

North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 Because of the national recession, the state faces a revenue shortfall reaching \$3.7 billion. Without additional revenue, addressing the shortfall will mean a cuts-only approach that requires deeper cuts than would otherwise be necessary to schools, public safety, healthcare, and other services. Would you favor an approach that makes cuts to services only, raises revenues only or combines cuts and spending with new revenues?

Favor cuts only 31%
Favor raising revenue only..... 12%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases 46%
Not sure 12%

Q2 Which one of the following two approaches do you feel is the better way to use state dollars to strengthen North Carolina's economy: 1) Invest in education, transportation, and public safety to improve communities and give businesses the tools to expand and create jobs or 2) Reduce taxes for businesses and upper-income households to increase corporate profits and jobs?

Favor investing in education, transportation, and public safety to help the economy..... 58%
Favor reducing taxes on upper income households to increase profits and jobs..... 32%
Not sure 10%

Q3 The North Carolina House of Representatives has proposed a state budget that cuts investments in our state university system by more than 15%. Do you think this is likely to harm the quality of the education provided to the 220,000 students served by the system?

A 15% cut will harm the quality of education... 48%
It will not..... 42%
Not sure 10%

Q4 One of the reasons the budget proposed by the House of Representatives has less money to spend is because it would allow the state sales tax rate to fall by one percent and a small surcharge on the income taxes paid by wealthy households to expire. Given the choice of reducing these taxes and reducing university investments, which would you prefer?

Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments..... 34%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum..... 54%
Not sure 12%

Q5 For an in-state resident, the cost of attending the University of North Carolina can range as high as \$20,000 per year on some campuses. Do you think that raising tuition above current levels is a good option to provide more funding for higher education?

Good idea 24%
Bad idea..... 65%
Not sure 11%

Q6 For the past month, state legislative leaders have told Governor Perdue that they will not consider a bill that would extend unemployment benefits to 37,000 workers whose benefits have expired unless she agrees to their demands for overall state spending for 2012. Do you think the legislature should go ahead and vote on the bill to extend benefits and keep the issue separate from the budget debate?

Yes..... 52%
No..... 31%
Not sure..... 17%



Q7 State legislators are currently considering a proposal that would reduce the amount of time given to North Carolinians to participate in early voting by seven days. Do you think this is a good idea?

Support 38%
Oppose 49%
Not sure 13%

Q8 Since they took office in January, state legislators have devoted a great deal of time to debating controversial social issues like abortion and concealed weapons. Do you think this is a good use of their time in Raleigh?

Yes 24%
No 62%
Not sure 14%

Q9 State lawmakers are considering a proposal to make it lawful for North Carolinians to carry concealed handguns into restaurants and public parks. Do you favor this change?

Yes 36%
No 54%
Not sure 11%

Q10 State legislators are currently debating a proposal that would give health insurance companies several seats on a new board that will help regulate the health care market created by federal health reform. Supporters say the companies will bring important expertise. Consumer advocates say the insurance companies should be kept off because they have a conflict of interest. Do you think this is a good idea?

Support 22%
Oppose 69%
Not sure 9%

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

Woman 53%
Man 47%

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 45%
Republican 32%
Independent/Other 23%

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

White 79%
African-American 18%
Other 3%

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 9%
30 to 45 21%
46 to 65 50%
Older than 65 20%

Q15

252 12%
336 18%
704 16%
828 14%
910 15%
919 24%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Favor Cuts/Revenue Boost/Combo of Two?			
Favor cuts only	31%	22%	40%
Favor raising revenue only	12%	11%	13%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases	46%	51%	39%
Not sure	12%	15%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Best Way to Strengthen Econ.: Invest in Edu./Transit/etc. or Lower Taxes on Rich and Biz?			
Favor investing in education, transportation, and public safety to help the economy	58%	57%	59%
Favor reducing taxes on upper income households to increase profits and jobs	32%	30%	35%
Not sure	10%	13%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Will UNC Syst. Cuts Harm Edu. Quality?			
A 15% cut will harm the quality of education	48%	49%	47%
It will not	42%	36%	47%
Not sure	10%	15%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Cut Taxes or UNC Investments?			
Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments	34%	29%	41%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum	54%	57%	50%
Not sure	12%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Raising UNC Tuition Good or Bad Idea?			
Good idea	24%	18%	30%
Bad idea	65%	69%	61%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Leg. Vote on Unemployment Benefits Separate from Budget?			
Yes	52%	55%	49%
No	31%	24%	38%
Not sure	17%	21%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Cutting Early Voting			
Support	38%	37%	39%
Oppose	49%	49%	49%
Not sure	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Debating Soc. Issues Good Use of Leg. Time?			
Yes	24%	19%	31%
No	62%	62%	62%
Not sure	14%	19%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Favor Concealed Carry in Parks/Restaurants			
Yes	36%	25%	47%
No	54%	62%	45%
Not sure	11%	13%	8%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Allowing Health Insurers to Regulate Mkt.			
Support	22%	18%	27%
Oppose	69%	71%	68%
Not sure	9%	11%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Favor Cuts/Revenue Boost/Combo of Two?				
Favor cuts only	31%	20%	42%	37%
Favor raising revenue only	12%	16%	6%	10%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases	46%	52%	39%	42%
Not sure	12%	12%	12%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Best Way to Strengthen Econ.: Invest in Edu./Transit/etc. or Lower Taxes on Rich and Biz?				
Favor investing in education, transportation, and public safety to help the economy	58%	70%	44%	53%
Favor reducing taxes on upper income households to increase profits and jobs	32%	22%	43%	38%
Not sure	10%	8%	14%	9%





Crosstabs

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		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Will UNC Syst. Cuts Harm Edu. Quality?				
A 15% cut will harm the quality of education	48%	60%	34%	44%
It will not	42%	29%	54%	49%
Not sure	10%	11%	12%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Cut Taxes or UNC Investments?				
Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments	34%	24%	49%	35%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum	54%	67%	38%	51%
Not sure	12%	10%	13%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Raising UNC Tuition Good or Bad Idea?				
Good idea	24%	21%	26%	26%
Bad idea	65%	70%	62%	62%
Not sure	11%	9%	12%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Leg. Vote on Unemployment Benefits Separate from Budget?				
Yes	52%	62%	36%	56%
No	31%	22%	44%	29%
Not sure	17%	16%	20%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Cutting Early Voting				
Support	38%	31%	46%	39%
Oppose	49%	56%	42%	45%
Not sure	13%	13%	12%	16%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Debating Soc. Issues Good Use of Leg. Time?				
Yes	24%	17%	36%	23%
No	62%	68%	50%	66%
Not sure	14%	15%	14%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Favor Concealed Carry in Parks/Restaurants				
Yes	36%	22%	48%	45%
No	54%	65%	42%	48%
Not sure	11%	14%	10%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Allowing Health Insurers to Regulate Mkt.				
Support	22%	19%	27%	22%
Oppose	69%	73%	63%	70%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Favor Cuts/Revenue Boost/Combo of Two?				
Favor cuts only	31%	30%	35%	26%
Favor raising revenue only	12%	13%	8%	8%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases	46%	49%	31%	41%
Not sure	12%	8%	26%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Best Way to Strengthen Econ.: Invest in Edu./Transit/etc. or Lower Taxes on Rich and Biz?				
Favor investing in education, transportation, and public safety to help the economy	58%	59%	56%	43%
Favor reducing taxes on upper income households to increase profits and jobs	32%	30%	40%	50%
Not sure	10%	11%	3%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Will UNC Syst. Cuts Harm Edu. Quality?				
A 15% cut will harm the quality of education	48%	49%	44%	48%
It will not	42%	41%	47%	35%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Cut Taxes or UNC Investments?				
Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments	34%	31%	48%	25%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum	54%	58%	37%	50%
Not sure	12%	11%	15%	25%





Crosstabs

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		White	African-American	Other
Raising UNC Tuition Good or Bad Idea?				
Good idea	24%	24%	24%	15%
Bad idea	65%	65%	66%	70%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Should Leg. Vote on Unemployment Benefits Separate from Budget?				
Yes	52%	52%	54%	45%
No	31%	31%	31%	23%
Not sure	17%	17%	15%	33%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Cutting Early Voting				
Support	38%	37%	44%	30%
Oppose	49%	51%	42%	43%
Not sure	13%	13%	15%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Debating Soc. Issues Good Use of Leg. Time?				
Yes	24%	23%	31%	28%
No	62%	65%	48%	55%
Not sure	14%	12%	21%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Favor Concealed Carry in Parks/Restaurants				
Yes	36%	35%	40%	35%
No	54%	56%	47%	48%
Not sure	11%	10%	13%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Support/Oppose Allowing Health Insurers to Regulate Mkt.				
Support	22%	19%	35%	15%
Oppose	69%	73%	55%	59%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Favor Cuts/Revenue Boost/Combo of Two?					
Favor cuts only	31%	39%	35%	29%	29%
Favor raising revenue only	12%	10%	14%	13%	6%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases	46%	29%	38%	49%	52%
Not sure	12%	23%	14%	9%	12%

	Base	Age			
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Best Way to Strengthen Econ.: Invest in Edu./Transit/etc. or Lower Taxes on Rich and Biz?					
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Not sure	10%	8%	11%	8%	15%





Crosstabs

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Will UNC Syst. Cuts Harm Edu. Quality?					
A 15% cut will harm the quality of education	48%	49%	52%	49%	42%
It will not	42%	40%	39%	43%	40%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	8%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cut Taxes or UNC Investments?					
Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments	34%	43%	40%	33%	28%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum	54%	36%	53%	57%	56%
Not sure	12%	22%	7%	10%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Raising UNC Tuition Good or Bad Idea?					
Good idea	24%	24%	24%	24%	23%
Bad idea	65%	65%	68%	66%	61%
Not sure	11%	11%	8%	9%	16%

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Should Leg. Vote on Unemployment Benefits Separate from Budget?					
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No	31%	42%	30%	30%	28%
Not sure	17%	9%	20%	14%	26%





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Oppose	49%	49%	48%	52%	41%
Not sure	13%	14%	17%	11%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Debating Soc. Issues Good Use of Leg. Time?					
Yes	24%	38%	27%	22%	22%
No	62%	41%	65%	67%	57%
Not sure	14%	21%	8%	12%	21%

	Base	Age			
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Favor Concealed Carry in Parks/Restaurants					
Yes	36%	38%	45%	35%	26%
No	54%	47%	45%	56%	61%
Not sure	11%	15%	10%	9%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Allowing Health Insurers to Regulate Mkt.					
Support	22%	42%	20%	19%	23%
Oppose	69%	42%	71%	74%	68%
Not sure	9%	16%	9%	7%	9%





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	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Favor Cuts/Revenue Boost/Combo of Two?							
Favor cuts only	31%	37%	36%	36%	26%	26%	27%
Favor raising revenue only	12%	8%	6%	9%	20%	11%	15%
Favor combination of cuts and revenue increases	46%	44%	49%	43%	44%	45%	47%
Not sure	12%	12%	9%	12%	11%	17%	11%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Best Way to Strengthen Econ.: Invest in Edu./Transit/etc. or Lower Taxes on Rich and Biz?							
Favor investing in education, transportation, and public safety to help the economy	58%	55%	54%	51%	61%	59%	65%
Favor reducing taxes on upper income households to increase profits and jobs	32%	34%	38%	37%	28%	34%	24%
Not sure	10%	11%	8%	12%	11%	7%	10%

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		252	336	704	828	910	919
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A 15% cut will harm the quality of education	48%	42%	44%	39%	59%	44%	58%
It will not	42%	54%	44%	49%	33%	42%	34%
Not sure	10%	5%	12%	13%	9%	15%	8%

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Cut Taxes or UNC Investments?							
Prefer reducing these tax rates and reducing university investments	34%	40%	37%	43%	24%	33%	30%
Prefer keeping current tax rates and keeping university cuts to a minimum	54%	47%	52%	42%	66%	47%	64%
Not sure	12%	12%	11%	15%	10%	19%	6%





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Raising UNC Tuition Good or Bad Idea?							
Good idea	24%	31%	23%	26%	17%	23%	25%
Bad idea	65%	62%	70%	65%	72%	64%	61%
Not sure	11%	7%	7%	9%	12%	13%	14%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Should Leg. Vote on Unemployment Benefits Separate from Budget?							
Yes	52%	49%	55%	48%	55%	45%	58%
No	31%	34%	30%	36%	25%	31%	28%
Not sure	17%	18%	15%	16%	20%	23%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Cutting Early Voting							
Support	38%	32%	41%	52%	33%	35%	33%
Oppose	49%	54%	45%	38%	58%	48%	53%
Not sure	13%	14%	14%	10%	9%	17%	15%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Debating Soc. Issues Good Use of Leg. Time?							
Yes	24%	24%	27%	30%	23%	27%	18%
No	62%	59%	63%	56%	71%	53%	68%
Not sure	14%	18%	10%	14%	6%	20%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Favor Concealed Carry in Parks/Restaurants							
Yes	36%	35%	34%	45%	39%	39%	27%
No	54%	42%	55%	46%	59%	50%	63%
Not sure	11%	23%	11%	9%	3%	11%	10%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Support/Oppose Allowing Health Insurers to Regulate Mkt.							
Support	22%	26%	20%	25%	16%	24%	23%
Oppose	69%	64%	71%	64%	75%	66%	72%
Not sure	9%	10%	9%	11%	9%	10%	5%

