



**HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL
MEMO RELEASE 2/28/2018 (UPDATE: CONSUMER SENTIMENT)**

ELEMENTS	DETAILS
Population represented	Adults in North Carolina.
Sample size	513 Adults in North Carolina (413 self-identified registered voters).
Mode of data collection	Telephone (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	February 19 – 25, 2018
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Approximately 4.3 percentage points for the all adult sample. Approximately 4.8 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 (2015 American Community Survey and Population Estimates Program) estimates for age, race, education, and gender; and 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.

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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	0
(Don't know/Refused)	1	0
	n=513	n=413

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
Yes, absolutely certain	95	100
Chance registration has lapsed	3	0
No, not registered	*	0
(Don't know)	3	0
	n=437	n=413

On November 8th, 2016, North Carolina held its general election for President, 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	87	87
No	13	13
(Don't know)	0	0
	n=413	n=413

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Note: The following indexes, questions and formula for calculating the consumer sentiment index are drawn from the Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers (<http://www.sca.isr.umich.edu/>) All samples are All Adults in North Carolina.

	Feb. 2018	Nov. 2017	Feb. 2017	Nov. 2016	Feb. 2016	Sep. 2015	Feb. 2015	Nov. 2014	Feb. 2014	Sep. 2013	Mar. 2013	Sep. 2012	Mar. 2012	Sep. 2011	Apr. 2011	Oct. 2010	Apr. 2010
Index of consumer sentiment (ICS-HPU)	93.0	92.3	92.3	95.3	89.7	84.3	85.9	80.0	73.5	70.4	72.0	81.9	75.0	59.9	67.6	68.8	73.3

The following five questions were administered on the current survey and are used to calculate the Index of consumer sentiment.

We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

	Feb. 2018	Nov. 2017	Feb. 2017	Nov. 2016	Feb. 2016	Sep. 2015	Feb. 2015	Nov. 2014	Feb. 2014	Sep. 2013	Mar. 2013	Sep. 2012	Mar. 2012	Sep. 2011	Apr. 2011	Oct. 2010	Apr. 2010
Better off	46	40	43	46	53	45	47	39	31	35	33	31	32	24	29	24	26
Worse off	22	22	19	22	25	25	27	32	41	41	42	42	42	49	45	51	44
(Same or Neither better nor worse)	31	35	38	30	20	29	25	28	27	24	25	26	24	25	25	25	30
(Don't know/refused)	1	3	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	*	1	2	2	1	*	*

Now looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you (and your family living there) will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now.

	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2018</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2017</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2017</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2016</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2016</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2015</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2015</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2014</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2014</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2013</i>	<i>Mar.</i> <i>2013</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2012</i>	<i>Mar.</i> <i>2012</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2011</i>	<i>Apr.</i> <i>2011</i>	<i>Oct.</i> <i>2010</i>	<i>Apr.</i> <i>2010</i>
Better off	41	42	42	44	36	33	31	26	28	27	32	37	31	26	26	29	35
Worse off	9	11	13	10	8	12	13	17	14	21	22	9	15	21	22	14	18
Just about the same as now	46	39	40	41	51	49	52	52	53	49	40	42	48	45	49	53	43
(Don't know/refused)	4	8	5	5	6	6	3	5	5	3	6	12	6	8	4	5	4

Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole, do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially, or bad times, or what?

	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2018</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2017</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2017</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2016</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2016</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2015</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2015</i>	<i>Nov.</i> <i>2014</i>	<i>Feb.</i> <i>2014</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2013</i>	<i>Mar.</i> <i>2013</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2012</i>	<i>Mar.</i> <i>2012</i>	<i>Sep.</i> <i>2011</i>	<i>Apr.</i> <i>2011</i>	<i>Oct.</i> <i>2010</i>	<i>Apr.</i> <i>2010</i>
Good times	41	42	43	43	35	32	38	35	26	23	32	31	29	13	23	25	31
Bad times	26	25	30	20	33	38	31	31	36	39	37	24	36	59	46	40	33
(Neither bad nor good, both good and bad)	18	14	11	18	16	15	15	15	19	20	15	17	16	13	15	17	17
(Good times with qualifications)	3	3	8	8	3	3	5	7	8	6	8	13	7	3	7	9	11
(Bad times with qualifications)	2	3	2	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	2	4	5	2	4	2
(Don't know/refused)	10	14	7	9	11	10	8	9	9	7	4	13	7	7	8	6	6

Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so, or that we have periods of widespread unemployment or depression, or what?

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Widespread unemployment or depression	37																
		36	34	29	37	36	45	43	52	54	57	32	44	60	55	54	49
Continuous good times	40	38	44	45	31	29	27	29	25	22	29	38	31	14	26	25	35
(Neither/A mix of both)	15	16	18	19	16	22	19	20	17	20	13	15	18	18	14	16	17
(Don't know/refused)	8	10	5	7	17	14	10	9	6	5	2	15	8	9	5	5	7

About the big things people buy for their homes, such as furniture, a refrigerator, stove, television, and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or bad time for people to buy major household items?

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Good time	60	61	55	55	60	54	60	49	47	45	44	46	55	43	44	45	42
Bad time	18	19	20	22	20	26	20	28	31	34	38	36	14	41	41	37	35
(Neither good time nor bad time)	12	7	11	12	8	13	12	12	13	12	12	12	23	9	9	14	17
(Don't know/refused)	10	14	14	10	12	7	8	10	9	9	7	6	8	6	6	4	7

Demographics

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	5	3
No	95	96
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
	n=513	n=413

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
African-American or Black	21	22
White or Caucasian	70	71
Native American	1	1
Asian	1	1
(Multiple or Other)	4	3
(Don't know/Refused)	3	2
	n=513	n=413

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
(1-11 th grade)	7	5
(High school graduate)	26	24
(Some college)	37	38
(College graduate)	18	19
(Graduate school)	11	13
(Don't know/ Refused)	1	2
	n=513	n=413

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	28	30
No	71	69
(Don't know/Refused)	1	1
	n=513	n=413

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	12	11
25 to 50 thousand dollars	19	18
50 to 75 thousand dollars	21	21
75 to 100 thousand dollars	13	14
100 to 150 thousand dollars	11	12
150 to 250 thousand dollars	6	7
More than 250 thousand dollars	3	4
(Don't know/Refused)	14	14
	n=513	n=413

Do you have a gun in your home?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	52	55
No	44	41
(Don't know/Refused)	4	5
	n=508	n=409

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	18	16
A few times a year	28	28
A few times a month	17	16
Almost every week	9	11
Every week	18	19
More than once a week	8	9
(Don't know/Refused)	2	1
	n=511	n=411

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Yes	47	49
No	48	46
(Don't know/Refused)	5	5
	n=511	n=411

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

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Democrat	26	29
Republican	29	34
(Independent/unaffiliated)	34	31
(Other)	6	5
(Don't know/Refused)	5	2
	n=510	n=410

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	12	13
Somewhat conservative	28	30
Moderate	31	33
Somewhat liberal	13	12
Very liberal	6	6
(Other)	3	3
(Don't know/Refused)	8	4
	n=508	n=408

How would you best describe your current relationship status?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Single	31	28
Engaged	3	3
Living with significant other	8	7
Married	51	56
Widowed	5	5
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2
	n=508	n=408

Gender

	All Adults	Registered Voters
Male	49	50
Female	51	50
	n=513	n=413

Age (Calculated using birth year)

In what year were you born?

	All Adults	Registered Voters
18 - 24	13	11
25 - 34	18	14
35 - 44	19	19
45 - 54	19	20
55 - 64	15	16
65 and older	16	19
	n=513	n=413