



North Carolina Rankings Among States by Aspiration**

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Indicator Number*	Indicator	Edition of How NC Compares						Key
		2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	
16	Bond Rating	1	1	1	1	1	1	<p>High/Favorable</p> <p>↑</p> <p>↓</p> <p>Low/Unfavorable</p>
17	Per Capita State and Local Debt	11	9	8	6	5	3	
23	Percentage of Roads Maintained by the State	4	4	4	4	4	4	
13	Per Capita State Expenditures	18	15	12	13	8	5	
21	Average Annual In-State Tuition	6	7	10	10	9	6	
1	Population	10	10	10	10	9	9	
2	Percent Change in Population	9	6	6	6	8	10	
22	State Government FTE Employment	21	21	24	18	14	13	
5	Percentage in Computer or Math Occupations	20	16	18	18	18	14	
18	Per Capita Medicaid Expenditures	32	30	25	28	19	16	
10	Per Capita State and Local Taxes	18	18	17	17	13	19	
12	Per Capita State Taxes	25	18	24	19	19	19	
0	AVERAGE NC RANK	24	23	24	23	21	20	
14	Per Capita State General Fund Expenditures	28	29	26	25	23	21	
11	State and Local Taxes as a Percentage of Income	21	17	23	19	16	22	
20	Percentage with a High School Education or Less	27	25	27	28	25	24	
15	General Fund Expenditures as a Percentage of Income	33	33	32	33	31	26	
8	Percentage of Adults Overweight or Obese	31	31	37	33	26	28	
4	Unemployment Rate	38	44	45	39	34	31	
6	Percentage of Population Living in Poverty	38	38	38	40	39	37	
3	Median Household Income	37	39	39	40	41	38	
9	Infant Mortality	44	44	45	46	42	39	
7	Percentage Without Health Insurance	37	40	35	35	40	41	
19	Expenditures Per Pupil, K-12	38	43	40	45	44	45	

*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.