

Carolina Issues Poll

- Q1** Some claim that North Carolina's state and local taxes are too high and an excessive burden on taxpayers. Others contend that North Carolina's public schools, roads and other essential services are inadequate compared to states that raise more revenue. Would you say that North Carolina's state and local taxes are too high, inadequate, or about right? If too high, press 1 on your keypad now. If taxes are inadequate, press 2. If about right, press 3.
- Too High*64% *About Right*.....25%
- Inadequate*.....11%
- Q2** Right now, when all state and local taxes are combined, the wealthiest 2% of North Carolinians pay a much smaller share of their incomes in taxes than persons of middle and lower income. Some say this is unfair. Others say these lower rates help keep wealthy people from moving out of state. Would you support a law that raised the overall tax rate on the wealthy so that they paid the same as lower and middle income taxpayers? If you would support a law that made the wealthiest people pay a similar tax rate to everyone else, press 1. If you would not support such a law, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.
- Support*72% *Don't know* 7%
- Oppose*20%
- Q3** Right now, state legislators are considering a proposal to cut the income tax rate paid by the wealthiest 2% of North Carolinians. Do you support such a tax cut? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.
- Support*24% *Don't know*10%
- Oppose*66%
- Q4** If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.
- Women*55% *Men*.....45%
- Q5** Legislators are also considering a proposal to create a state version of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. This credit rewards work by providing many lower income workers and their families with a refund of some of the state and local taxes they pay. Opponents worry about the cost to the state. Do you support such a credit? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.
- Support*50% *Don't Know*20%
- Oppose*31%
- Q6** Another legislative proposal would reduce the state sales tax by one-quarter of a penny. This reduction will save the average household about \$45 per year but will leave the state with \$250 million less per year to pay for essential public services like schools. Do you support such a cut? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.
- Support*30% *Don't Know* 7%
- Oppose*63%
- Q7** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.
- Democrat*41% *Other*.....21%
- Republican*.....38%
- Q8** Current state law permits large corporations that operate in North Carolina to avoid paying state taxes by funneling profits to affiliates in Delaware or Nevada. State lawmakers are considering a proposal adopted by 16 other states that would stop this practice. Opponents argue that such a change will make it more complicated and expensive for big businesses to pay their taxes. Do you support such a proposal? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.
- Support*52% *Don't Know*22%
- Oppose*26%

Q9 One way for the state to build enough schools, roads, parks, and sewer and water systems to keep up with explosive population growth is to consider a tax of 1% or less on each real estate transaction, as is already done in many states and seven counties. Do you think each county should have the authority to impose a small tax on real estate transactions if it first passes a county-wide referendum? If you support a real estate tax only after a referendum, press 1. If opposed, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Support40% *Don't Know*11%
Oppose49%

Q10 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White79% *Other*..... 5%
Black.....16%

Q11 The standard fee charged by realtors on residential home sales in North Carolina is 6%. On a \$200,000 home, for example, the realtor's fee is \$12,000. Given the rapid growth in home sales and property values in many areas, some have suggested that realtors should be asked to contribute a small portion of their commissions to pay for needed public services like schools and roads. Would you support a small tax on realtor commissions? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Support54% *Don't Know* 9%
Oppose38%

Q12 For some time now, state lawmakers have budgeted several million dollars per year to pay part of the cost of college tuition for North Carolina students who attend private colleges and universities in North Carolina- regardless of their family's wealth or income. Some say it is unfair to give public dollars to private schools - especially for wealthy students. Others say it's a sound investment. Do you support this program? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Support31% *Don't Know*11%
Oppose58%

Q13 Would you support amending the current law so that only students with a demonstrated financial need could receive tuition assistance when attending a private college or university in North Carolina? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you don't know, press 3.

Support50% *Don't Know*17%
Oppose33%

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

18-29..... 5% *46-65*.....50%
30-45.....20% *Older Than 65*.....25%

Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Tax Burden			
Too High	64%	63%	66%
Inadequate	11%	10%	13%
About Right	25%	27%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Wealthy should pay same tax rate as everyone else			
Support	72%	76%	67%
Oppose	20%	16%	26%
Don't know	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Cut Tax rate of Wealthiest 2%			
Support	24%	24%	24%
Oppose	66%	62%	70%
Don't know	10%	14%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
State Earned Income Tax Credit			
Support	50%	54%	45%
Oppose	31%	26%	37%
Don't Know	20%	20%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Reduce State Sales Tax			
Support	30%	27%	34%
Oppose	63%	65%	61%
Don't Know	7%	8%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Stop Corps from funneling profits outside NC			
Support	52%	52%	52%
Oppose	26%	22%	30%
Don't Know	22%	26%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Tax on Real Estate Transactions			
Support	40%	40%	40%
Oppose	49%	44%	55%
Don't Know	11%	15%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Tax on Real Estate Commissions			
Support	54%	54%	53%
Oppose	38%	34%	42%
Don't Know	9%	12%	5%

Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Public Dollars to Private Schools			
Support	31%	27%	36%
Oppose	58%	58%	57%
Don't Know	11%	15%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Only give tuition assistance to those who need it			
Support	50%	51%	49%
Oppose	33%	32%	35%
Don't Know	17%	17%	16%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Tax Burden				
Too High	64%	59%	71%	63%
Inadequate	11%	16%	6%	11%
About Right	25%	25%	23%	26%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Wealthy should pay same tax rate as everyone else				
Support	72%	78%	65%	73%
Oppose	20%	13%	27%	23%
Don't know	7%	9%	8%	4%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Cut Tax rate of Wealthiest 2%				
Support	24%	19%	33%	18%
Oppose	66%	72%	57%	70%
Don't know	10%	10%	10%	12%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
State Earned Income Tax Credit				
Support	50%	59%	41%	47%
Oppose	31%	22%	38%	35%
Don't Know	20%	19%	21%	18%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Reduce State Sales Tax				
Support	30%	26%	37%	27%
Oppose	63%	65%	57%	70%
Don't Know	7%	10%	6%	3%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Stop Corps from funneling profits outside NC				
Support	52%	52%	48%	58%
Oppose	26%	25%	29%	20%
Don't Know	22%	23%	22%	22%

Crosstabs

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Tax on Real Estate Transactions				
Support	40%	48%	30%	45%
Oppose	49%	39%	62%	45%
Don't Know	11%	13%	8%	10%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Tax on Real Estate Commissions				
Support	54%	59%	47%	54%
Oppose	38%	29%	45%	41%
Don't Know	9%	11%	8%	5%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Public Dollars to Private Schools				
Support	31%	22%	39%	35%
Oppose	58%	62%	52%	58%
Don't Know	11%	16%	9%	7%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Only give tuition assistance to those who need it				
Support	50%	53%	46%	49%
Oppose	33%	29%	37%	35%
Don't Know	17%	18%	17%	16%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Tax Burden				
Too High	64%	60%	76%	92%
Inadequate	11%	11%	13%	8%
About Right	25%	29%	11%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Wealthy should pay same tax rate as everyone else				
Support	72%	71%	78%	63%
Oppose	20%	22%	11%	29%
Don't know	7%	7%	11%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Cut Tax rate of Wealthiest 2%				
Support	24%	23%	24%	33%
Oppose	66%	67%	62%	58%
Don't know	10%	10%	13%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
State Earned Income Tax Credit				
Support	50%	46%	69%	46%
Oppose	31%	33%	18%	33%
Don't Know	20%	21%	13%	21%

Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Reduce State Sales Tax				
Support	30%	29%	36%	29%
Oppose	63%	66%	51%	54%
Don't Know	7%	5%	13%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Stop Corps from funneling profits outside NC				
Support	52%	56%	40%	29%
Oppose	26%	23%	36%	29%
Don't Know	22%	21%	24%	42%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Tax on Real Estate Transactions				
Support	40%	43%	38%	13%
Oppose	49%	49%	44%	71%
Don't Know	11%	9%	18%	17%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Tax on Real Estate Commissions				
Support	54%	54%	56%	46%
Oppose	38%	39%	29%	46%
Don't Know	9%	7%	16%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Public Dollars to Private Schools				
Support	31%	31%	29%	29%
Oppose	58%	59%	51%	63%
Don't Know	11%	10%	20%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Only give tuition assistance to those who need it				
Support	50%	53%	44%	25%
Oppose	33%	31%	33%	58%
Don't Know	17%	16%	22%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Tax Burden					
Too High	64%	70%	67%	65%	58%
Inadequate	11%	4%	12%	11%	14%
About Right	25%	26%	21%	24%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Wealthy should pay same tax rate as everyone else					
Support	72%	89%	69%	73%	71%
Oppose	20%	4%	25%	20%	21%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%

Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Cut Tax rate of Wealthiest 2%					
Support	24%	26%	26%	22%	26%
Oppose	66%	63%	62%	68%	65%
Don't know	10%	11%	12%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
State Earned Income Tax Credit					
Support	50%	52%	57%	52%	39%
Oppose	31%	30%	29%	29%	37%
Don't Know	19%	19%	14%	19%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Reduce State Sales Tax					
Support	30%	44%	26%	36%	20%
Oppose	63%	45%	71%	57%	71%
Don't Know	7%	11%	3%	7%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Stop Corps from funneling profits outside NC					
Support	52%	52%	51%	53%	51%
Oppose	26%	30%	23%	26%	27%
Don't Know	22%	18%	26%	21%	22%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Tax on Real Estate Transactions					
Support	40%	37%	40%	38%	46%
Oppose	49%	48%	51%	52%	41%
Don't Know	11%	15%	9%	9%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Tax on Real Estate Commissions					
Support	54%	56%	51%	53%	56%
Oppose	38%	22%	40%	39%	36%
Don't Know	9%	22%	8%	8%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
Public Dollars to Private Schools					
Support	31%	19%	38%	33%	25%
Oppose	58%	67%	51%	56%	63%
Don't Know	11%	15%	10%	11%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
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Support	50%	70%	48%	46%	55%
Oppose	33%	26%	33%	37%	26%
Don't Know	17%	4%	18%	17%	19%