

## Carolina Issues Poll

- Q1** Do you support the use of the death penalty even if the defendant had a severe mental disability or mental illness at the time he or she committed the crime? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.  
 Yes .....30% Don't know .....18%  
 No .....52%
- Q2** Currently, more than 700,000 North Carolinians cannot afford to buy or rent a safe, stable home. This group includes working families, seniors, the disabled, victims of domestic violence and others. The main state program to assist with the construction and rehabilitation of affordable, private housing for these people has only enough funds to produce around a thousand units per year. Do you think North Carolina should provide more funds to help more families? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.  
 Yes..... 53% Don't know ..... 10%  
 No ..... 37%
- Q3** Last year more than 45,000 families in North Carolina saw their homes foreclosed upon. This number is three times what it was in 1998. Right now, the state is only able to help a few hundred laid-off workers a year get low interest loans so they can save their homes. Would you want the legislature to provide more funds for this Home Protection Loan fund, to keep the same level of funding, or to decrease funding? If you favor providing more funds, press 1. If you think the current level is okay, press 2. If you prefer to see less funding for this program, press 3. If you have no opinion, press 4.  
 More funds ..... 54% Less funding ..... 12%  
 Current level ..... 28% No opinion ..... 6%
- Q4** Right now, health insurance companies in North Carolina are under no obligation to cover claims for mental health services. Opponents argue that requiring mental health services would drive up the cost of insurance. Supporters note that providing mental health coverage for state employees did not have a major impact on the cost. Do you support requiring health insurance companies to cover the treatment of mental illness just like any other illness? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.  
 Yes..... 79% Don't know ..... 7%  
 No ..... 14%
- Q5** If health insurance companies were required to cover the treatment of mental illness just like any other illness, should coverage for substance abuse also be required? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.  
 Yes..... 38% Don't know ..... 18%  
 No ..... 44%
- Q6** Due to limited funding, the state is often forced to place younger persons with mental illnesses in the same adult care homes as senior citizens. This has resulted in several dangerous incidents in the past. Would you favor or oppose additional state taxpayer funding so that older adults and mentally ill persons can be housed separately? If you favor more state funding for this, press 1 now. If you oppose additional funding, press 2. If you have no opinion, press 3.  
 Support ..... 68% Don't know ..... 10%  
 Oppose ..... 23%
- Q7** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.  
 Women .....52% Men.....48%
- Q8** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.  
 Democrat .....42% Other.....20%  
 Republican.....38%

**Q9** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If Hispanic, press 3. If other, press

*White* .....77% *Other*..... 5%

*Black*.....18%

**Q10** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 60, press 3. If older than 60, press 4.

*18-29*..... 7% *46-60*.....32%

*30-45*.....24% *Older than 60*.....36%

### Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>DP even if defendant is mentally ill</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	30%	24%	37%
<b>No</b>	52%	55%	48%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	21%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>More funding for affordable housing</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	54%	63%	43%
<b>No</b>	37%	25%	49%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	12%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>More funds for Home Protection Loan fund</b>			
<b>More funds</b>	54%	64%	42%
<b>Current level</b>	28%	22%	35%
<b>Less funding</b>	12%	6%	17%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	7%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Should insurance companies cover mental health</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	79%	84%	72%
<b>No</b>	14%	8%	20%
<b>Don't know</b>	7%	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Cover substance abuse</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	38%	47%	29%
<b>No</b>	44%	34%	53%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	19%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>More funds to separate mentally ill and elderly in nursing homes</b>			
<b>Support</b>	68%	75%	60%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	13%	33%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	12%	7%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>DP even if defendant is mentally ill</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	30%	23%	38%	31%
<b>No</b>	52%	58%	47%	46%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	19%	14%	23%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>More funding for affordable housing</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	54%	73%	36%	45%
<b>No</b>	37%	21%	51%	43%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	7%	12%	12%

**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>More funds for Home Protection Loan fund</b>				
<b>More funds</b>	54%	69%	39%	49%
<b>Current level</b>	28%	22%	38%	21%
<b>Less funding</b>	12%	5%	16%	19%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	4%	7%	11%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Should insurance companies cover mental health</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	79%	90%	69%	74%
<b>No</b>	14%	7%	20%	17%
<b>Don't know</b>	7%	3%	11%	9%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Cover substance abuse</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	38%	49%	26%	38%
<b>No</b>	44%	32%	57%	42%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	19%	17%	20%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>More funds to separate mentally ill and elderly in nursing homes</b>				
<b>Support</b>	68%	76%	62%	61%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	16%	28%	25%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	8%	9%	15%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>DP even if dependent is mentally ill</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	30%	32%	22%	39%
<b>No</b>	52%	52%	55%	39%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	17%	22%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>More funding for affordable housing</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	54%	48%	78%	50%
<b>No</b>	37%	40%	20%	39%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	12%	2%	11%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>More funds for Home Protection Loan fund</b>				
<b>More funds</b>	54%	47%	82%	57%
<b>Current level</b>	28%	33%	12%	14%
<b>Less funding</b>	12%	13%	6%	14%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	7%	-	14%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Should insurance companies cover mental health</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	79%	77%	92%	57%
<b>No</b>	14%	15%	8%	25%
<b>Don't know</b>	7%	8%	-	18%

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	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Cover substance abuse</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	38%	34%	59%	25%
<b>No</b>	44%	47%	27%	57%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	19%	14%	18%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>More funds to separate mentally ill and elderly in nursing homes</b>				
<b>Support</b>	68%	66%	82%	50%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	25%	12%	25%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	10%	6%	25%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>DP even if defendant is mentally ill</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	30%	48%	37%	26%	27%
<b>No</b>	52%	39%	48%	55%	53%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	13%	15%	19%	20%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>More funding for affordable housing</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	54%	47%	50%	56%	56%
<b>No</b>	37%	42%	40%	40%	30%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	11%	11%	4%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>More funds for Home Protection Loan fund</b>					
<b>More funds</b>	54%	45%	59%	56%	51%
<b>Current level</b>	28%	33%	26%	24%	33%
<b>Less funding</b>	12%	11%	12%	14%	9%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	11%	3%	7%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Should insurance companies cover mental health</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	79%	60%	85%	78%	79%
<b>No</b>	14%	36%	10%	17%	10%
<b>Don't know</b>	7%	5%	5%	5%	11%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>Cover substance abuse</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	38%	40%	46%	45%	27%
<b>No</b>	44%	52%	40%	42%	46%
<b>Don't know</b>	18%	9%	14%	13%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-60	Older than 60
<b>More funds to separate mentally ill and elderly in nursing homes</b>					
<b>Support</b>	68%	50%	67%	71%	69%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	35%	20%	21%	23%
<b>Don't know</b>	10%	14%	13%	8%	8%