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# **Obama up five in North Carolina**

**Raleigh**, **N.C.** – PPP's latest monthly poll of North Carolina finds President Obama taking the largest lead he has ever had in the state over his presumed opponent this fall, Mitt Romney. Obama tops the former Massachusetts governor by five points, 49-44.

The president has led or tied Romney in all but one poll in the Tar Heel State since PPP began tracking the race after the 2010 election, but for two months in a row he has now posted 49%—almost the roughly 50% he achieved against John McCain four years ago. Obama's low-water mark was 44% in March 2011, but for the last six polls, he has either risen or stayed steady, and is up four points overall in that time frame. Romney has achieved 46% four out of the last six months, but that is his high-water mark so far.

The president's net approval rating is in positive territory here for the first time in 10 months. 49% approve and 48% disapprove; it was 49-all last month, and 48-49 in February.

At the same time, Romney is also getting less popular. 31% saw him favorably and 56% unfavorably last month. That is now 29-58. Republicans are starting to see him slightly more favorably (from 48-34 to 52-31), but he is tanking with independents (from 36-53 to 25-62) and Democrats (from 15-75 to 12-77).

For all his personal image woes, Romney is still the most competitive of his challengers here. Ron Paul lags by an identical five-point margin and Newt Gingrich by 10. Had he stayed in the race, Rick Santorum would have trailed by six.

"Barack Obama's numbers in North Carolina are the strongest they've been in over a year," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Mitt Romney's been weakened considerably by the Republican nomination process, although there's plenty of time for him to recover now."

PPP surveyed 975 North Carolina voters from April 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.1%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.

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# **North Carolina Survey Results**

Q1	Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?	C
	Approve49%	6
	Disapprove48%	
	Not sure	
Q2	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Newt Gingrich?	
	Favorable26%	6
	Unfavorable64%	6
	Not sure11%	6
Q3	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Ron Paul?	
	Favorable27%	6 C
	Unfavorable58%	6
	Not sure15%	6
Q4	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?	
	Favorable29%	ه  ه
	Unfavorable58%	6
	Not sure13%	6
Q5	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Rick Santorum?	
	Favorable34%	6
	Unfavorable54%	6
	Not sure12%	
Q6	If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Newt Gingrich, who would you vote for?	C
	Barack Obama51%	6
	Newt Gingrich41%	6
	Undecided8%	, D

Q7	Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Paul, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	.48%
	Ron Paul	.43%
	Undecided	. 9%
Q8	If the candidates for President this year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Romney, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	.49%
	Mitt Romney	.44%
	Undecided	
Q9	If the candidates for President this year we Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Santorum, who would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama	.50%
	Rick Santorum	.44%
	Undecided	. 6%
Q10	Would you describe yourself as very liberal somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	<b>,</b>
	Very liberal	.10%
	Somewhat liberal	.19%
	Moderate	.24%
	Somewhat conservative	.25%
	Very conservative	.22%
Q11	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	
	Woman	.53%
	Man	.47%





Q12	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republic press 2. If you are an independent or identification with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	46%
	Republican	35%
	Independent/Other	20%
Q13	If you are white, press 1. If African-America press 2. If other, press 3.	ın,
	White	72%
	African-American	23%
	Other	6%
Q14	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	
	18 to 29	14%
	30 to 45	28%
	46 to 65	38%
	Older than 65	

25	2	14%
33	6 <sup>′</sup>	18%
70	4	17%
82	8	15%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval		-	-	=		
Approve	49%	87%	80%	66%	26%	12%
Disapprove	48%	13%	16%	30%	71%	87%
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	0%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Gingrich Favorability						
Favorable	26%	7%	16%	10%	34%	51%
Unfavorable	64%	86%	79%	82%	50%	34%
Not sure	11%	7%	4%	8%	15%	16%

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Paul Favorability			-	<u>-</u>	•	
Favorable	27%	22%	24%	31%	28%	27%
Unfavorable	58%	62%	63%	57%	55%	56%
Not sure	15%	16%	13%	12%	18%	17%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability			-	-		
Favorable	29%	11%	14%	21%	39%	46%
Unfavorable	58%	77%	81%	67%	48%	32%
Not sure	13%	12%	5%	12%	13%	22%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	
Santorum Favorability		•				
Favorable	34%	11%	15%	13%	46%	72%
Unfavorable	54%	76%	75%	76%	38%	19%
Not sure	12%	13%	10%	11%	16%	10%

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	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	. ,
Obam a/Gingrich				-	-	
Barack Obama	51%	85%	83%	69%	26%	16%
Newt Gingrich	41%	11%	13%	20%	63%	79%
Undecided	8%	4%	4%	12%	11%	5%





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Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	49%	86%	84%	63%	25%	13%
Mitt Romney	44%	10%	13%	27%	65%	80%
Undecided	8%	4%	3%	10%	11%	7%

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Obama/Santorum			-		•		
Barack Obama	50%	86%	84%	69%	23%	12%	
Rick Santorum	44%	12%	13%	21%	67%	86%	
Undecided	6%	2%	4%	10%	10%	2%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	55%	43%
Disapprove	48%	41%	56%
Not sure	3%	4%	1%

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	Base	Woman	Man
Gingrich Favorability			
Favorable	26%	21%	30%
Unfavorable	64%	66%	61%
Not sure	11%	12%	9%

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Paul Favorability		<del>-</del>	
Favorable	27%	23%	32%
Unfavorable	58%	59%	57%
Not sure	15%	19%	11%





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Romney Favorability		-	
Favorable	29%	24%	34%
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Not sure	13%	16%	10%

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Santorum Favorability			
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Unfavorable	54%	54%	53%
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Obama/Gingrich		-	
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Undecided	8%	8%	7%

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	Base	Woman	Man
Obam a/Paul		-	
Barack Obama	48%	54%	41%
Ron Paul	43%	38%	49%
Undecided	9%	9%	10%

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Obam a/Rom ney		-	
Barack Obama	49%	54%	43%
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Obam a/Santorum			
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Undecided	6%	6%	7%





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama Approval		='		•		
Approve	49%	79%	8%	52%		
		19%	91%	42%		
Disapprove Not sure	3%	2%	1%	6%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Gingrich Favorability		='				
Favorable	26%	12%	47%	19%		
Unfavorable	64%	78%	39%	74%		
Not sure	11%	10%	14%	7%		

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	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Paul Favorability		-					
Favorable	27%	21%	33%	31%			
Unfavorable	58%	62%	53%	56%			
Not sure	15%	18%	14%	12%			

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Romney Favorability						
Favorable	29%	12%	52%	25%		
Unfavorable	58%	77%	31%	62%		
Not sure	13%	10%	17%	13%		

		Party Democrat Republican Independent/Other				
	Base					
Santorum Favorability			•			
Favorable	34%	15%	64%	25%		
Unfavorable	54%	71%	27%	62%		
Not sure	12%	14%	9%	12%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Gingrich		='				
Barack Obama	51%	81%	9%	55%		
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Undecided	8%	6%	8%	11%		





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Obam a/Paul							
Barack Obama	48%	80%	7%	47%			
Ron Paul	43%	14%	83%	39%			
Undecided	9%	7%	10%	14%			

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	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Romney		='				
Barack Obama	49%	79%	7%	51%		
Mitt Romney	44%	15%	84%	38%		
Undecided	8%	5%	8%	11%		

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Obam a/Santorum		='		-			
Barack Obama	50%	81%	8%	52%			
Rick Santorum	44%	16%	86%	37%			
Undecided	6%	4%	7%	11%			

		Race	Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Obama Approval			·		
Approve	49%	36%	91%	43%	
Disapprove	48%	61%	8%	53%	
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	3%	

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Gingrich Favorability				
Favorable	26%	31%	10%	23%
Unfavorable	64%	58%	80%	61%
Not sure	11%	11%	10%	16%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	
Paul Favorability				
Favorable	27%	31%	14%	32%
Unfavorable	58%	55%	68%	52%
Not sure	15%	14%	18%	17%





		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	29%	36%	8%	23%
Unfavorable	58%	51%	79%	68%
Not sure	13%	13%	13%	10%

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Santorum Favorability				
Favorable	34%	42%	10%	39%
Unfavorable	54%	47%	76%	49%
Not sure	12%	11%	14%	11%

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Obam a/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	51%	40%	88%	41%	
Newt Gingrich	41%	52%	8%	41%	
Undecided	8%	8%	4%	18%	

		Race		
	Base	White	African- American	Other
Obam a/Paul				
Barack Obama	48%	36%	88%	40%
Ron Paul	43%	53%	9%	55%
Undecided	9%	11%	3%	5%

		Race				
	Base	White	African- American	Other		
Obam a/Rom ney						
Barack Obama	49%	37%	90%	38%		
Mitt Romney	44%	56%	7%	39%		
Undecided	8%	8%	3%	23%		

		Race			
	Base	White	African- American	Other	
Obama/Santorum					
Barack Obama	50%	38%	90%	41%	
Rick Santorum	44%	55%	8%	47%	
Undecided	6%	7%	2%	12%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	61%	48%	48%	45%
Disapprove	48%	37%	48%	50%	52%
Not sure	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65
Gingrich Favorability					
Favorable	26%	27%	26%	25%	27%
Unfavorable	64%	65%	62%	65%	62%
Not sure	11%	8%	13%	10%	12%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Paul Favorability					
Favorable	27%	24%	35%	24%	24%
Unfavorable	58%	63%	50%	60%	61%
Not sure	15%	13%	15%	16%	15%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	29%	22%	29%	26%	37%
Unfavorable	58%	67%	59%	59%	50%
Not sure	13%	10%	12%	15%	13%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Santorum Favorability		•			
Favorable	34%	30%	37%	34%	34%
Unfavorable	54%	57%	52%	56%	50%
Not sure	12%	13%	11%	10%	15%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Obam a/Gingrich					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	52%	49%	47%
Newt Gingrich	41%	34%	42%	42%	45%
Undecided	8%	6%	6%	9%	9%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obam a/Paul					
Barack Obama	48%	59%	45%	48%	45%
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Obam a/Rom ne y						
Barack Obama	49%	61%	48%	47%	44%	
Mitt Romney	44%	33%	43%	45%	49%	
Undecided	8%	6%	9%	8%	7%	

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Obam a/Santorum					
Barack Obama	50%	63%	48%	49%	44%
Rick Santorum	44%	33%	47%	45%	47%
Undecided	6%	4%	6%	6%	8%

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	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Obama Approval								
Approve	49%	50%	43%	40%	39%	59%	62%	
Disapprove	48%	49%	55%	56%	58%	40%	36%	
Not sure	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	1%	3%	

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Gingrich Favorability								
Favorable	26%	27%	30%	26%	35%	21%	17%	
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Paul Favorability		•			•	•		
Favorable	27%	27%	22%	33%	30%	19%	30%	
Unfavorable	58%	57%	63%	53%	54%	66%	55%	
Not sure	15%	16%	16%	14%	16%	15%	15%	





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Romney Favorability							
Favorable	29%	24%	32%	36%	30%	26%	24%
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Not sure	13%	11%	12%	15%	14%	10%	15%

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	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919	
Santorum Favorability								
Favorable	34%	38%	40%	35%	43%	28%	24%	
Unfavorable	54%	52%	51%	49%	43%	61%	64%	
Not sure	12%	10%	9%	16%	14%	11%	12%	

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	Base	252	336	704	828	910	919
Obam a/Gingrich							
Barack Obama	51%	52%	43%	49%	39%	57%	63%
Newt Gingrich	41%	43%	49%	44%	50%	38%	29%
Undecided	8%	6%	8%	7%	11%	5%	8%

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Ron Paul	43%	43%	46%	49%	50%	40%	34%	
Undecided	9%	10%	12%	9%	12%	6%	6%	

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Undecided	8%	8%	7%	7%	13%	6%	6%	

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Rick Santorum	44%	45%	49%	50%	53%	38%	33%		
Undecided	6%	4%	7%	5%	9%	5%	7%		

