



North Carolina Rankings Among States by Indicator*

Prepared February 2017 by Program Evaluation Division of General Assembly Legislative Services Office

Indicator Number*	Indicator	Edition of How NC Compares					Key
		2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	
1	Population	10	10	10	10	9	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p>High/Favorable ↑</p> <p>↓ Low/Unfavorable</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Neutral and Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">*Numbers in column labeled "Indicator Number"</p>
2	Percent Change in Population	9	6	6	6	8	
3	Median Household Income	37	39	39	40	41	
4	Unemployment Rate	38	44	45	39	34	
5	Percentage in Computer or Math Occupations	20	16	18	18	18	
6	Percentage of Population Living in Poverty	38	38	38	40	39	
7	Percentage Without Health Insurance	37	40	35	35	40	
8	Percentage of Adults Overweight or Obese	31	31	37	33	26	
9	Infant Mortality	44	44	45	46	42	
10	Per Capita State and Local Taxes	18	18	17	15	13	
11	State and Local Taxes as a Percentage of Income	21	17	23	16	16	
12	Per Capita State Taxes	25	18	24	19	19	
13	Per Capita State Expenditures	18	15	12	13	8	
14	Per Capita State General Fund Expenditures	28	29	26	25	23	
15	General Fund Expenditures as a Percentage of Income	33	33	32	33	31	
16	Bond Rating	1	1	1	1	1	
17	Per Capita State and Local Debt	11	9	8	6	5	
18	Per Capita Medicaid Expenditures	32	30	25	28	19	
19	Expenditures Per Pupil, K-12	38	43	40	45	44	
20	Percentage with a High School Education or Less	27	25	27	28	25	
21	Average Annual In-State Tuition	6	7	10	10	9	
22	State Government FTE Employment	21	21	24	18	14	
23	Percentage of Roads Maintained by the State	4	4	4	4	4	



North Carolina Rankings Among States by Aspiration**

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16	Bond Rating	1	1	1	1	1	<p>High/Favorable ↑</p> <p>Low/Unfavorable ↓</p> <p>Neutral and Neither Favorable Nor Unfavorable</p>
23	Percentage of Roads Maintained by the State	4	4	4	4	4	
17	Per Capita State and Local Debt	11	9	8	6	5	
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15	General Fund Expenditures as a Percentage of Income	33	33	32	33	31	
4	Unemployment Rate	38	44	45	39	34	
6	Percentage of Population Living in Poverty	38	38	38	40	39	
7	Percentage Without Health Insurance	37	40	35	35	40	
3	Median Household Income	37	39	39	40	41	
9	Infant Mortality	44	44	45	46	42	
19	Expenditures Per Pupil, K-12	38	43	40	45	44	

*Numbers in column labeled "Indicator Number" correspond to ranking items as listed in *How North Carolina Compares*

**Aspiration refers to the extent to which a ranking is favorable or aspired to by states. A rank of 1 is the highest level of aspiration. Low arithmetic values are favorable and are shaded green. High arithmetic values are unfavorable and are shaded red.