

Civitas Institute
North Carolina Statewide Poll Results
August 1 – 4, 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?

	8/4/19	6/10/19	5/5/19	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	39%	37%	39%	34%	38%	41%	41%	41%
Wrong track	53%	53%	52%	56%	53%	48%	50%	50%
Unsure/Refused	8%	9%	9%	10%	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?

	8/4/19	6/10/19	5/5/19	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Right direction	37%	38%	41%	39%	40%	43%	45%	43%
Wrong track	46%	45%	38%	44%	39%	39%	41%	41%
Unsure/Refused	17%	17%	21%	17%	21%	18%	15%	16%

Q. How likely are you to vote in the 2020 Presidential election?

Extremely likely	73%
Very likely	21%
Somewhat likely	6%

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.)

	8/4/19	6/10/19	5/5/19	3/17/19	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	35%	36%	39%	36%	37%	39%	36%
Democratic Candidate	37%	36%	37%	38%	37%	44%	42%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	8%	6%	9%	4%	6%	6%
Undecided	23%	19%	18%	17%	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.)

	8/4/19	6/10/19	5/5/19	3/17/19	2/13/19	10/21/18	9/7/18
Republican Candidate	39%	38%	39%	37%	37%	39%	38%
Democratic Candidate	37%	38%	39%	40%	38%	43%	45%
Neither/Other/Independent	5%	6%	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%
Undecided	19%	18%	17%	15%	21%	12%	12%

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

	8/4/19	6/10/19	5/5/19	3/17/19	2/13/19	11/19/18	10/21/18	9/7/18
Strongly approve	35%	34%	36%	33%	38%	36%	37%	31%
Somewhat approve	14%	13%	11%	14%	11%	12%	11%	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%	42%	39%	44%	42%	44%	38%	45%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	9%	8%	5%	5%	5%	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Total Approve	49%	47%	47%	47%	49%	48%	48%	45%
Total Disapprove	48%	51%	47%	49%	47%	49%	47%	53%

Now, thinking ahead to the 2020 Presidential election...

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?

Definitely Donald Trump	41%
Probably Donald Trump	4%
Definitely Joe Biden	33%
Probably Joe Biden	11%
Undecided	11%
Total Trump	45%
Total Biden	44%

Q. And, if the choice for President was between Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Bernie Sanders who would you vote for?

Definitely Donald Trump	42%
Probably Donald Trump	4%
Definitely Bernie Sanders	36%
Probably Bernie Sanders	8%
Undecided	10%
Total Trump	46%
Total Sanders	44%

Q. And, if the choice for President was between Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Kamala Harris, who would you vote for?

Definitely Donald Trump	43%
Probably Donald Trump	4%
Definitely Kamala Harris	33%
Probably Kamala Harris	8%
Undecided	12%
Total Trump	47%
Total Harris	41%

Q. And, if the choice for President was between Republican Donald Trump OR Democrat Elizabeth Warren, who would you vote for?

Definitely Donald Trump	42%
Probably Donald Trump	4%
Definitely Elizabeth Warren	35%
Probably Elizabeth Warren	8%
Undecided	11%
Total Trump	46%
Total Warren	43%

And, thinking about the 2020 election for Governor of North Carolina...

Q. If the 2020 election for North Carolina Governor were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for: Republican Dan Forest, OR Democrat Roy Cooper?

Definitely Dan Forest	30%
Probably Dan Forest	6%
Definitely Roy Cooper	41%
Probably Roy Cooper	7%
Undecided	15%
Total Forest	36%
Total Cooper	48%

Q. And if the choices for North Carolina Governor were Republican Pat McCrory, OR Democrat Roy Cooper, who would you vote for?

Definitely Pat McCrory	31%
Probably Pat McCrory	7%
Definitely Roy Cooper	40%
Probably Roy Cooper	7%
Undecided	14%
Total McCrory	38%
Total Cooper	47%

Q. And if the choices for North Carolina Governor were Republican Holly Grange, OR Democrat Roy Cooper, who would you vote for?

Definitely Holly Grange	24%
Probably Holly Grange	6%
Definitely Roy Cooper	40%
Probably Roy Cooper	8%
Undecided	22%
Total Grange	30%
Total Cooper	48%

Now, thinking about healthcare...

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?

	8/4/19	2/13/19
Medicare	22%	20%
Private insurance through a company like Blue Cross and Blue Shield	53%	57%
Medicaid	8%	7%
Another type of coverage	9%	8%
Unsure/Refused	9%	9%

Q. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and California Senator Kamala Harris have introduced healthcare plans commonly referred to as “Medicare for All.” Essentially, these plans would move all Americans from private health insurance to a Medicare program run by the federal government. Do you favor or oppose Medicare for All?

Strongly favor	18%
Somewhat favor	13%
Strongly oppose	43%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Unsure/Refused	15%
Total Favor	31%
Total Oppose	53%

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?

	8/4/19	2/13/19	11/19/18
Strongly favor	40%	40%	42%
Somewhat favor	17%	22%	19%
Strongly oppose	23%	15%	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	8%
Unsure/Refused	10%	12%	12%
Total Favor	57%	62%	61%
Total Oppose	32%	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.

	8/4/19	2/13/19	11/19/18
Much more likely	7%	12%	13%
Somewhat more likely	12%	14%	11%
Much less likely	28%	29%	35%
Somewhat less likely	19%	20%	17%
No difference	21%	17%	18%
Unsure/Refused	14%	9%	7%
Total More Likely	19%	26%	24%
Total Less Likely	47%	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 dollars per year.

	8/4/19	2/13/19	11/19/18
Much more likely	9%	10%	17%
Somewhat more likely	12%	13%	12%
Much less likely	35%	36%	37%
Somewhat less likely	15%	19%	13%
No difference	18%	12%	14%
Unsure/Refused	11%	11%	8%
Total More Likely	21%	23%	29%
Total Less Likely	50%	55%	50%

Q. Since 2010, North Carolina’s Medicaid program has added more than 1 million enrollees. At the same time, the number of North Carolina physicians accepting Medicaid has dropped by more than 1,000. Now that you have heard this information, if North Carolina were to expand Medicaid, do you think that wait times for medical care would increase, decrease, or stay the same for current Medicaid patients?

(Note: 2/13/19 asked “Since 2010, North Carolina’s Medicaid program has added more than 600,000 enrollees. At the same time, the number of North Carolina physicians accepting Medicaid has dropped by 3,868 – about a 12 percent decrease...”)

	8/4/19	2/13/19
Increase	56%	55%
Decrease	9%	10%
Stay the same	21%	21%
Unsure/Refused	13%	14%

As you may know, socialism has been a frequent topic of discussion in the news lately.

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

	8/4/19	2/13/19
Strongly favor	8%	9%
Somewhat favor	13%	14%
Strongly oppose	55%	47%
Somewhat oppose	9%	13%
Unsure/Refused	15%	16%
Total Favor	21%	23%
Total Oppose	64%	60%

Q. 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.

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

	8/4/19	2/13/19
Strongly favor	9%	8%
Somewhat favor	10%	16%
Strongly oppose	62%	55%
Somewhat oppose	10%	14%
Unsure/Refused	9%	8%
Total Favor	19%	24%
Total Oppose	72%	69%

Demographics

Type of Phone

Cellphone	35%
Landline	65%

Party Registration

Republican	30%
Democrat	36%
Unaffiliated voter	31%
Unsure/Refused	3%

Gender

Female	54%
Male	46%

Race

White	72%
African American	20%
Another race or ethnicity	8%

Age

18-34	15%
35-44	16%
45-54	18%
55-64	20%
65-74	18%
75 or older	13%

2016 Vote

Republican Donald Trump	43%
Democrat Hillary Clinton	43%
Someone else	7%
Did not vote	6%
Unsure/Refused	2%

Media Market

CHARLOTTE	29%
CHATTANOOGA	<1%
GREENSBORO-H.POINT-W.SALEM	16%
GREENVILLE-N.BERN + NORFOLK	8%
GREENVLL-SPART-ASHEVLL-AND	11%
RALEIGH-DURHAM (FAYETVLL)	31%
WILMINGTON + MYRTLE BEACH	5%

Ideology

Very Conservative	22%
Somewhat Conservative	23%
Moderate	29%
Somewhat Liberal	13%
Very Liberal	8%
Unsure/Refused	5%

General Election Vote History

0	20%
1	8%
2	18%
3	21%
4	33%

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 August 1 – 4, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.

