

The survey was fielded April 21-24, 2026. Potential respondents were randomly selected from a database of North Carolina voters and contacted via either a live-operator phone call or an SMS message that led to a web-based survey. The hyperlink in each SMS contained a unique alphanumeric unique identifier to ensure the survey could only be taken a single time by a single person using that link. Respondents were screened to ensure they were registered North Carolina Voters. Results were weighted using an iterative proportional fitting process to match the known attributes of the North Carolina registered electorate on the variables of gender, age, ethnicity, educational attainment, geographic area, and political party affiliation. This weighting model was created using data sourced from the North Carolina State Board of Elections as well as the United States Census Bureau American Community Survey Public Use Microdata. The final sample of qualified respondents is n=829 registered voters, and the survey has a margin of error of ±3.4% with 95% confidence. The survey was commissioned by RightCount.

DEMOGRAPHIC ATTRIBUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA REGISTERED ELECTORATE		
GENDER	Male	45.9%
	Female	53.1%
	Non-binary or Other	1.0%
AGE	18-34	27.6%
	35-44	15.5%
	45-54	14.8%
	55-64	16.3%
	65+	25.9%
	REGION	Charlotte
Eastern		14.8%
Greensboro		16.8%
Raleigh		32.3%
Western		8.2%
ETH	White or Caucasian	69.4%
	Black or African American	20.3%
	Other	10.3%
EDU	Attended high school but have not graduated, or a high school degree or equivalent	34.2%
	Attended some college, but have not earned a degree yet, or Earned an Associate's degree	31.5%
	Earned a Bachelor's degree	22.1%
	Earned a Master's degree, Doctoral degree, or professional degree beyond a Bachelor's degree	12.2%
PARTY	Democrat	29.9%
	Republican	30.0%
	Unaffiliated or Third Party	40.1%

**TOPLINE SURVEY RESPONSES**

<b>Q2 - LIKELIHOOD</b>	<b>How likely are you to vote in the November 2026 general election in North Carolina, when voters will choose candidates for United States Senate, state legislature, and local offices such as county commissioner and school board?</b>	
	Definitely voting	81.3%
	Probably voting	9.1%
	50/50 chance	2.6%
	Probably not voting	1.4%
	Definitely not voting	3.8%
	Unsure	1.7%

<b>Q3-METHOD</b>	<b>(LIKELY VOTERS - Q2 50/50 or BETTER) How do you plan to vote in the 2026 general election?</b>	
	Early in person	48.1%
	By mail	5.3%
	In person on Election Day	38.8%
	Unsure	7.8%

<b>Q4-TRUMP APPROVAL</b>	<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president of the United States?</b>	
	Strongly Approve	31.5%
	Somewhat Approve	11.4%
	Somewhat Disapprove	3.6%
	Strongly Disapprove	50.7%
	Unsure	2.9%
	<b>Net Approval</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>

<b>Q5-STEIN APPROVAL</b>	<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Josh Stein is doing as governor of North Carolina?</b>	
	Strongly Approve	23.8%
	Somewhat Approve	24.5%
	Somewhat Disapprove	14.0%
	Strongly Disapprove	20.9%
	Unsure	16.9%
	<b>Net Approval</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

<b>Q6-TILLIS APPROVAL</b>	<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Thom Tillis is doing as United States Senator representing North Carolina?</b>	
	Strongly Approve	12.9%
	Somewhat Approve	20.6%
	Somewhat Disapprove	20.1%
	Strongly Disapprove	29.8%
	Unsure	16.7%
	<b>Net Approval</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>

<b>Q7-BOLIEK APPROVAL</b>	<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Dave Boliek is doing as North Carolina State Auditor?</b>	
	Strongly Approve	8.8%
	Somewhat Approve	12.5%
	Somewhat Disapprove	7.4%
	Strongly Disapprove	7.0%
	Unsure	64.3%
	<b>Net Approval</b>	<b>6.8%</b>

<b>Q8-STATE LEG APPROVAL</b>	<b>Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing in Raleigh?</b>	
	Strongly Approve	9.3%
	Somewhat Approve	19.7%
	Somewhat Disapprove	17.4%
	Strongly Disapprove	24.6%
	Unsure	28.9%
	<b>Net Approval</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>

<b>Q9-MOTIVATION</b>	<b>The 2024 election included the race for president of the United States with the major party candidates Donald Trump and Kamala Harris. The 2026 election will not be a presidential election, but will still include elections for Congress, in addition to state and local elections. Compared to the 2024 election, would you say you are more motivated to vote in the 2026 election, less motivated, or about the same?</b>	
	More motivated	47.7%
	Less motivated	8.0%
	About the same	40.6%
	Unsure	3.6%

<b>Q10-FOLLOWING NEWS</b>	<b>How closely have you been following news about politics and the upcoming elections in North Carolina?</b>	
	Very closely	27.0%
	Somewhat closely	43.7%
	Not very closely	19.5%
	Not at all	9.2%
	Unsure	0.5%

<b>Q11-SENATE BALLOT</b>	<b>(LIKELY VOTERS - Q2 50/50 or BETTER) If the general election for United States Senate were held today, would you vote for Roy Cooper, the Democratic nominee, or Michael Whatley, the Republican nominee? Or are you unsure?</b>	
	Roy Cooper	50.4%
	Michael Whatley	41.4%
	Unsure	8.2%
	<b>Margin (D vs. R)</b>	<b>9.0%</b>

<b>Q12-SENATE BALLOT W/LEANERS</b>	<b>(LIKELY VOTERS - Q2 50/50 or BETTER) (UNDECIDEDS) And if you had to choose a candidate today, would you say you lean closer to Roy Cooper, the Democrat, or Michael Whatley, the Republican? Or are you still unsure?</b>	
	Roy Cooper (Q11)	50.4%
	Lean toward Roy Cooper	1.1%
	Lean toward Michael Whatley	1.2%
	Michael Whatley (Q11)	41.4%
	Still Unsure	6.0%
	<b>Margin (D vs. R)</b>	<b>8.8%</b>

<b>Q13-CONGRESS BALLOT</b>	<b>(LIKELY VOTERS - Q2 50/50 or BETTER) If the general election for the United States House of Representatives were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate, the Democratic candidate, or a third-party candidate in your Congressional District? Or are you unsure?</b>	
	Republican candidate	38.8%
	Democratic candidate	48.0%
	Third-party candidate	2.1%
	Unsure	11.1%
	<b>Margin (D vs. R)</b>	<b>9.1%</b>

<b>Q14-STATE FED ELECT ADMIN</b>	<b>Which statement comes closer to your view of who should run elections in the states?</b>	
	States should set and run their own elections with federal agencies having limited oversight roles.	68.8%
	Federal agencies should be the ultimate decision-makers on election administration, even if states disagree.	11.9%
	Unsure	19.3%

<b>Q15-FAMILIARITY W/ NC ELECT</b>	<b>Now I'd like to ask your views on the way elections are run in North Carolina. As you may know, elections in North Carolina are administered by the State Board of Elections and county boards of elections in each county. Before today, how familiar were you with how elections are administered in North Carolina?</b>	
	Very familiar	29.5%
	Somewhat familiar	46.4%
	Not very familiar	15.2%
	Not familiar at all	8.9%

<b>Q16-ELECT TRUSTWORTHINESS</b>	<b>Would you say the administration of elections in North Carolina is getting more trustworthy, less trustworthy, or staying about the same as previous years?</b>	
	Definitely more trustworthy	4.9%
	Somewhat more trustworthy	10.5%
	Staying about the same	44.1%
	Somewhat less trustworthy	18.3%
	Definitely less trustworthy	13.1%
	Unsure	9.1%
	<b>Net Trustworthiness</b>	<b>-47.0%</b>

<b>Q17-ACCURACY CONFIDENCE</b>	Regardless of who wins the 2026 election for U.S. Senate, legislative offices, and local offices in North Carolina, how confident are you that the results will accurately reflect the votes cast?	
	Very confident	28.0%
	Somewhat confident	39.0%
	Not very confident	15.9%
	Not at all confident	9.5%
	Unsure	7.7%
	<b>Net Confidence</b>	<b>41.6%</b>

<b>Q18-2020 ELECT BELIEF USA</b>	Looking back to the 2020 general election between Donald Trump, Joe Biden, and third-party candidates, which of the following best describes your view of how that election was conducted across the country?	
	No significant issues with the process	28.1%
	Minor administrative problems	13.0%
	Significant irregularities that didn't change the outcome	13.2%
	Widespread problems or fraud that affected the outcome	36.2%
	Unsure	9.4%

<b>Q19-2020 ELECT BELIEF NC</b>	And thinking specifically about the 2020 general election in North Carolina between Donald Trump, Joe Biden, and third-party candidates, which of the following best describes your view of how that election was conducted in North Carolina?	
	No significant issues with the process	36.7%
	Minor administrative problems	18.4%
	Significant irregularities that didn't change the outcome	11.1%
	Widespread problems or fraud that affected the outcome	17.6%
	Unsure	16.2%

<b>Q20-NC VS. NATIONAL JOB</b>	<b>Compared to other states in the United States, do you think North Carolina does a better job, about the same, or worse job ensuring ballots are accurately cast and counted?</b>	
	Much better	17.1%
	Slightly better	21.5%
	About the same	39.4%
	Slightly worse	7.4%
	Much worse	3.2%
	Unsure	11.3%
	<b>Net Better</b>	<b>28.0%</b>

<b>Q21-CONCERN: NON-CITIZENS</b>	<b>Some people in North Carolina worry that certain events or actions could make it harder for voters to trust or accept the official results of North Carolina's 2026 elections. Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:</b>	
	<b>Non-citizens voting</b>	
	Very concerned	38.9%
	Somewhat concerned	16.7%
	Somewhat unconcerned	6.3%
	Not at all concerned	35.5%
	Unsure	2.6%
<b>Net Concern</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	

<b>Q22-CONCERN: CYBER ATTACK</b>	<b>Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:</b>	
	<b>Cyberattacks affecting results</b>	
	Very concerned	39.4%
	Somewhat concerned	35.5%
	Somewhat unconcerned	9.5%
	Not at all concerned	12.6%
	Unsure	3.0%
<b>Net Concern</b>	<b>52.8%</b>	

<b>Q23-CONCERN: FOLLOWING PROCS</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Election officials not following procedures for counting ballots	
	Very concerned	38.0%
	Somewhat concerned	26.2%
	Somewhat unconcerned	13.4%
	Not at all concerned	19.4%
	Unsure	3.0%
<b>Net Concern</b>		<b>31.4%</b>

<b>Q24-CONCERN: TOO SLOW</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Vote counting being too slow	
	Very concerned	22.5%
	Somewhat concerned	22.3%
	Somewhat unconcerned	11.8%
	Not at all concerned	37.9%
	Unsure	5.4%
<b>Net Concern</b>		<b>-4.8%</b>

<b>Q25-CONCERN: DECLARATIONS</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Premature declarations of victory before all the votes have been counted	
	Very concerned	32.1%
	Somewhat concerned	28.5%
	Somewhat unconcerned	11.4%
	Not at all concerned	23.6%
	Unsure	4.4%
<b>Net Concern</b>		<b>25.5%</b>

<b>Q26-CONCERN: CHANGING RULES</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Court decisions changing election rules close to the election	
	Very concerned	50.3%
	Somewhat concerned	29.1%
	Somewhat unconcerned	5.7%
	Not at all concerned	10.9%
	Unsure	4.0%
	<b>Net Concern</b>	<b>62.8%</b>

<b>Q27-CONCERN: NATL GUARD &amp; ICE</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Deployment of troops like the National Guard or ICE agents at or near polling places	
	Very concerned	42.6%
	Somewhat concerned	13.1%
	Somewhat unconcerned	3.5%
	Not at all concerned	37.2%
	Unsure	3.6%
	<b>Net Concern</b>	<b>15.0%</b>

<b>Q28-CONCERN: FEDERAL PRESSURE</b>	Please say how concerned you are about each of the following events or actions affecting the 2026 elections:	
	Federal pressure on North Carolina officials	
	Very concerned	37.1%
	Somewhat concerned	24.6%
	Somewhat unconcerned	9.7%
	Not at all concerned	21.6%
	Unsure	7.0%
	<b>Net Concern</b>	<b>30.4%</b>

<b>Q29-EARLY VOTING SUPPORT</b>	Changing subjects, North Carolina allows voters to cast ballots in-person during an early voting period before Election Day. Do you support or oppose allowing voters to cast ballots during an early voting period?	
	Support	82.6%
	Oppose	12.8%
	Unsure	4.6%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>69.7%</b>

<b>Q30-EARLY VOTING LENGTH</b>	North Carolina currently allows voters to cast ballots in person during an early voting period of about 17 days before Election Day. Do you think the early voting period should be:	
	Lengthened	21.3%
	Kept about the same	52.8%
	Shortened	20.3%
	Unsure	5.6%

<b>Q31-SAME DAY REG</b>	North Carolina allows voters to register and vote at the same time during early voting, a process known as same-day registration. Do you support or oppose allowing same-day voter registration during early voting?	
	Support	66.4%
	Oppose	23.2%
	Unsure	10.4%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>43.2%</b>

<b>Q32-MAIL-IN VOTING</b>	Which statement comes closer to your view about mail-in voting, even if neither is exactly right?	
	Mail-in voting opens the door for fraud and abuse. If elections are going to be secure, voting should happen in person, not through the mail.	41.8%
	Mail-in voting is a convenient and secure way to vote. Safeguards like identification verification using photo IDs and audits make sure only legal votes are counted.	48.1%
	Unsure	10.1%

<b>Q33-VOTER ID</b>	As you may know, voter identification was a requirement to vote in the 2024 election for president, governor, and down-ballot races. Do you support North Carolina’s voter ID requirement or oppose it?	
	Support	76.7%
	Oppose	16.0%
	Unsure	7.3%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>60.8%</b>

<b>Q34-NCBOE OVERSIGHT</b>	The State Board of Elections oversees how elections are administered in North Carolina. Until recently, state law gave the governor the authority to appoint members of the State Board of Elections. A recent change in state law moved that appointment authority from the governor to the North Carolina State Auditor. Do you support or oppose this change?	
	Support	35.4%
	Oppose	29.7%
	Unsure	34.8%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>5.7%</b>

<b>Q35-NCBOE CHANGE REASON</b>	Which of the following statements comes closer to your view about why this change in state law was made?	
	The change was made to improve oversight and independence in election administration.	23.8%
	The change was made for political reasons because the state legislature and State Auditor are Republicans while the governor is a Democrat.	43.3%
	Unsure	33.0%

<b>Q36-MAIL-IN VOTING RECEIPT DATE</b>	Currently in North Carolina, absentee ballots sent by mail from most voters must be received by the county board of elections by the time polls close on Election Day in order to be counted. Military and overseas voters follow different federal rules and may have additional time for their ballots to arrive. For voters other than military and overseas voters, what do you think should be the rule for absentee ballots arriving by mail?	
	Ballots should be received by the board of elections by the time polls close on Election Day in order to be counted.	47.1%
	Ballots should be counted as long as they are postmarked on Election Day, even if they arrive a few days later.	42.9%
	Unsure	10.0%

<b>Q37-EARLY VOTING RULE CHANGE</b>	North Carolina law requires counties to keep each in-person early voting site open for 17 days. Because of the cost of operating a site for all 17 days, rural or less populated counties often have only one early voting location, meaning some voters must travel across the county — sometimes over an hour — to vote early in person. Some have proposed allowing counties to open additional early voting sites for fewer than 17 days. Supporters say this would allow counties to offer more locations for part of the early voting period, rather than not at all. Do you support or oppose this proposal?	
	Support	68.0%
	Oppose	17.0%
	Unsure	14.9%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>51.0%</b>

<b>Q38-PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP</b>	Besides showing your photo ID, do you support or oppose requiring voters to provide proof of U.S. citizenship, such as birth certificate or passport, in order to vote?	
	Support	50.8%
	Oppose	42.1%
	Unsure	7.1%
	<b>Net Support</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

<b>Q39-MILITARY VBM</b>	How does this fact about voting in North Carolina affect your confidence in North Carolina's elections system:	
	Members of the United States military often use vote-by-mail to vote, and have done so for more than a century.	
	Much more confident	32.5%
	Somewhat more confident	17.4%
	Makes no difference either way	40.9%
	Somewhat less confident	2.5%
	Much less confident	2.6%
	Unsure	4.1%
<b>Net Confidence Improvement</b>	<b>44.8%</b>	

<b>Q40-MILITARY POLL WORKERS</b>	How does this fact about voting in North Carolina affect your confidence in North Carolina's elections system:	
	Some elections in North Carolina are administered by United States Military Veterans who serve as poll workers.	
	Much more confident	31.5%
	Somewhat more confident	16.3%
	Makes no difference either way	45.4%
	Somewhat less confident	2.5%
	Much less confident	0.9%
	Unsure	3.5%
<b>Net Confidence Improvement</b>	<b>44.5%</b>	

<b>Q41-MILITARY ELECTIONS STAFF</b>	<b>How does this fact about voting in North Carolina affect your confidence in North Carolina's elections system:</b>	
	<b>Many county boards of elections employ military veterans as full-time employees.</b>	
	Much more confident	30.9%
	Somewhat more confident	15.4%
	Makes no difference either way	46.3%
	Somewhat less confident	3.2%
	Much less confident	0.9%
	Unsure	3.3%
<b>Net Confidence Improvement</b>		<b>42.3%</b>

<b>Q42-TOP ISSUE</b>	<b>Changing subjects, when thinking about the most important issues facing the country today, which TWO of the following matter most to you?</b>	
	Inflation and the cost of living	47.6%
	Jobs and the economy	23.8%
	Infrastructure and roads	2.2%
	Abortion	9.2%
	Crime and public safety	15.3%
	Election integrity	7.5%
	Illegal immigration and border security	24.5%
	U.S. foreign policy	9.7%
	Healthcare	23.9%
	Education	13.5%
	AI Impact	9.6%
	Unsure	2.3%
	Other	9.1%

<b>Q43-ECONOMY TOP FACTOR</b>	<b>When you think about how the economy is doing, which ONE of the following factors matters most to you?</b>	
	Overall economic growth, like the GDP	8.1%
	Interest rates	2.9%
	Stock market performance	2.6%
	The housing market	5.8%
	Prices and the cost of living	47.5%
	Healthcare costs	11.6%
	Your personal finances	4.6%
	Government debt and spending	7.5%
	Unemployment and job opportunities	5.3%
	Other	0.9%
	Unsure	3.1%

<b>Q44-2024 POTUS VOTE</b>	<b>Thinking back to the 2024 presidential election, who did you vote for?</b>	
	Donald Trump	44.5%
	Kamala Harris	41.7%
	A third-party candidate	1.0%
	I did not vote in the 2024 election	9.1%
	I voted in the 2024 election, but not for U.S. President	0.7%
	Do not remember	2.9%

<b>Q50-HH INCOME</b>	<b>What is your total annual household income before taxes?</b>	
	Under \$25,000	11.2%
	\$25,000 – \$49,999	14.6%
	\$50,000 – \$74,999	14.8%
	\$75,000 – \$99,999	11.1%
	\$100,000 – \$149,999	13.0%
	\$150,000 – \$199,999	7.8%
	\$200,000 or more	8.0%
	Prefer not to say	19.4%

<b>Q51-WORKER</b>	<b>Have you ever served as a paid poll worker in North Carolina?</b>	
	Yes	4.7%
	No	95.3%

<b>Q52-MILITARY SERVICE</b>	<b>Have you or any member of your immediate family ever served in the United States Military? Your immediate family includes spouses, children, parents, and siblings.</b>	
	Yes, I have	11.4%
	Yes, a member of my immediate family has served, but not me	43.8%
	Yes, I have as well as a member of my immediate family	3.2%
	No	41.5%