



**NEWS AND RECORD/HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL  
MEMO RELEASE 9/24/2015**

<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina (with a registered voter subsample)
Sample size	402 adults in North Carolina (n=332 registered voter subsample).
Mode of data collection	Telephone (Random Digit Dial (RDD) landline and cellular telephones). Interviews conducted in English.
Type of sample (probability/non-probability)	Probability, using RDD samples of landline and cellular telephones generated by Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents were randomly selected within household by asking to speak with the person age 18 or older who has had the most recent birthday.
Start and end dates of data collection	September 12 – September 22, 2015
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 4.9 percentage points for the all adult sample. Approximately 5.4 percentage points for the registered voter sample. The margin of error is not adjusted for sample weights.
Are the data weighted?	Yes, relative to U.S. Census (2014 American Community Survey and Population Estimates Program) estimates for age, race and gender as well as CDC estimates for phone usage (cell only, landline only, or both).
Survey sponsor and funded by	High Point University Survey Research Center, High Point, NC
Survey/Data collection supplier	High Point University Survey Research Center. The Center is located on the High Point University campus. Student interviewers staff the 42 stations equipped with WinCati computer assisted telephone interviewing systems.
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Attached is the full text of survey questions our interviewers asked. Interested parties can access results from the survey at <http://www.highpoint.edu/src> and should contact the Director of the Survey Research Center for additional information.

*Survey questions:* Below are questions the Survey Research Center fielded for this study. They represent the text as read by the interviewers, plus options that appeared to interviewers but were not offered to respondents (in parentheses). Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. Percentages less than one percent are denoted with a \*

*Registered Voter Screening*

These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	85	100
No	14	
(Don't know)	1	
	n= 402	n= 332

Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or some other reason?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Absolutely certain	97	100
Chance registration has lapsed	2	
No, not registered	1	
	n= 341	n=332

*Likely Voter Item*

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, North Carolina held its general election for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and other offices. Did you vote or were you unable to vote for some reason?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	74	74
No	22	22
(Can't remember)	4	4
	n= 332	n= 332

*Political Knowledge Item*

Do you happen to know which party currently has the most members in the U.S. Senate?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(Democrats)	13	13
(Republicans)	60	64
(Equal numbers)	0	*
(Don't know/Refused)	27	22
	n=402	n=332

*Direction of Country*

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	22	19
Wrong track	71	75
(Don't know/Refused)	7	6
	n= 402	n= 332

*Approval Ratings for Public Officials*

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	41	37
Disapprove	53	57
(Don't know/Refused)	6	6
	n= 402	n= 332

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Richard Burr is handling his job as United States Senator?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	26	27
Disapprove	40	43
(Don't know/Refused)	34	30
	n= 402	n= 332

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Thom Tillis is handling his job as United States Senator?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	29	31
Disapprove	39	40
(Don't know/Refused)	32	29
	n=402	n = 332

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Pat McCrory is handling his job as Governor?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	38	40
Disapprove	44	44
(Don't know)	19	16
	n= 402	n= 332

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the U.S. Congress is handling its job?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	17	14
Disapprove	77	82
(Don't know/Refused)	6	5
	n= 402	n= 332

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the North Carolina General Assembly is handling its job?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Approve	30	31
Disapprove	47	49
(Don't know/Refused)	23	20
	n= 402	n= 332

If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate OR the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress in your district?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Republican candidate	38	43
Democratic candidate	38	35
Other	5	4
(Don't know/Undecided)	18	18
(Refused)	1	1
	n=402	n=332

If the elections for U.S. President were being held TODAY, would you vote for the Republican Party's candidate OR the Democratic Party's candidate for President?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Republican candidate	42	46
Democratic candidate	35	33
Other	5	4
(Don't know/Undecided)	18	17
(Refused)	1	*
	n=402	n=331

*Health Care*

As you may know, a health reform bill was signed into law in 2010. Given what you know about the health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Favorable	39	36
Unfavorable	49	54
(Don't know/Refused)	12	10
	n= 402	n=514

Do you think the nation as a whole will be better off or worse off under the health reform law, or don't you think it will make much difference?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Better	29	27
Worse	36	40
Not make much difference	26	27
(Don't know/Refused)	9	7
	n= 402	n=332

The health care law is called the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare. Should the state expand its Medicaid programs as allowed under the law?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Expand	51	49
Leave it alone	38	43
(Don't know/Refused)	11	9
	n= 402	n=332

### Education

Now I would like to ask you some questions about education here in North Carolina.

Using a grade of A, B, C, D and F – where A is excellent and F is very poor – how would you grade North Carolina on the quality of its public schools?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
A	5	5
B	17	20
C	36	34
D	23	23
F	13	14
(Don't know/Refused)	6	4
	n= 402	n=332

Overall, in which direction would you say that public education in North Carolina is headed? Would you say the right direction or wrong direction?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Right direction	29	29
Wrong direction	62	62
(Don't know/Refused)	10	9
	n= 402	n=332

Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the use of tax dollars to pay for children to attend private schools, including Christian, Jewish, Muslim and other religious schools?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Support	30	32
Oppose	63	62
(Don't know/Refused)	7	6
	n= 402	n=332

Would you support or oppose a state constitutional amendment to restrict spending and taxing state government in the future?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Support	46	48
Oppose	41	39
(Don't know/Refused)	14	13
	n= 402	n=332

*Demographics*

Does anyone in your household have a working cell phone? (ASKED OF LANDLINE RESPONDENTS)

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	91	92
No	8	7
(Don't know/refused)	1	2
	n= 137	n= 118

Is there at least one telephone inside your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?  
(ASKED OF CELL PHONE RESPONDENTS)

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	40	42
No	59	57
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
	n= 265	n= 214

Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
1	17	17
2	36	36
3	22	20
4	14	14
5	7	8
6	3	3
7	1	1
8	0	0
9	0	0
10 or more	1	1
(None or zero)	*	0
(Refused)	1	1
	n=402	n=332



About how long have you lived in North Carolina?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Less than one year	2	1
One to five years	7	6
Six to ten years	9	10
11 to 20 years	15	15
More than 20 years	46	49
(All my life)	21	19
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
	n= 401	n=331

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(1-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	4	4
(High school graduate)	18	16
(Some college)	30	29
(College graduate)	32	34
(Graduate school)	16	15
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
	n= 401	n= 331

Last month did you purchase any products or services over the Internet?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	61	61
No	39	38
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
	n= 397	n= 327

Do you have a gun in your home?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	45	49
No	47	42
(Don't know/Refused)	8	9
	n= 396	n= 326

Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of the armed forces or a veteran?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	29	31
No	71	69
(Refused)	*	1
	n= 400	n= 330

Would you please stop me when I read the correct category for your total household income?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
25 thousand dollars or less	16	15
25 to 50 thousand dollars	26	25
50 to 75 thousand dollars	15	15
75 to 100 thousand dollars	12	12
100 to 150 thousand dollars	9	10
150 to 250 thousand dollars	5	6
More than 250 ,000 dollars	3	3
(Don't know/Refused)	14	15
	n= 398	n= 329

Would you describe yourself as a “born again” or evangelical Christian, or not?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	53	55
No	45	43
(Don't know/refused)	2	3
	n= 398	n= 328

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	4	3
No	95	96
(Refused)	1	2
	n=398	n= 328

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	22	21
White or Caucasian	71	73
Native American	1	*
Asian	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	2	1
(Refused)	3	4
	n= 402	n= 332

In politics today, do you generally consider yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Democrat	34	33
Republican	31	34
(Independent/unaffiliated)	23	23
(Other)	8	8
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2
	n= 398	n= 328

Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal, or very liberal?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Very conservative	16	18
Somewhat conservative	27	28
Moderate	26	26
Somewhat liberal	16	16
Very liberal	11	8
(Other)	1	1
(Don't know/Refused)	4	3
	n= 397	n= 332

Overall, how qualified do you feel to do the job of an elected official? Would you say: not at all qualified, somewhat qualified, qualified, or very qualified?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Not at all qualified	41	38
Somewhat qualified	28	29
Qualified	17	18
Very qualified	12	13
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
	n= 397	n= 327

Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about men and women as political leaders?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Men generally make better political leaders than women	14	15
Women generally make better political leaders than men	7	8
In general, women and men make equally good political leaders	77	74
(Don't know/Refused)	3	3
	n= 397	n= 327

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Single	37	31
Engaged	4	4
Living with significant other	7	5
Married	48	54
Widowed	3	4
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
	n=397	n=327

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Male	49	50
Female	51	50
	n= 402	n= 332

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
18 - 24	13	8
25 - 34	18	17
35 - 44	20	17
45 - 54	19	21
55 - 65	15	17
65 and older	16	19
	n= 402	n= 332