

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #24968

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SurveyUSA interviewed 750 adults from the entire state of North Carolina 10/29/19 through 10/30/19. Of the adults, 618 identified themselves as registered voters and were asked the questions which follow.

1	Asked of 750 Adults
	Credibility Interval for this question = \pm 3.5 percentage points.

[Are you registered to vote in the state of North Carolina?](#)

82% Yes
14% No
3% Not Sure

2	Asked of 618 registered voters
	Credibility Interval for this question = \pm 4.4 percentage points.

[Based on what you know, do North Carolina public schools receive too little funding? Too much funding? Or the right amount of funding to provide children with a sound basic education?](#)

73% Too Little
5% Too Much
13% Right Amount
9% Not Sure

3	Asked of 618 registered voters
	Credibility Interval for this question = \pm 5 percentage points.

[Just your best guess ... how much do you think North Carolina spends per child to educate children in the public schools?](#)

30% < \$5,000
19% \$5,000-\$7,000
14% \$7,000-\$9,000
10% \$9,000-\$11,000
6% >\$11,000
20% Not Sure

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Asked of 618 registered voters

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 4.9 percentage points.

[According to the state Department of Public Instruction, in the 2017-2018 school year, North Carolina spent \\$9,478 per student. Do you think this spending level is too little, too much, or about the right amount?](#)

57%	Too Little
9%	Too Much
21%	Right Amount
13%	Not Sure

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Asked of 484 who think 2017-2018 spending was too little or right amount

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5.7 percentage points.

[Would you be willing to pay additional state taxes in order to provide more money to public schools?](#)

55%	Yes
28%	No
17%	Not Sure

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Asked of 264 willing to pay more state taxes

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 7.7 percentage points.

[How much more would you be willing to pay each year in additional taxes to increase per pupil funding?](#)

52%	\$100
20%	\$200
4%	\$300
5%	\$400
10%	More
8%	Not Sure

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Asked of 618 registered voters

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5 percentage points.

[Some matters that come before North Carolina courts are dispatched quickly and others take years, and in rare cases, decades. Which of these best describes how you feel:](#)

[Cases shouldn't remain in the courts for more than a year.](#)
[Judges should place a limit on the amount of time that cases stay in the courts.](#)
[Some cases should be allowed to remain in the courts if it's an important issue to the state.](#)
[Any case should remain in the courts so long as there is a valid reason.](#)

- 27% Cases Shouldn't Remain More Than a Year
- 34% Judges Should Place a Limit On Time
- 15% Some Should Be Allowed If It's An Important Issue
- 18% Any Case Should Remain With a Valid Reason
- 6% Not Sure

8	Asked of 618 registered voters
Credibility Interval for this question = ± 4.9 percentage points.	

[Which of these best describes your view of the proper role of judges and the courts?](#)

- 57% To Follow The Rule Of Law As Written
- 12% To Fight Social Injustices
- 9% To Hold Elected Officials Accountable
- 14% To Make Sure The Law Is Consistent With Widely Held Beliefs
- 2% None Of The Above
- 7% Not Sure

9	Asked of 618 registered voters
Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5 percentage points.	

[The North Carolina General Assembly determines how much state money should be spent on public schools. In your opinion, if more money were to be spent on the public schools, what would be the correct way to do so? Elect members of the legislature that want to increase state funding for schools? Elect and appoint judges that require the legislature to spend more money? Or elect a governor that proposes budgets that increase school funding?](#)

- 35% Elect Members That Want To Increase State Funding
- 11% Elect / Appoint Judges That Require Legislature To Spend More
- 38% Elect Governor That Proposes Budgets That Increase Funding
- 16% Not Sure

10	Asked of 618 registered voters
Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5 percentage points.	

[Should judges in state courts have the power to order state legislators to increase spending on core government services, even if that leads to a tax increase?](#)

- 27% Yes
- 45% No
- 27% Not Sure

11	Asked of 618 registered voters
Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5 percentage points.	

[Which one of these factors do you think is most important when determining whether a child will be successful in public school?](#)

- 49% Family Support
- 34% Quality Of Teachers
- 3% Per-pupil School Spending
- 5% State Of The Art Technology
- 2% Influence Of Peers / Classmates
- 3% Other
- 4% Not Sure

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Asked of 618 registered voters

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 4.8 percentage points.

[Charter schools have been an option for North Carolina students since the late 1990s. Charter schools are publicly-funded schools but are administered by private boards. Charters are free of some of the administrative regulation of traditional public schools but are still expected to meet the requirements spelled out in the charter. Do you support or oppose the creation of additional charter schools in North Carolina?](#)

- 61% Support
- 19% Oppose
- 20% Not Sure

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Asked of 618 registered voters

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 5 percentage points.

[Should judges in state court have the power to create rules for charter schools beyond those passed by the state legislature?](#)

- 26% Yes
- 52% No
- 22% Not Sure

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Asked of 618 registered voters

Credibility Interval for this question = ± 4.9 percentage points.

[Which of these statements best reflects your views on charter schools?](#)

[Charter schools are a positive addition to North Carolina's educational environment; they provide parents with additional educational options.](#)

[Charter schools negatively impact public schools. They siphon much-needed funds from the public schools and often lead to greater segregation in our schools.](#)

- 59% Positive Addition To NC's Educational Environment

29% Negatively Impact Public Schools
12% Not Sure

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