

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

NORTH CAROLINA

RED FLAG

Among the highest child poverty rates in the nation

NORTH CAROLINA		NATIONAL	
EDUCATION			
Preschool enrollment:	43 %		48 %
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	8 %		11.5 %
Avg. student loan debt:	\$37.9K		\$43K

HEALTH			
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	11.4 %		9.2 %
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	1 in 8		1 in 9
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	\$126		\$121

FINANCE			
Poverty rate:	12.9 %		11.9 %
Child poverty rate:	17.9 %		16 %
Minimum wage:	\$7.25		\$7.25
Median income:	\$62.9K		\$70.7K
Prison min. wage:	\$0.05–\$0.38		\$0.14–\$1.41
Unbanked households:	3.4 %		5.4 %

HOUSING			
Student homelessness:	2.2 %		2.7 %
Eviction filing rate:	11.7 %		7.8 %
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	22 mos.		28 mos.
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	47.4 %		49.6 %

CONSIDER THESE SELECT

ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? **✗**

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? **✗**

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? **✓**

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? **✗**

have a progressive tax rate? **✗**

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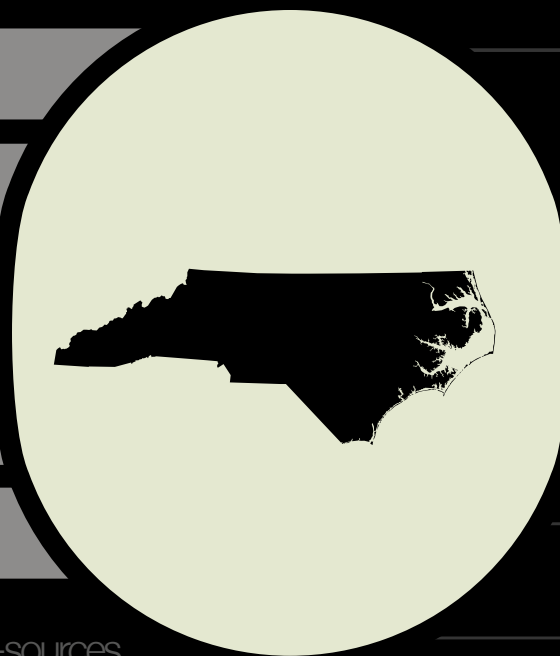
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