

Table 3 Social, Welfare and Health Data

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Food Stamps¹			
Percent of Population Participating in Federal Food Stamp Program, FY 2013	15.2	17.7	13
Federal Food Stamp Program, Average Monthly Benefits per Participant, FY 2013	\$133	\$122	43
School Lunch Program²			
Percent of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch through the National School Lunch Program, 2011–12	49.6	52.4	15
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, 2012–13	\$360	\$386	9
Percent of Population Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ³ , 2013	2.7	2.4	22
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit for Retired Recipients, 2012	\$1,262	\$1,257	25
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit for Disabled Recipients, 2012	\$1,130	\$1,127	22
Average Monthly Social Security Benefit for Widow/er Recipients, 2012	\$1,215	\$1,187	33
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, December 2013 ⁴	\$315	\$246	42
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)⁵			
Average monthly number of families (thousands) receiving TANF, 2013	1,612	20	19
TANF Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2013	1.2	0.4	41
Average Annual TANF Assistance Payment per Recipient, 2013	\$2,661	\$1,568	38
Medicaid⁶			
Total Medicaid spending (State & Federal) as a Percent of Total State Budget (State & Federal), FY 2013	24.5	30.0	6
State-funded Medicaid spending as Percent of State-funded Budget, FY 2013	15.1	14.8	19

¹U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). ²U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Tables: Cash Payments and Total Participation tables. ³U.S. Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record and Supplemental Security Record: Number of Recipients and Amount of Payments by State. ⁴U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Monthly Program and Financial Data, Monthly Program and Financial Data: Dec. 2013 Summary Data for State Programs. ⁵U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. ⁶National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO), State Expenditure Report: Examining Fiscal 2012–2014 State Spending.