



February 2009 Statewide Poll

1. Do you feel things in North Carolina are generally headed in the right direction or have gotten off on the wrong track?

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| Right Direction | 47% |
| Wrong Track | 40% |
| Not Sure | 12% |

2. What is the biggest issue or problem facing North Carolina today?

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| Improve Econ/Create Jobs | 54% |
| Taxes/Wasteful Spending | 11% |
| Improve Public Education | 11% |
| Reduce Health Care Costs | 5% |
| Gov't Corruption/Mismanage | 6% |
| Stopping Crime and Drugs | 5% |
| Fight Illegal Immigration | 4% |
| Not Sure | 4% |

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as President?

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| Strongly Approve | 36% |
| Somewhat Approve | 29% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 5% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 11% |
| Not Sure | 19% |
| Refused | >1% |

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

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| Strongly Approve | 10% |
| Somewhat Approve | 30% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 21% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 25% |
| Not Sure | 15% |

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kay Hagan is doing as U.S. Senator?

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| Strongly Approve | 12% |
| Somewhat Approve | 29% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 7% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 9% |
| Not Sure | 43% |

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Beverly Perdue is doing as Governor?

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| Strongly Approve | 16% |
| Somewhat Approve | 36% |
| Somewhat Disapprove | 9% |
| Strongly Disapprove | 7% |
| Not Sure | 32% |
| Refused | >1% |

7. If the election for state Legislature were held today, would you be voting:

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| Democratic | 49% |
| Republican | 34% |
| Neither | 6% |
| Not Sure | 11% |
| Refused | >1% |

8. Do you support or oppose the \$789 billion stimulus plan?

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| Support | 50% |
| Opposed | 36% |
| Not Sure | 13% |

9. If you knew that the tax cuts in the stimulus package would only yield the average worker approximately \$13 more per week in their paycheck, would you be more or less likely to support the package:

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| More | 40% |
| Less | 50% |
| Not Sure | 10% |
| Refused | >1% |

10. How likely is it that the final economic recovery plan passed by Congress will make things worse instead of better?

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| Very Likely | 19% |
| Somewhat Likely | 30% |
| Somewhat Unlikely | 25% |
| Not at All Likely | 14% |
| Not Sure | 11% |

11. Currently, members of the North Carolina General Assembly are elected every two years. There has been a bill introduced to change the term so members are elected every four years. Do you think North Carolina legislators should be elected every two years or every four years?

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| 2 Years | 59% |
| 4 Years | 33% |
| Not Sure | 8% |
| Refused | >1% |

12. Should hunting be allowed on Sunday in North Carolina?

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| Yes | 35% |
| No | 58% |
| Not Sure | 7% |
| Refused | >1% |

13. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment eliminating the elected position of Superintendent of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and make the position appointed by the Governor?

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| Support | 28% |
| Oppose | 51% |
| Not Sure | 21% |
| Refused | >1% |

14. If you had the choice between two jobs, one unionized and one not, which one would you tend to select?

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| Unionized Job | 31% |
| Non-Unionized Job | 59% |
| Not Sure | 10% |
| Refused | >1% |

15. Do you think it was appropriate for Gov. Bev Perdue to take a week's vacation in the Virgin Islands after being in office for only four weeks?

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| Yes | 25% |
| No | 65% |
| Not Sure | 10% |
| Refused | >1% |

16. North Carolina is the only state in the Southeast that does not have a constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and woman. Do you support or oppose a constitutional amendment in North Carolina defining marriage as between one man and one woman?

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| Support | 76% |
| Oppose | 21% |
| Not Sure | 4% |
| Refused | >1% |

17. Would you be more or less likely to vote for a member of the N.C. General Assembly who refused to sponsor legislation authorizing a referendum on defining marriage as between one man and one woman?

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| More | 19% |
| Less | 64% |
| No Difference | 12% |
| Not Sure | 4% |
| Refused | >1% |

18. Do you think sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly should be broadcast live on the Internet or television, like C-SPAN?

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| Yes | 75% |
| No | 18% |
| Not Sure | 7% |

19. Should the General Assembly be responsible for drawing their own election districts or should the state establish an Independent redistricting commission to draw legislative election districts?

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| Draw Their Own District | 24% |
| Establish a Commission | 55% |
| Not Sure | 21% |
| Refused | >1% |

20. Should criminals on probation be subject to random searches by any law enforcement officer?

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| Yes | 66% |
| No | 31% |
| Not Sure | 3% |
| Refused | >1% |

21. The state of North Carolina currently gives millions of taxpayer dollars to candidates for some public offices to fund their campaigns. Do you think they should expand the program to more offices and give more dollars, leave it as it is or stop giving the money and let all candidates fund their own campaigns?

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| Expand the Program | 3% |
| Leave It as It Is | 21% |
| Fund Own Campaigns | 73% |
| Not Sure | 3% |

22. In your opinion, what is the most pressing need in the public schools of North Carolina?

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| Improving Test Scores | 12% |
| Reducing Overcrowding | 17% |
| Lowering the Dropout Rate | 20% |
| Raising Teacher Salaries | 22% |
| Classroom Discipline | 23% |
| Not Sure | 6% |
| Refused | >1% |

23. What grade would you give the public schools in North Carolina?

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| A | 3% |
| B | 26% |
| C | 42% |
| D | 11% |
| F | 3% |
| Not Sure | 15% |
| Refused | >1% |

24. What grade would you give the public schools in your local community?

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| A | 9% |
| B | 31% |
| C | 35% |
| D | 10% |
| F | 4% |
| Not Sure | 11% |
| Refused | >1% |

25. Do you have children or grandchildren in the North Carolina public schools?

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| Yes | 51% |
| No | 49% |
| Refused | >1% |

26. Age Group

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| 18-25 | 6% |
| 26-40 | 18% |
| 41-55 | 33% |
| 56-65 | 21% |
| 66+ | 22% |
| Refused | >1% |

27. Political Philosophy

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| Very Liberal | 6% |
| Somewhat Liberal | 11% |
| Somewhat Conservative | 25% |
| Very Conservative | 22% |
| Moderate | 34% |
| Not Sure | 2% |
| Refused | >1% |

28. In your current employment status, are you:

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| Self-Employed | 10% |
| Work for a Private Company | 33% |
| Work for Government | 13% |
| Spouse [Housewife] | 8% |
| Retired | 29% |
| Unemployed | 7% |
| Refused | >1% |

29. National Heritage

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| Caucasian | 74% |
| African-American | 23% |
| Hispanic | >1% |
| Native American | 2% |
| Asian | >1% |
| Other | 1% |
| Refused | >1% |

30. Affiliation

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| Democrat | 48% |
| Republican | 35% |
| Unaffiliated | 17% |

31. Gender

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| Male | 44% |
| Female | 56% |

Geographic Area

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| Charlotte | 20% |
| Western | 14% |
| Piedmont Triad | 16% |
| Triangle | 21% |
| Northeast | 12% |
| Southeast | 16% |