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DEMOGRAPHIC ATTRIBUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA REGISTERED ELECTORATE		
GENDER	Male	45.9%
	Female	53.1%
	Non-binary or Other	1.0%
AGE	18-34	27.6%
	35-44	15.5%
	45-54	14.8%
	55-64	16.3%
	65+	25.9%
REGION	Charlotte	27.8%
	Eastern	14.8%
	Greensboro	16.8%
	Raleigh	32.3%
	Western	8.2%
ETH	White or Caucasian	69.4%
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	Other	10.3%
EDU	Attended high school but have not graduated, or a high school degree or equivalent	34.2%
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	Earned a Bachelor's degree	22.1%
	Earned a Master's degree, Doctoral degree, or professional degree beyond a Bachelor's degree	12.2%
PARTY	Democrat	30.5%
	Republican	30.4%
	Unaffiliated or Third Party	39.1%

TOPLINE SURVEY RESPONSES		
GUARD AGAINST DISCRIMINATION	There have been multiple times in North Carolina's history when courts have ruled that districts drawn by the legislature illegally discriminated against Black voters. Do you believe it's important that courts help guard against this type of discrimination in the way North Carolina's voting district maps are drawn?	
	Yes	81.7%
	No	9.9%
	Unsure	8.4%
	Net Importance	71.9%

GERRYMANDERING LEGALITY	In 2023, the North Carolina Supreme Court ruled that voters cannot challenge voting district maps in court on the basis of partisan gerrymandering. In other words, it is now legal in North Carolina for the legislature to draw district maps that favor one political party over another, which is known as partisan gerrymandering. Which of these statements best represents your view on this decision?	
	Partisan gerrymandering SHOULD be legal in North Carolina	8.7%
	Partisan gerrymandering SHOULD NOT be legal in North Carolina	76.3%
	Unsure	15.0%
	Net Legality	-67.6%

N.C. SUPREME COURT FAVORABILITY	The North Carolina Supreme Court has seven members, and the justices are elected on a partisan basis, either Republican or Democrat, for eight-year terms. The current composition of the court consists of five Republicans and two Democrats.	
	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the North Carolina Supreme Court?	
	Very Favorable	13.5%
	Somewhat Favorable	18.7%
	Somewhat Unfavorable	17.4%
	Very Unfavorable	21.1%
	Unsure	29.3%
	Net Favorability	-6.3%

NCSC EFFECT	How often do you think about the effect the North Carolina Supreme Court has on your life or the lives of those close to you?	
	Often	24.7%
	Sometimes	46.9%
	Never	28.3%

JUDICIAL PREFERENCE	In North Carolina, we elect judges at all levels. Elections for judges are partisan, meaning the judges run as nominees of specific political parties. When you vote for a judge, which statement best represents your view?	
	I prefer the judge to make decisions that are consistent with my own political views and the views of the political party they represent in most cases.	8.8%
	I prefer the judge to decide cases independently, based on the Constitution and the law, even if their decision differs from my own political beliefs or the views of the political party they represent.	86.9%
	Unsure	4.3%

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		GUARD AGAINST DISCRIMINATION				GERRYMANDERING LEGALITY				N.C. SUPREME COURT FAVORABILITY						NCSC EFFECT			JUDICIAL PREFERENCE			
		82%	10%	8%	72%	9%	76%	15%	-68%	13%	19%	17%	21%	29%	-6%	25%	47%	28%	9%	87%	4%	
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DEMOCRAT	210	PARTY	93%	3%	4%	90%	10%	79%	11%	-68%	4%	12%	20%	45%	20%	-49%	35%	50%	15%	6%	89%	5%
REPUBLICAN	214		66%	19%	15%	47%	10%	66%	24%	-56%	29%	30%	9%	3%	29%	48%	21%	41%	38%	14%	80%	6%
UNAFFILIATED OR 3P	247		85%	8%	7%	77%	7%	82%	11%	-76%	9%	15%	22%	17%	37%	-15%	20%	49%	31%	7%	90%	3%
18-34 YEARS OLD	129	AGE	87%	10%	3%	76%	15%	70%	14%	-55%	7%	17%	15%	20%	41%	-12%	28%	39%	33%	8%	90%	2%
35-44	101		83%	10%	7%	72%	6%	91%	3%	-85%	17%	16%	17%	20%	30%	-4%	28%	55%	17%	12%	87%	2%
45-54	116		78%	7%	16%	71%	7%	70%	23%	-62%	12%	20%	9%	30%	29%	-6%	23%	51%	26%	6%	89%	5%
55-64	140		82%	10%	8%	71%	4%	82%	14%	-78%	15%	18%	26%	22%	20%	-15%	20%	50%	29%	10%	88%	2%
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CHARLOTTE	180	REGION	80%	12%	8%	68%	5%	82%	13%	-76%	14%	19%	22%	24%	21%	-12%	25%	49%	26%	8%	88%	5%
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GREENSBORO	128		81%	11%	9%	70%	10%	71%	20%	-61%	11%	18%	8%	23%	41%	-2%	26%	50%	24%	8%	87%	5%
RALEIGH	188		85%	9%	7%	76%	13%	74%	13%	-61%	12%	16%	20%	23%	29%	-15%	26%	46%	28%	11%	85%	3%
WESTERN	74		91%	5%	5%	86%	10%	83%	7%	-73%	8%	20%	26%	17%	30%	-15%	29%	39%	31%	5%	91%	4%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS	88	EDUCATION	78%	11%	10%	67%	12%	69%	19%	-57%	11%	21%	17%	12%	39%	3%	24%	39%	37%	7%	89%	5%
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BACHELOR'S	194		87%	8%	5%	79%	8%	85%	6%	-77%	13%	18%	23%	20%	25%	-13%	27%	45%	28%	10%	87%	3%
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BLACK	59		93%	2%	5%	91%	5%	85%	10%	-80%	6%	7%	22%	36%	29%	-45%	38%	46%	16%	5%	93%	3%
OTHER	69		65%	20%	15%	45%	16%	63%	21%	-47%	12%	21%	11%	18%	37%	3%	12%	55%	32%	10%	85%	5%
MALE	350	GENDER	78%	13%	10%	65%	13%	72%	15%	-59%	15%	21%	13%	14%	37%	10%	21%	45%	33%	9%	87%	4%
FEMALE	316		85%	7%	8%	78%	5%	80%	15%	-75%	12%	16%	22%	27%	23%	-21%	28%	48%	24%	8%	87%	5%
NON-BINARY / OTHER	5		63%	37%	0%	26%	0%	75%	25%	-75%	0%	62%	0%	38%	0%	24%	23%	62%	15%	21%	79%	0%

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					94%	2%	4%	92%	5%	88%	7%	-82%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	-100%	28%	56%	16%	3%	94%	3%
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From: Opinion Diagnostics – Brian Wynne, President

Date: September 24, 2025

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APPROVAL RATINGS:

As is the case at the federal level, North Carolina's chief executive has a higher approval rating than the legislative branch.

Governor Josh Stein is viewed positively, with 54 percent approving and 23 percent disapproving (net +31).

Partisan Margins: Democrats +69, Republicans -2, Unaffiliated +26.

The North Carolina Legislature earns 31 percent approval and 39 percent disapproval (net -9).

Partisan Margins: Democrats -31, Republicans +26, Unaffiliated -18.

The North Carolina Supreme Court is more mixed, with 32 percent favorable and 38 percent unfavorable (net -6).

Partisan Margins: Democrats -49, Republicans +48, Unaffiliated -15.

- Among the 26% of voters who strongly approve of Governor Stein, the Supreme Court is viewed very negatively (net -45).

COURTS AND JUDICIAL ORIENTATION:

A majority of voters think about the Court's impact on their lives at least sometimes. Twenty-five percent think about it often, 47 percent sometimes, and 28 percent never.

- 35% of Democrats say they "often" think about the Court's effect on their lives, compared to 21% of Republicans and 20% of Unaffiliateds who say so.

On judicial philosophy, voters overwhelmingly prefer independence over exercising raw power on behalf of their party. Eighty-seven percent say judges should decide cases independently, while nine percent say based on politics.

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- Every statistically-significant demographic prefers independence on the bench by over 80 points.

REDISTRICTING AND VOTER RIGHTS:

Voters want courts to guard against racial discrimination in redistricting. Eighty-two percent say yes, 10 percent say no.

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Partisan gerrymandering is widely rejected. Seventy-six percent say it should not be legal, while 9 percent say legal.

Partisan Margins: Democrats -68, Republicans -56, Unaffiliated -76.