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Raleigh, N.C. – The general election contest between Pat McCrory and Bev Perdue starts as a tie, according to the newest survey from Public Policy Polling.

Each candidate is at 45%. PPP's most recent look at the race, in February, had also shown the two dead even.

McCrory is earning more crossover support than Perdue is. He is polling at 20% with self identified Democrats, while she earns the support of just 14% of Republicans.

“Every time we've polled a match up between McCrory and Perdue it's been extremely close,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Since both candidates are likely to have the resources they need to mount a strong campaign I expect this race will remain tight all the way through the fall.”

PPP also polled all the other Council of State races. The tightest contests are for the two positions vacated by the Democrats who ran for Governor. Walter Dalton has a 43-40 lead over Robert Pittenger, while Bill Daughtridge has a one point advantage, 38-37, over Janet Cowell.

The one incumbent who looks like he could be in some trouble is Auditor Les Merritt, who trails challenger Beth Wood 41-32.

Incumbents with solid leads include Attorney General Roy Cooper, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, and Superintendent June Atkinson. Wayne Goodwin has the lead in the open seat race for Insurance Commissioner.

PPP surveyed 616 likely voters on May 8th and 9th. The survey's margin of error is +/- 4.0%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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North Carolina Survey Results

Q1 The candidates for Governor are Republican Pat McCrory and Democrat Bev Perdue. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Pat McCrory, press 1. If Bev Perdue, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

McCrory 45% *Undecided*..... 9%

Perdue 45%

Q2 The candidates for Lieutenant Governor are Democrat Walter Dalton and Republican Robert Pittenger. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Walter Dalton, press 1. If Robert Pittenger, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Dalton..... 43% *Undecided*..... 17%

Pittenger..... 40%

Q3 The candidates for Treasurer are Democrat Janet Cowell and Republican Bill Daughtridge. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Janet Cowell, press 1. If Bill Daughtridge, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Cowell.....37% *Undecided*.....24%

Daughtridge38%

Q4 The candidates for Attorney General are Democrat Roy Cooper and Republican Bob Crumley. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Roy Cooper, press 1. If Bob Crumley, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Cooper.....47% *Undecided*.....19%

Crumley34%

Q5 The candidates for Auditor are Republican Les Merritt and Democrat Beth Wood. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Les Merritt, press 1. If Beth Wood, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Merritt32% *Undecided*.....27%

Wood41%

Q6 The candidates for Superintendent of Public Instruction are Democrat June Atkinson and Republican Richard Morgan. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If June Atkinson, press 1. If Richard Morgan, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Atkinson.....42% *Undecided*.....22%

Morgan.....36%

Q7 The candidates for Insurance Commissioner are Democrat Wayne Goodwin and Republican John Odom. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Wayne Goodwin, press 1. If John Odom, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Goodwin.....40% *Undecided*.....28%

Odom.....33%

Q8 The candidates for Secretary of State are Democrat Elaine Marshall and Republican Jack Sawyer. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Elaine Marshall, press 1. If Jack Sawyer, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Marshall 48% *Undecided*..... 20%

Sawyer..... 32%

Q9 The candidates for Agriculture Commissioner are Democrat Ronnie Ansley and Republican Steve Troxler. If the election was today, who would you vote for? If Ronnie Ansley, press 1. If Steve Troxler, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Ansley.....34% *Undecided*.....23%

Troxler.....42%





Q10 I am going to name 7 issues. Which of these is most important to you? The War in Iraq, education, the economy and jobs, taxes, moral or family values, health care, or immigration. If the War in Iraq is most important, press 1. If education, press 2. If the economy and jobs, press 3. If taxes, press 4. If moral and family values, press 5. If health care, press 6. If immigration, press 7. If some other issue is most important, press 8.

<i>War in Iraq</i>	24%
<i>Education</i>	5%
<i>Economy and Jobs</i>	43%
<i>Taxes</i>	5%
<i>Moral and family values</i>	12%
<i>Health care</i>	5%
<i>Immigration</i>	5%
<i>Other</i>	2%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	54%
<i>Man</i>	46%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	49%
<i>Republican</i>	35%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	16%

Q13 If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

<i>White</i>	70%
<i>African-American</i>	26%
<i>Other</i>	4%

Q14 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	8%
<i>30 to 45</i>	27%
<i>46 to 65</i>	39%
<i>Older than 65</i>	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Governor			
McCroy	45%	40%	52%
Perdue	45%	52%	37%
Undecided	9%	8%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Lieutenant Governor			
Dalton	43%	49%	36%
Pittenger	40%	36%	45%
Undecided	17%	16%	19%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Treasurer			
Cowell	37%	42%	32%
Daughtridge	38%	32%	45%
Undecided	24%	26%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Attorney General			
Cooper	47%	50%	43%
Crumley	34%	31%	39%
Undecided	19%	19%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Auditor			
Merritt	32%	25%	39%
Wood	41%	47%	34%
Undecided	27%	28%	27%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Superintendent			
Atkinson	42%	46%	38%
Morgan	36%	31%	42%
Undecided	22%	23%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Insurance			
Goodwin	40%	44%	34%
Odom	33%	27%	40%
Undecided	28%	29%	26%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Secretary of State			
Marshall	48%	51%	44%
Sawyer	32%	29%	36%
Undecided	20%	20%	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Agriculture			
Ansley	34%	39%	29%
Troxler	42%	34%	51%
Undecided	23%	27%	20%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Governor				
McCroy	45%	20%	78%	50%
Perdue	45%	71%	14%	36%
Undecided	9%	9%	8%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Lieutenant Governor				
Dalton	43%	69%	10%	33%
Pittenger	40%	15%	73%	45%
Undecided	17%	16%	17%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Treasurer				
Cowell	37%	61%	9%	29%
Daughtridge	38%	17%	66%	40%
Undecided	24%	22%	25%	31%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Attorney General				
Cooper	47%	71%	17%	39%
Crumley	34%	12%	64%	38%
Undecided	19%	17%	19%	23%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Auditor				
Merritt	32%	12%	59%	34%
Wood	41%	63%	12%	37%
Undecided	27%	25%	29%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Superintendent				
Atkinson	42%	68%	11%	31%
Morgan	36%	12%	67%	43%
Undecided	22%	20%	22%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Insurance				
Goodwin	40%	65%	8%	31%
Odom	33%	9%	63%	40%
Undecided	28%	26%	29%	29%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Secretary of State				
Marshall	48%	73%	12%	49%
Sawyer	32%	9%	66%	29%
Undecided	20%	18%	22%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Agriculture				
Ansley	34%	58%	5%	27%
Troxler	42%	17%	76%	45%
Undecided	23%	26%	19%	27%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Governor				
McCroy	45%	57%	16%	28%
Perdue	45%	35%	74%	41%
Undecided	9%	8%	10%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Lieutenant Governor				
Dalton	43%	34%	68%	24%
Pittenger	40%	48%	16%	48%
Undecided	17%	17%	15%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Treasurer				
Cowell	37%	33%	50%	28%
Daughtridge	38%	43%	23%	45%
Undecided	24%	23%	27%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Attorney General				
Cooper	47%	45%	55%	24%
Crumley	34%	38%	22%	48%
Undecided	19%	17%	23%	28%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Auditor				
Merritt	32%	38%	15%	29%
Wood	41%	34%	58%	50%
Undecided	27%	28%	26%	21%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Superintendent				
Atkinson	42%	37%	59%	28%
Morgan	36%	43%	14%	55%
Undecided	22%	20%	27%	17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Insurance				
Goodwin	40%	33%	59%	28%
Odom	33%	40%	11%	41%
Undecided	28%	26%	30%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Secretary of State				
Marshall	48%	41%	68%	31%
Sawyer	32%	40%	10%	38%
Undecided	20%	18%	22%	31%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
Agriculture				
Ansley	34%	28%	49%	45%
Troxler	42%	51%	18%	41%
Undecided	23%	20%	33%	14%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Governor					
McCrory	45%	39%	49%	42%	48%
Perdue	45%	50%	41%	50%	42%
Undecided	9%	11%	10%	8%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Lieutenant Governor					
Dalton	43%	48%	32%	50%	42%
Pittenger	40%	30%	42%	40%	41%
Undecided	17%	22%	26%	10%	17%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Treasurer					
Cowell	37%	38%	29%	41%	41%
Daughtridge	38%	34%	43%	37%	36%
Undecided	24%	28%	28%	22%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Attorney General					
Cooper	47%	38%	41%	54%	44%
Crumley	34%	40%	35%	31%	38%
Undecided	19%	23%	24%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Auditor					
Merritt	32%	30%	37%	26%	35%
Wood	41%	40%	30%	50%	40%
Undecided	27%	30%	33%	25%	25%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Superintendent					
Atkinson	42%	37%	35%	48%	43%
Morgan	36%	31%	39%	35%	36%
Undecided	22%	31%	26%	17%	21%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Insurance					
Goodwin	40%	43%	27%	48%	41%
Odom	33%	33%	35%	30%	33%
Undecided	28%	24%	38%	22%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Secretary of State					
Marshall	48%	39%	39%	54%	51%
Sawyer	32%	31%	35%	31%	31%
Undecided	20%	30%	26%	15%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Agriculture					
Ansley	34%	43%	25%	42%	30%
Troxler	42%	33%	46%	42%	42%
Undecided	23%	24%	29%	16%	28%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Governor							
McCroy	45%	28%	47%	58%	47%	40%	45%
Perdue	45%	62%	43%	35%	42%	45%	49%
Undecided	9%	9%	10%	7%	11%	15%	6%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Lieutenant Governor							
Dalton	43%	50%	39%	33%	40%	42%	53%
Pittenger	40%	29%	42%	50%	43%	46%	30%
Undecided	17%	21%	19%	17%	17%	12%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Treasurer							
Cowell	37%	39%	33%	30%	32%	43%	46%
Daughtridge	38%	42%	37%	41%	43%	32%	37%
Undecided	24%	19%	30%	29%	26%	25%	17%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Attorney General							
Cooper	47%	55%	39%	39%	42%	44%	62%
Crumley	34%	23%	37%	44%	37%	40%	24%
Undecided	19%	23%	23%	17%	20%	17%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Auditor							
Merritt	32%	21%	34%	32%	28%	33%	36%
Wood	41%	46%	38%	39%	44%	45%	38%
Undecided	27%	32%	28%	29%	28%	22%	25%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Superintendent							
Atkinson	42%	53%	39%	34%	37%	42%	49%
Morgan	36%	27%	39%	41%	40%	40%	29%
Undecided	22%	20%	22%	25%	23%	18%	22%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Insurance							
Goodwin	40%	52%	38%	35%	35%	37%	43%
Odom	33%	25%	32%	36%	39%	35%	30%
Undecided	28%	24%	30%	29%	26%	27%	27%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Secretary of State							
Marshall	48%	58%	39%	40%	40%	53%	59%
Sawyer	32%	23%	37%	36%	41%	26%	28%
Undecided	20%	19%	24%	24%	19%	20%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
Agriculture							
Ansley	34%	45%	25%	32%	42%	39%	32%
Troxler	42%	33%	53%	37%	37%	40%	45%
Undecided	23%	22%	22%	31%	21%	21%	23%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Governor									
McCrory	45%	37%	12%	38%	76%	77%	35%	81%	36%
Perdue	45%	51%	65%	55%	18%	12%	57%	17%	27%
Undecided	9%	12%	23%	6%	6%	11%	8%	3%	36%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Lieutenant Governor									
Dalton	43%	54%	44%	51%	12%	17%	32%	11%	55%
Pittenger	40%	33%	26%	33%	68%	64%	41%	72%	18%
Undecided	17%	13%	29%	16%	21%	19%	27%	17%	27%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Treasurer									
Cowell	37%	53%	32%	44%	12%	10%	35%	9%	27%
Daughtridge	38%	28%	32%	33%	65%	64%	30%	66%	18%
Undecided	24%	19%	35%	23%	24%	27%	35%	26%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Attorney General									
Cooper	47%	59%	41%	54%	27%	24%	38%	22%	27%
Crumley	34%	29%	26%	25%	62%	59%	30%	67%	36%
Undecided	19%	13%	32%	20%	12%	17%	33%	11%	36%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Auditor									
Merritt	32%	28%	6%	24%	65%	55%	24%	64%	18%
Wood	41%	49%	59%	45%	12%	20%	51%	17%	27%
Undecided	27%	22%	35%	31%	23%	24%	24%	19%	54%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Superintendent									
Atkinson	42%	53%	35%	50%	18%	11%	46%	19%	55%
Morgan	36%	34%	29%	26%	65%	60%	35%	64%	18%
Undecided	22%	13%	35%	24%	18%	29%	19%	17%	27%





Crosstabs

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Insurance									
Goodwin	40%	55%	41%	42%	18%	16%	46%	17%	36%
Odom	33%	26%	18%	26%	65%	57%	24%	66%	18%
Undecided	28%	19%	41%	32%	18%	28%	30%	17%	45%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Secretary of State									
Marshall	48%	57%	47%	55%	29%	21%	62%	17%	36%
Sawyer	32%	27%	18%	24%	59%	60%	19%	69%	27%
Undecided	20%	15%	35%	22%	12%	19%	19%	14%	36%

	Base	Issues							
		War in Iraq	Education	Economy and Jobs	Taxes	Moral and family values	Health care	Immigration	Other
Agriculture									
Ansley	34%	43%	41%	41%	9%	8%	43%	3%	27%
Troxler	42%	36%	24%	33%	73%	71%	30%	86%	27%
Undecided	24%	20%	35%	26%	18%	21%	27%	11%	45%

