

WHAT'S ON THE NC BALLOT IN 2026?



ECONOMY & JOBS

Federal and state officials set the minimum wage and benefits.

They can also pass laws to regulate workplace safety, set banking standards to protect investments, provide tax benefits for businesses to create jobs, fund worker training programs, and determine paid holidays and days off.

OFFICES

Mayors and Council Members
County Commissioners
NC Legislature
US Senate

PUBLIC SAFETY

Federal, state, and local officials decide how to keep the public safe.

Federal leaders and the state legislature decide what is a crime and how crimes are punished. Local offices decide whether to prosecute crimes, how long a sentence will be, gun safety laws, funding for community safety programs, and more.

OFFICES

Mayors and Council Members
Sheriff
District Attorney
County Commissioners
District and Superior Court Judges
NC Legislature

EDUCATION

Federal, state, and local officials are responsible for funding and maintaining public education systems.

Officials set the education budget and funding for each school district, set teaching standards including teacher pay and licensing, decide what is taught, who is hired, and more.

OFFICES

School Board Members
County Commissioners
NC Legislature
NC Supreme Court
US Senate

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Federal and state officials are responsible for providing access to reproductive rights.

Officials decide which options are available in your county, including prenatal services, safe childbirth and maternal care programs, abortion care, access to contraception, and more.

OFFICES

District and Superior Court Judges
NC Court of Appeals
NC Supreme Court
NC Legislature
US Senate



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PUBLIC HEALTH

Elected officials make decisions about access to and quality of health services.

Officials fund public programs to support maternal and child health, determine what type of care is given at hospitals, and regulate nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

OFFICES

School Board Members
County Commissioners
NC Legislature
US Senate

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Federal, state, and local officials are responsible for how we use and protect the environment.

Officials decide rules about drinking water, air quality, how factories and farms handle hazardous waste, and can offer tax credits to businesses or households who adopt environmentally-friendly policies.

OFFICES

Mayors and Council Members
County Commissioners
NC Supreme Court
NC Legislature
US Senate

CIVIL RIGHTS

The US and NC Constitutions mandate equal protection under the law for every person.

Most civil rights protections come from federal law. States and municipalities can pass additional civil rights laws and decide what punishments to impose on those who violate a person or group's civil rights.

OFFICES

Mayors and Council Members
Clerk of Court
Sheriff
District Attorney
County Commissioners
District and Superior Court Judges
NC Court of Appeals
NC Supreme Court
NC Legislature
US Senate and House of Representatives

HOUSING

Federal, state, and local lawmakers can pass laws to protect renters from discrimination and oversee evictions.

Officials can regulate banks and lenders, create tax caps for sellers and buyers, and fund public housing.

OFFICES

Mayors and Council Members
Clerk of Court
Sheriff
District and Superior Court Judges
NC Legislature
US Senate

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