



**All results are for release after 6:00 PM/ET Wednesday, February 14, 2024.**

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **Methodology**

Conducted February 8-12, 2024 under the joint direction of Beacon Research (D) and Shaw & Company Research (R), this Fox News Poll includes interviews with a sample of 1,099 North Carolina registered voters randomly selected from a statewide voter file. Respondents spoke with live interviewers on landlines (178) and cellphones (668) or completed the survey online by following a link received via text message (253).

Results based on the full sample have a margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

Telephone numbers were randomly selected from a statewide voter file of registered North Carolina voters using a probability proportionate to size method, which means phone numbers are proportionally representative to the number of voters in all regions across the state. Telephone fieldwork conducted by Braun Research, Inc. of Princeton, NJ.

When necessary, weights are generally applied to age, race, education, and area variables to ensure the demographics of survey respondents are representative of the registered voter population.

Results are of registered voters, unless otherwise noted.

Surveys before January 2024 were telephone only. Web-based survey question wording may differ slightly from telephone wording for improved clarity.

*An asterisk (\*) is used for percentages of less than one-half percent. A dash (-) represents a value of zero. Some percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. In the same way, percentages in "total" columns may be one point more or less than the sum of their parts due to rounding.*

1. How interested are you in the presidential election? Are you:

|                 | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 8-12 Feb 24     | 49%              | 26          | 19              | 6                 | *                   |
| 29 Aug-1 Sep 20 | 59%              | 24          | 13              | 3                 | 1                   |
| 10-13 Nov 19    | 54%              | 26          | 16              | 4                 | 1                   |
| 18-20 Sep 16    | 45%              | 32          | 17              | 6                 | 1                   |

If the presidential election were today...

2. How would you vote if the candidates were: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Well, which way do you lean?]** **[RANDOMIZE NAMES]**

|  | <u>8-12 Feb 24</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| Democrat Joe Biden                           | 37%                |
| Republican Donald Trump                      | 46                 |
| Third-party candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. | 8                  |
| Third-party candidate Cornel West            | 1                  |
| Green Party candidate Jill Stein             | 2                  |
| (Other)                                      | 1                  |
| (Wouldn't vote)                              | 1                  |
| (Don't know)                                 | 4                  |

3. How would you vote if the candidates were: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Well, which way do you lean?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

|              | <u>Democrat Joe Biden</u> | <u>Republican Donald Trump</u> | <u>(Other)</u> | <u>(Wouldn't vote)</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 8-12 Feb 24  | 45%                       | 50                             | 1              | 2                      | 3                   |
| 20-23 Jun 20 | 47%                       | 45                             | 3              | 2                      | 3                   |
| 10-13 Nov 19 | 45%                       | 43                             | 5              | 2                      | 5                   |

**[IF TRUMP IN Q3, ±4%]**

4. How likely is it that Donald Trump's legal problems would cause you to rethink supporting him?

|             | <u>-----Likely-----</u> |             |                 | <u>-----Not likely-----</u> |                 |                   | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|             | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>                | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know)</u>        |
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 23%                     | 6           | 17              | 77                          | 20              | 57                | 1                   |

**[IF BIDEN IN Q3, ±4%]**

5. How likely is it that issues about Joe Biden's mental soundness would cause you to rethink supporting him?

|             | <u>-----Likely-----</u> |             |                 | <u>-----Not likely-----</u> |                 |                   | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|             | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Very</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>                | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> | <u>know)</u>        |
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 40%                     | 12          | 28              | 59                          | 19              | 40                | 2                   |

6. How would you vote if the candidates were: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Well, which way do you lean?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

|  | <u>8-12 Feb 24</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| Democrat Joe Biden                           | 33%                |
| Republican Nikki Haley                       | 31                 |
| Third-party candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. | 19                 |
| Third-party candidate Cornel West            | 2                  |
| Green Party candidate Jill Stein             | 2                  |
| (Other)                                      | 1                  |
| (Wouldn't vote)                              | 5                  |
| (Don't know)                                 | 6                  |

7. How would you vote if the candidates were: **[IF DON'T KNOW: Well, which way do you lean?]** **[ROTATE NAMES]**

|             | <u>Democrat<br/>Joe Biden</u> | <u>Republican<br/>Nikki Haley</u> | <u>(Other)</u> | <u>(Wouldn't<br/>vote)</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 41%                           | 46                                | 2              | 5                          | 5                   |

8.-15. For each of the following issues, please tell me how important it is in deciding your vote for president. **[RANDOMIZE]**

|                                  | -----Important----- |                  |             | -----Not important----- |                 |                   | (Don't know) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                  | <u>TOTAL</u>        | <u>Extremely</u> | <u>Very</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>            | <u>Not very</u> | <u>Not at all</u> |              |
| The economy                      | 94%                 | 66               | 28          | 5                       | 4               | 1                 | *            |
| Health care                      | 90%                 | 54               | 36          | 9                       | 9               | 1                 | *            |
| Election integrity               | 83%                 | 52               | 30          | 17                      | 11              | 6                 | *            |
| Immigration and border security  | 78%                 | 49               | 29          | 21                      | 16              | 5                 | 1            |
| Foreign policy                   | 78%                 | 35               | 42          | 22                      | 16              | 5                 | 1            |
| Abortion                         | 70%                 | 44               | 25          | 29                      | 18              | 11                | 1            |
| The war between Israel and Hamas | 65%                 | 25               | 40          | 34                      | 24              | 9                 | 2            |
| Climate change                   | 55%                 | 28               | 28          | 44                      | 24              | 20                | 1            |

16.-23. Regardless of how you might vote, who do you trust to do a better job on each of the following -- Joe Biden or Donald Trump? [RANDOMIZE]

|                                  | <u>Joe Biden</u> | <u>Donald Trump</u> | <u>(Both)</u> | <u>(Neither)</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> | <u>Biden Edge</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Climate change                   |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 50%              | 42                  | 1             | 3                | 5                   | +8                |
| Election integrity               |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 48%              | 46                  | 1             | 2                | 4                   | +2                |
| Abortion                         |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 48%              | 46                  | *             | 2                | 4                   | +2                |
| Health care                      |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 48%              | 47                  | 1             | 1                | 3                   | +1                |
| Foreign policy                   |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 43%              | 51                  | *             | 2                | 4                   | -8                |
| The war between Israel and Hamas |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 39%              | 54                  | *             | 3                | 5                   | -15               |
| The economy                      |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 40%              | 56                  | *             | 1                | 3                   | -16               |
| 29 Aug-1 Sep 20                  | 41%              | 49                  | 2             | 4                | 4                   | -8                |
| 20-23 Jun 20                     | 41%              | 50                  | 1             | 4                | 4                   | -9                |
| Immigration and border security  |                  |                     |               |                  |                     |                   |
| 8-12 Feb 24                      | 38%              | 57                  | *             | 1                | 3                   | -19               |

24. In the Middle East conflict, do you side more with the Israelis or more with the Palestinians?

|             | <u>Israelis</u> | <u>Palestinians</u> | <u>(Neither)</u> | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 59%             | 22                  | 5                | 13                  |

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president? [IF APPROVE / DISAPPROVE: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove), or only somewhat?]

|             | -----Approve----- |                 |                 | -----Disapprove----- |                 |                 | <u>(Don't know)</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|             | <u>TOTAL</u>      | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>         | <u>Somewhat</u> | <u>Strongly</u> | <u>know)</u>        |
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 41%               | 20              | 21              | 59                   | 13              | 45              | 1                   |

26. Thinking about your personal financial situation, do you feel like you are getting ahead financially, holding steady, or falling behind?

|             | Getting<br><u>ahead</u> | Holding<br><u>steady</u> | Falling<br><u>behind</u> | (Don't know) |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 8-12 Feb 24 | 13%                     | 42                       | 44                       | 1            |

**POLITICAL IDENTIFICATION**

|                 | -----Democrat----- |              |             | -----Republican----- |              |             | Independent / |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 | <u>TOTAL</u>       | <u>Solid</u> | <u>Lean</u> | <u>TOTAL</u>         | <u>Solid</u> | <u>Lean</u> | <u>Other</u>  |
| 8-12 Feb 24     | 42%                | 32           | 10          | 43                   | 35           | 8           | 15            |
| 29 Aug-1 Sep 20 | 46%                | 39           | 7           | 43                   | 37           | 6           | 11            |
| 20-23 Jun 20    | 44%                | 35           | 9           | 43                   | 33           | 10          | 13            |
| 10-13 Nov 19    | 44%                | 38           | 6           | 41                   | 33           | 8           | 15            |