



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL  
MEMO RELEASE 10/14/2015 (UPDATE)**

<b>ELEMENTS</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina (with a registered voter subsample)
Sample size	446 adults in North Carolina (n=367 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 26 – October 1, 2015
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 4.6 percentage points for the all adult sample. Approximately 5.1 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	13	0
(Don't know/refused)	2	0
	n= 446	n= 367

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	3	0
No, not registered	1	0
	n= 379	n=367

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	68	68
No	30	30
(Can't remember)	2	2
	n= 367	n= 367

*Halloween*

I know it is a few weeks off, but now I would like to ask you about Halloween. Do you celebrate the Halloween holiday?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	65	65
No	32	33
(Don't know)	2	2
	n= 442	n= 363

Some people spend a lot of time and money celebrating the Halloween holiday, others do not celebrate much at all.

Altogether how much money would you say you will spend this year on Halloween, including things like costumes, decorations, candy to give out, and food and drinks?

*All Adults (n = 286)*

Average (Mean) – 66 dollars  
Minimum – 0  
Maximum - 500  
Standard Deviation – 77

\$50 or less – 66 percent  
More than \$50 – 34 percent

*Registered Voters (n = 234)*

Average (Mean) – 65 dollars  
Minimum – 0  
Maximum - 500  
Standard Deviation – 76

\$50 or less – 66 percent  
More than \$50 – 34 percent

Would you say that is more or less than last year?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
More	15	14
(About the same)	67	71
Less	15	13
(Don't know/refused)	3	2
	n= 286	n= 234

### *Demographics*

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

	North Carolina	Registered Voters
Yes	5	3
No	95	97
(Don't know/refused)	1	*
	n= 446	n= 367

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	North Carolina	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	22	21
White or Caucasian	70	73
Native American	2	1
Asian	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	2	1
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
	n= 446	n= 367

About how long have you lived in North Carolina?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Less than one year	1	1
One to five years	4	4
Six to ten years	8	8
11 to 20 years	18	13
More than 20 years	45	49
(All my life)	23	25
(Don't know/refused)	*	*
	n= 446	n=367

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(1-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	4	3
(High school graduate)	23	20
(Some college)	24	23
(College graduate)	31	33
(Graduate school)	17	19
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
	n= 445	n= 366

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	28	26
No	71	73
(Don't know/refused)	1	1
	n= 442	n= 363

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	13	12
25 to 50 thousand dollars	18	16
50 to 75 thousand dollars	19	20
75 to 100 thousand dollars	14	15
100 to 150 thousand dollars	10	11
150 to 250 thousand dollars	4	5
More than 250 thousand dollars	3	3
(Don't know/refused)	18	18
	n= 442	n= 363

How often do you attend worship services? Would you say never, a few times a year, a few times a month, almost every week, every week, or more than once a week.

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Never	17	13
A few times a year	27	26
A few times a month	10	11
Almost every week	11	12
Every week	20	22
More than once a week	13	14
(Don't know/refused)	2	2
	n= 438	n= 361

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	52	55
No	44	40
(Don't know/refused)	5	5
	n= 438	n= 361

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Democrat	29	29
Republican	36	38
(Independent/unaffiliated)	26	26
(Other)	4	3
(Don't know/refused)	5	4
	n= 438	n= 361

In 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	14	15
Somewhat conservative	30	30
Moderate	24	25
Somewhat liberal	18	17
Very liberal	8	7
(Other)	1	2
(Don't know/refused)	6	5
	n= 436	n= 359

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	43	42
Somewhat qualified	28	26
Qualified	13	13
Very qualified	12	15
(Don't know)	4	4
	n= 436	n= 359

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	9	9
Women generally make better political leaders than men	5	5
In general, women and men make equally good political leaders	82	82
(Don't know/refused)	4	4
	n= 436	n= 359

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Single	31	25
Engaged	3	3
Living with significant other	4	2
Married	52	58
Widowed	7	8
(Don't know/refused)	4	3
	n=436	n=359

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Male	49	45
Female	51	55
	n= 446	n= 367

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
18 - 24	13	7
25 - 34	18	17
35 - 44	20	20
45 - 54	19	21
55 - 65	15	17
65 and older	16	19
	n= 446	n= 367

Phone use

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Both (cell phone and landline)	58	61
Cell phone only	39	36
Landline only	3	3