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NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

In North Carolina, Democrat Cal Cunningham leads the Republican incumbent, Senator Thom Tillis by an 11-percentage-point margin (50 percent Cunningham, 39 percent Tillis). There are two other candidates in this race, the Constitution Party candidate Kevin Hayes and Libertarian Shannon Bray. They are at one percent and two percent, respectively. Cunningham is running only one point behind former Vice President Joe Biden in the state. Eight percent of voters remain undecided.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENTIAL

In North Carolina, Biden leads Trump by seven points (51 percent Biden, 44 percent Trump), while Libertarian Jo Jorgenson sits at 2 percent. In 2016, Trump narrowly won North Carolina by four points (50 percent Trump, 46 percent Clinton).
POLICIES

Voters in North Carolina broadly support Democratic policy priorities. By a 39-point margin, North Carolina voters favor extending coronavirus relief until the unemployment rate falls back to where it was before the pandemic. By an overwhelming 60-point margin, voters in this state support a jobs program to help rebuild American infrastructure and increase public health capacity to recover from the coronavirus pandemic (75 percent support, 15 percent oppose). Providing additional funding to the USPS to deliver essential needs is also popular by a wide 53-point margin (73 percent support, 20 percent oppose). In addition, by a 35-point margin, voters support federal investments to achieve a 100% carbon-free electricity sector by 2035 (60 percent support, 25 percent oppose).

METHODOLOGY

From September 30 to October 5, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,285 likely voters in North Carolina using web panel and SMS respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is +/- 2.7 percentage points.