



Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results

February 11 – 13, 2019

Q. Do you feel things in the United States are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	10%	12%	9%	9%

Q. And now just thinking about North Carolina... do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	40%	43%	45%	43%
Wrong track	39%	39%	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	21%	18%	15%	16%

Q. If the 2020 election for North Carolina State Legislature were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	37%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	37%	44%	42%
Someone else	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	22%	11%	16%

Q. And, regardless of how you would vote at the state level, if the 2020 election for Congress were held today, would you be voting for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

(Note: October and September 2018 were asked in reference to pending 2018 election.)

	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	37%	39%	38%
Democratic Candidate	38%	43%	45%
Someone else	4%	6%	5%
Undecided	21%	12%	12%

Q. Now please tell me whether you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President.

	<i>2/13/19</i>	<i>11/19/18</i>	<i>10/21/18</i>	<i>9/7/18</i>
Strongly approve	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat approve	11%	12%	11%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	5%	9%	8%
Strongly disapprove	42%	44%	38%	45%
Unsure/Refused	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	47%	49%	47%	53%

Q. If the 2020 Presidential Election were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Joe Biden?

Trump	43%
Biden	39%
Someone else	7%
Undecided	11%

Q. If the choices for President were Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Bernie Sanders, who would you vote for?

Trump	46%
Sanders	34%
Someone else	9%
Undecided	10%

Q. If the choices for President were Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Kamala Harris, who would you vote for?

Trump	45%
Harris	34%
Someone else	5%
Undecided	16%

Q. And, if the choices for President were Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Cory Booker, who would you vote for?

Trump	44%
Booker	36%
Someone else	6%
Undecided	14%

Now, thinking about healthcare...

Q. Since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act – commonly called Obamacare, would you say that your satisfaction with your healthcare has increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	16%
Decreased	23%
Stayed the same	54%
Unsure/Refused	7%

Q. What is your top priority when it comes to healthcare for you and your family?

Lowering health insurance premiums	25%
Lowering out-of-pocket costs, copayments and deductibles	41%
Obtaining health insurance coverage for you and your family	11%
Something else	15%
Unsure/Refused	8%

Q. If you could choose any type of healthcare coverage and cost were not a factor, which of the following would you choose for yourself and your family?

Medicare	20%
Private insurance through a company like Blue Cross and Blue Shield	57%
Medicaid	7%
Another type of coverage	8%
Unsure/Refused	9%

Q. Medicaid is a joint federal and state program that provides medical coverage for some lower income people. Under the Affordable Care Act – commonly called Obamacare – some states have expanded eligibility for Medicaid. Do you favor or oppose Medicaid expansion in North Carolina?

	2/13/19	11/19/18
Strongly favor	40%	42%
Somewhat favor	22%	19%
Strongly oppose	15%	18%
Somewhat oppose	12%	8%
Unsure/Refused	12%	12%
Total Favor	62%	61%
Total Oppose	27%	26%

Now I am going to read you two statements about Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. Please tell me whether each statement makes you more likely or less likely to favor Medicaid expansion in North Carolina.

(Note: slight changes in phrasing from 11/19/18)

Q. Medicaid expansion would cover mostly healthy, working-age adults with no children. Some of these potential enrollees already have private health insurance.

	2/13/19	11/19/18
Much more likely	12%	13%
Somewhat more likely	14%	11%
Much less likely	29%	35%
Somewhat less likely	20%	17%
No difference	17%	18%
Unsure/Refused	9%	7%
Total More Likely	26%	24%
Total Less Likely	49%	52%

Q. One proposal for expanding Medicaid in North Carolina would likely add five hundred thousand new individuals to the program and would cost state taxpayers more than \$340 million per year.

	2/13/19	11/19/18
Much more likely	10%	17%
Somewhat more likely	13%	12%
Much less likely	36%	37%
Somewhat less likely	19%	13%
No difference	12%	14%
Unsure/Refused	11%	8%
Total More Likely	23%	29%
Total Less Likely	55%	50%

Q. A mid-year fiscal report from the North Carolina State Controller indicates that state government is projected to have a \$208.9 million revenue surplus when the fiscal year ends in June. How should state government use this surplus?

Spend it on core government services	15%
Save it in the state’s Rainy-Day Fund	20%
Cut taxes	31%
Something else	29%
Unsure/Refused	5%

Now, switching topics to socialism...

Q. Based on what you know, would you favor or oppose the United States’ political and economic system becoming more socialist?

<i>Total Favor</i>	23%
<i>Total Oppose</i>	60%
Strongly favor	9%
Somewhat favor	14%
Strongly oppose	47%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Unsure/Refused	16%

As you may know, socialism is a political and economic system in which the government assumes control of much of private industry, including things like healthcare, education, banking, manufacturing, and energy production. Socialist countries aim to provide their citizens with basic services at the cost of significantly higher tax rates.

Q. Now that you have heard this information, would you favor or oppose the United States' political and economic system becoming more socialist?

<i>Total Favor</i>	24%
<i>Total Oppose</i>	69%

Strongly favor	8%
Somewhat favor	16%
Strongly oppose	55%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Unsure/Refused	8%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	35%
Landline	65%

Party Registration

Republican	31%
Democrat	38%
Unaffiliated voter	27%
Unsure/Refused	4%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Age

18 to 34	17%
35 to 44	17%
45 to 54	19%
55 to 64	18%
65 to 74	17%
75 or older	12%

Media Market

CHARLOTTE	27%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	18%
GREENVILLE-N.BERN & NORFOLK	10%
GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND	8%
MYRTLE BEACH-FLORENCE	1%
RALEIGH-DURHAM (FAYETVLL)	31%
WILMINGTON	5%

Race

White	70%
African American	22%
Any other race or ethnicity	7%

2016 Vote

Republican Donald Trump	43%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	41%
Someone else	7%
Did not vote	7%
Unsure/Refused	3%

Ideology

Very Conservative	23%
Somewhat Conservative	25%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat Liberal	18%
Very Liberal	7%
Unsure/Refused	4%

General Election Vote History

0	6%
1	19%
2	25%
3	24%
4	26%

METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 500 likely voters in North Carolina and the margin of error is +/-4.38%. Responses were gathered via landline and mobile telephone interviews conducted by live callers at a professional call center. The survey was conducted February 11 – 13, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.