

**Table 3****Social, Welfare, and Health Data**Source: *N.C. Health Statistics Pocket Guide – 2003*, State Center for Health Statistics

	<b>United States</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>Number of States Higher</b>
Federal Food Stamp Program, Benefits per Participant, FY 2002	\$955	\$934	17
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, FY 2003	\$223	\$223	17
SSI <sup>1</sup> Payments per Recipient, 2000	\$4,646	\$3,832	46
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, 2001	\$238	\$248	16
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit, 2002			
Retired Workers <sup>2</sup>	\$895	\$869	34
Disabled Workers	\$834	\$813	37
Widows and Widowers <sup>3</sup>	\$861	\$797	43
TANF <sup>4</sup> Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2002	1.8	1.1	37
Percent Current Cigarette Smokers, 2002 <sup>5</sup>	22.5	26.2	11
Per Capita Federal Aid to State and Local Governments, FY 2002	\$1,233	\$1,143	35
Per Capita State Government Expenditures, FY 2000 <sup>6</sup>	\$3,359	\$3,210	27
Employment (FTE) in Health, 2000			
State Government (thousands)	172	3	20
Local Government (thousands)	251	20	3
Employment (FTE) in Hospitals, 2000			
State Government (thousands)	410	18	4
Local Government (thousands)	512	25	13
Hazardous Waste Sites on the Superfund Priorities List, 2002	1,278	28	15
Crime Rate per 100,000 Population, 2001 <sup>7</sup>	4,161	4,938	9
Violent Crime <sup>8</sup>	504	494	18
State Parks and Recreation Areas, 2002			
Acres per 1,000 Population	46	20	37

<sup>1</sup>Supplemental Security Income. <sup>2</sup>Excludes special benefits. <sup>3</sup>Nondisabled only. <sup>4</sup>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. <sup>5</sup>Among civilian population, 18 and over. <sup>6</sup>Excludes Nevada, and District of Columbia. <sup>7</sup>Offenses known to the police. <sup>8</sup>Murder (including non-negligent manslaughter), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.