

Table 3
Social, Welfare, and Health Data

| | United States | North Carolina | Number of States Higher |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Federal Food Stamp Program, Benefits per Participant, FY 2006 | \$1,014 | \$1,078 | 31 |
| National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, FY 2007 | \$253 | \$260 | 20 |
| SSI ¹ Payments per Recipient, 2005 | \$5,234 | \$4,492 | 45 |
| Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, 2006 | \$277 | \$265 | 25 |
| Average Monthly Social Security Benefit, 2005 | | | |
| Retired Workers ² | \$1,002 | \$984 | 31 |
| Disabled Workers | \$938 | \$921 | 31 |
| Widows and Widowers ³ | \$967 | \$907 | 42 |
| TANF ⁴ Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2005 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 44 |
| Percent Current Cigarette Smokers, 2005 ⁵ | 20.6 | 22.7 | 12 |
| Per Capita Federal Aid to State and Local Governments, FY 2005 | \$1,361 | \$1,334 | 24 |
| Per Capita State Government Expenditures, FY 2004 ⁶ | \$4,126 | \$3,865 | 32 |
| Employment (FTE) in Health, 2005 | | | |
| State Government (thousands) | 179 | 4 | 13 |
| Local Government (thousands) | 246 | 17 | 4 |
| Employment (FTE) in Hospitals, 2005 | | | |
| State Government (thousands) | 399 | 18 | 4 |
| Local Government (thousands) | 520 | 25 | 4 |
| Hazardous Waste Sites on the Superfund Priorities List, 2006 | 1,286 | 31 | 12 |
| Crime Rate per 100,000 Population, 2005 ⁷ | 3,899 | 4,543 | 14 |
| Violent Crime ⁸ | 469 | 468 | 18 |
| State Parks and Recreation Areas, 2005 | | | |
| Acres per 1,000 Population ⁶ | 46 | 21 | 33 |

¹ Supplemental Security Income.

² Excludes special benefits.

³ Nondisabled only.

⁴ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

⁵ Among civilian population age 18 and over.

⁶ Excludes District of Columbia.

⁷ Offenses known to the police.

⁸ Murder (including non-negligent manslaughter), forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.