

Overall Rank

32 ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Rank

	UNITED STATES	NORTH CAROLINA
CHILDREN IN POVERTY US: 14,116,000 NC: 490,000	22% 2010	25% 2010
	19% 2016 BETTER	22% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT US: 20,692,000 NC: 664,000	33% 2010	35% 2010
	28% 2016 BETTER	29% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN US: 23,556,000 NC: 643,000	41% 2010	38% 2010
	32% 2016 BETTER	28% 2016 BETTER
TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING US: 1,176,000 NC: 40,000	9% 2010	10% 2010
	7% 2016 BETTER	7% 2016 BETTER

22 EDUCATION

Rank

	UNITED STATES	NORTH CAROLINA
YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL US: 4,256,000 NC: 138,000	52% 2009-11	56% 2009-11
	52% 2014-16 SAME	57% 2014-16 WORSE
FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING US: N.A. NC: N.A.	68% 2009	68% 2009
	65% 2017 BETTER	61% 2017 BETTER
EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH US: N.A. NC: N.A.	67% 2009	64% 2009
	67% 2017 SAME	65% 2017 WORSE
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME US: N.A. NC: N.A.	21% 2010-11	22% 2010-11
	16% 2015-16 BETTER	14% 2015-16 BETTER

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29 HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES		NORTH CAROLINA	
LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES US: 321,839 NC: 11,127	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2016 WORSE	9.1% 2010	9.2% 2016 WORSE
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE US: 3,277,000 NC: 102,000	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER
CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000 US: 20,360 NC: 710	26 2010	26 2016 SAME	27 2010	29 2016 WORSE
TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS US: 1,148,000 NC: 32,000	N.A. 2009-10	5% 2015-16	N.A. 2009-10	4% 2015-16

36 FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES		NORTH CAROLINA	
CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES US: 24,267,000 NC: 788,000	34% 2010	35% 2016 WORSE	37% 2010	36% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA US: 9,989,000 NC: 305,000	15% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER	14% 2010	13% 2016 BETTER
CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS US: 9,448,000 NC: 287,000	13% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 SAME	12% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 WORSE
TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000 US: 209,809 NC: 7,190	34 2010	20 2016 BETTER	38 2010	22 2016 BETTER