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## **Voters Support Community College Ban on Illegal Immigrants**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Data from Public Policy Polling’s latest survey finds that 59% of North Carolina voters support a bill proposed in the state senate that would bar illegal immigrants from enrolling at the state’s community colleges.

Three-quarters of respondents said they did not want undocumented immigrants to be allowed to attend colleges and universities that are part of the UNC system.

Additionally, 52% of respondents said they did not want illegal immigrant’s children who attend public K-12 schools able to enroll in the state’s community colleges, and 48% said children born to illegal immigrants in this country should be banned from these institutions.

“Any child born in this country is an American citizen, so it’s odd that voters don’t think that a child born to illegal parents in the United States should be allowed to attend public colleges or universities,” said Katherine Rumbaugh, a spring fellow with PPP. “Voters seem to want to punish children for the actions of their parents.”

The proposed ban garnered majority support across party lines, with 52% of Democrats, 67% of Republicans, and 62% of independent voters reporting that they support codifying the existing policy.

When looking at race, whites, African Americans, and other racial groups all reported supporting the bill at rates higher than 50%.

Even among voters ages 18-29, the age group most likely to be enrolled at colleges or universities, 70% said they do not think illegal immigrants should be permitted to take classes at North Carolina’s community colleges.

PPP surveyed 643 North Carolina voters from February 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-2.95%. 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](http://www.publicpolicypolling.com).

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Katherine Rumbaugh at (919)-451-2694.

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## North Carolina Survey Results

**Q1** Do you think illegal immigrants should be allowed to attend community colleges in North Carolina? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes .....19% *Not Sure*..... 8%  
No .....74%

**Q2** Do you think illegal immigrants should be allowed to attend colleges or universities that are part of the public UNC system? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes ..... 18%  
No .....75%  
*Not Sure*..... 7%

**Q3** Do you think the children of illegal immigrants who have graduated from North Carolina's public schools should be allowed to attend community colleges in North Carolina? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes.....40% *Not Sure*..... 9%  
No .....52%

**Q4** Do you think the children of illegal immigrants who have graduated from North Carolina's public schools should be allowed to attend colleges or universities that are part of the public UNC system? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes..... 38% *Not Sure*..... 8%  
No ..... 54%

**Q5** Do you think children born in this country to illegal immigrants should be allowed to attend community colleges in North Carolina? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes.....45% *Not Sure*..... 7%  
No .....48%

**Q6** Do you think children born in this country to illegal immigrants should be allowed to attend colleges or universities that are part of the public UNC system? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes.....42% *Not Sure*..... 7%  
No .....51%

**Q7** A bill was filed in the state senate last week that would bar anyone "not lawfully present in the United States" from taking classes at community colleges in North Carolina. Would you support this law? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes .....59%  
No .....29%  
*Not Sure*..... 12%

**Q8** Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town? If urban, press 1. If suburban, press 2. If rural, press 3. If a small town, press 4.

*Urban* ..... 18% *Rural* ..... 27%  
*Suburban* ..... 28% *Small Town* ..... 27%

**Q9** If you are a woman, press 1. If you are a man, press 2.

*Women* .....50%  
*Men*.....50%

**Q10** 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.

*Democrat* .....46% *Independent/Other* .21%  
*Republican*.....34%

**Q11** If you are white, press one now. If you are African-American, press two now. If other, press 3.

*White* .....75% *Other*..... 4%  
*Black*.....21%





**Q12** 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.

18-29.....15%	46-65.....41%
30-45.....25%	Older Than 65.....20%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Illegal Immigrants/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	19%	27%	27%	9%	15%
<b>No</b>	74%	60%	68%	83%	79%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	13%	5%	8%	6%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Illegal Immigrants/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	18%	26%	24%	9%	15%
<b>No</b>	75%	64%	70%	83%	78%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	10%	6%	8%	6%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Immigrants' Children/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	40%	56%	44%	31%	33%
<b>No</b>	52%	36%	50%	56%	59%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	9%	7%	13%	8%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Immigrants' Children/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	38%	54%	45%	26%	31%
<b>No</b>	54%	39%	50%	65%	58%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	7%	4%	10%	11%





	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Born in this Country/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	45%	56%	53%	35%	39%
<b>No</b>	48%	34%	43%	57%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	9%	4%	8%	9%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Born in this Country/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	42%	56%	47%	34%	37%
<b>No</b>	51%	38%	46%	61%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	6%	7%	5%	9%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Immigration Bill Support</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	59%	51%	52%	64%	66%
<b>No</b>	29%	36%	37%	24%	20%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	12%	11%	13%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Illegal Immigrants/Community Colleges</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	19%	24%	14%
<b>No</b>	74%	69%	78%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	7%	8%





	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Illegal Immigrants/UNC System</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	18%	22%	14%
<b>No</b>	75%	68%	81%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	10%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Immigrants' Children/Community Colleges</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	40%	46%	33%
<b>No</b>	52%	44%	59%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Immigrants' Children/UNC System</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	38%	44%	31%
<b>No</b>	54%	46%	63%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	10%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Born in this Country/Community Colleges</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	45%	52%	37%
<b>No</b>	48%	41%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	7%	8%





	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Born in this Country/UNC System</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>42%</b>	49%	36%
<b>No</b>	<b>51%</b>	44%	58%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	7%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Immigration Bill Support</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	<b>59%</b>	56%	62%
<b>No</b>	<b>29%</b>	28%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>12%</b>	17%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Illegal Immigrants/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>19%</b>	25%	7%	24%
<b>No</b>	<b>74%</b>	63%	89%	73%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	13%	4%	3%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Illegal Immigrants/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>18%</b>	26%	5%	22%
<b>No</b>	<b>75%</b>	64%	91%	72%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	10%	4%	7%





	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Immigrants' Children/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>40%</b>	49%	26%	40%
<b>No</b>	<b>52%</b>	38%	68%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>9%</b>	13%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Immigrants' Children/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>38%</b>	49%	24%	36%
<b>No</b>	<b>54%</b>	41%	70%	59%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>8%</b>	10%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Born in this Country/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>45%</b>	54%	32%	46%
<b>No</b>	<b>48%</b>	37%	61%	49%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	9%	6%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Born in this Country/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>42%</b>	52%	30%	41%
<b>No</b>	<b>51%</b>	39%	65%	54%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>7%</b>	9%	5%	5%







	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Immigration Bill Support</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	59%	52%	67%	62%
<b>No</b>	29%	32%	23%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	16%	10%	8%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Illegal Immigrants/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	19%	16%	24%	39%
<b>No</b>	74%	77%	63%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	6%	13%	7%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Illegal Immigrants/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	18%	15%	25%	36%
<b>No</b>	75%	78%	65%	61%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	7%	10%	3%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Immigrants' Children/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	40%	34%	55%	62%
<b>No</b>	52%	58%	32%	38%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	8%	13%	-





	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Immigrants' Children/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	38%	32%	54%	59%
<b>No</b>	54%	60%	35%	41%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	7%	11%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Born in this Country/Community Colleges</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	45%	41%	55%	59%
<b>No</b>	48%	52%	35%	38%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	7%	9%	4%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Born in this Country/UNC System</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	42%	39%	54%	56%
<b>No</b>	51%	55%	37%	38%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	6%	9%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Immigration Bill Support</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	59%	61%	52%	58%
<b>No</b>	29%	29%	27%	30%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	10%	21%	13%





	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Illegal Immigrants/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	19%	20%	22%	16%	20%
<b>No</b>	74%	70%	73%	77%	71%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	10%	6%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Illegal Immigrants/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	18%	21%	21%	15%	20%
<b>No</b>	75%	66%	74%	80%	70%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	13%	6%	5%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Immigrants' Children/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	40%	44%	42%	36%	41%
<b>No</b>	52%	46%	49%	55%	51%
<b>Not Sure</b>	9%	10%	9%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Immigrants' Children/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	38%	44%	43%	33%	37%
<b>No</b>	54%	46%	50%	58%	57%
<b>Not Sure</b>	8%	10%	7%	9%	6%





	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Born in this Country/Community Colleges</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	45%	51%	49%	43%	40%
<b>No</b>	48%	44%	48%	49%	48%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	5%	4%	8%	12%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Born in this Country/UNC System</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	42%	49%	46%	41%	37%
<b>No</b>	51%	46%	50%	52%	53%
<b>Not Sure</b>	7%	5%	4%	7%	10%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older Than 65
<b>Immigration Bill Support</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	59%	60%	66%	63%	41%
<b>No</b>	29%	33%	25%	26%	36%
<b>Not Sure</b>	12%	8%	9%	11%	23%

