

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 2015	14.6	16.6	12
Federal Food Stamp Program, Average Monthly Benefits per Participant, FY 2015	\$128	\$121	28
School Lunch Program²			
Percent of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch through the National School Lunch Program, 2013–14	52.0	54.0	14
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, 2014–15	\$384	\$416	8
Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)³			
Percent of Population Receiving SSI Benefits, 2015	2.6	2.4	22
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Retired Recipients, 2014	\$1,329	\$1,327	24
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Disabled Recipients 2014	\$1,165	\$1,165	21
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Widow/er Recipients, 2014	\$1,276	\$1,257	33
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, December 2015 ⁴	\$321	\$238	43
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)⁵			
Average monthly number of families (thousands) receiving TANF, 2015	1,310	11	24
TANF Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2015	0.9	0.3	43
Average Annual TANF Assistance Payment per Recipient (Not including Child Care), 2015	\$2,818	\$2,047	31
Medicaid⁶			
Total Medicaid spending (State & Federal) as a Percent of Total State Budget (State & Federal), FY 2015	28.2	31.5	8
State-funded Medicaid spending as Percent of State-funded Budget, FY 2015	15.8	16.4	12

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. 2015 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 2014–2016 State Spending.