

**31** ECONOMIC WELL-BEING  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	NORTH CAROLINA
<b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b> US: 13,353,000   NC: 481,000	22% 2010	25% 2010
	18% 2017 BETTER	21% 2017 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT</b> US: 20,075,000   NC: 643,000	33% 2010	35% 2010
	27% 2017 BETTER	28% 2017 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN</b> US: 22,908,000   NC: 621,000	41% 2010	38% 2010
	31% 2017 BETTER	27% 2017 BETTER
<b>TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</b> US: 1,171,000   NC: 38,000	9% 2010	10% 2010
	7% 2017 BETTER	7% 2017 BETTER

**22** EDUCATION  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	NORTH CAROLINA
<b>YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL</b> US: 4,223,000   NC: 139,000	52% 2009-11	56% 2009-11
	52% 2015-17 SAME	58% 2015-17 WORSE
<b>FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING</b> US: N.A.   NC: N.A.	68% 2009	68% 2009
	65% 2017 BETTER	61% 2017 BETTER
<b>EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH</b> US: N.A.   NC: N.A.	67% 2009	64% 2009
	67% 2017 SAME	65% 2017 WORSE
<b>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME</b> US: N.A.   NC: N.A.	21% 2010-11	22% 2010-11
	15% 2016-17 BETTER	13% 2016-17 BETTER

**28** HEALTH  
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NORTH CAROLINA	
<b>LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES</b> US: 318,873   NC: 11,268	8.1% 2010	8.3% 2017 WORSE	9.1% 2010	9.4% 2017 WORSE
<b>CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</b> US: 3,925,000   NC: 119,000	8% 2010	5% 2017 BETTER	8% 2010	5% 2017 BETTER
<b>CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000</b> US: 20,337   NC: 662	26 2010	26 2017 SAME	27 2010	27 2017 SAME
<b>TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS</b> US: 1,028,000   NC: 29,000	5% 2015-16	4% 2016-17 BETTER	4% 2015-16	4% 2016-17 SAME

**36** FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
Rank

	UNITED STATES		NORTH CAROLINA	
<b>CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES</b> US: 24,001,000   NC: 799,000	34% 2010	34% 2017 SAME	37% 2010	37% 2017 SAME
<b>CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b> US: 9,557,000   NC: 288,000	15% 2010	13% 2017 BETTER	14% 2010	13% 2017 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS</b> US: 8,545,000   NC: 260,000	13% 2008-12	12% 2013-17 BETTER	12% 2008-12	11% 2013-17 BETTER
<b>TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000</b> US: 194,377   NC: 6,845	34 2010	19 2017 BETTER	38 2010	21 2017 BETTER