	87%	86%
Not sure	9%	6%	7%	13%	6%	7%	10%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should Gov't's Remove Blocks to Ex-cons Seeking Jobs?							
Lawmakers should remove roadblocks	46%	34%	48%	41%	47%	51%	57%
They should not remove roadblocks	32%	46%	30%	37%	32%	27%	23%
Not sure	21%	20%	22%	22%	21%	23%	20%

