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THE STORY OF HOW OBAMA'S POLICIES
FAILED THE TAR HEEL STATE



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OBAMANOMICS HAS FAILED NORTH CAROLINA

Jobs: Since Obama Took Office, North Carolina Has Lost 56,800 Jobs And The Unemployment Rate Has Increased From 9.0 Percent To 9.7 Percent. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

- **“North Carolina’s Middle Class Is Starting To Show The Wear And Tear.”** “But after more than three years with an unemployment rate higher than the national rate, North Carolina’s middle class is starting to show the wear and tear.” (Craig Jarvis, “North Carolina’s Middle Class Shows The Strain Of Years Of Job Losses,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)
- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, North Carolina’s Economic Recovery “Is Still Shrouded In Shadows.”** “After some very tough sledding, the American economy has been improving over recent months. The unemployment rate has fallen, the manufacturing sector has been picking up, the stock market has headed north and the savings rate is rising, along with consumer confidence... The picture in North Carolina, alas, is still shrouded in shadows. Not surprising, given the fact that the so-called Great Recession of 2007-2008 hit our already economically beleaguered state particularly hard. Borrowing from Robert Frost, we might say that for North Carolina, this recession proved extremely unlovely, dark, and deep.” (Peter A. Coclanis & Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed: “Hardship Lingers In North Carolina,” [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)

North Carolina’s Unemployment Rate “Is More Than Twice Pre-Recession Levels Of 4.7 Percent In December 2007.” “North Carolina ranks sixth in the nation for most jobs lost since the start of the Great Recession in late 2007, the report said. The state’s unemployment rate – 9.6 percent in August – is more than twice pre-recession levels of 4.7 percent in December 2007.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

- **“The State’s Labor Market Will Take At Least Twice As Long To Return To Pre-Recession Employment Levels.”** “At its current pace, the state’s labor market will take at least twice as long to return to pre-recession employment levels as it did in following previous recessions,’ according to the report. ‘That will leave larger numbers of workers unemployed for longer periods of time than in the past. For example, about 46 percent of North Carolinians who were unemployed in 2011 were in that scenario for at least 26 weeks.’” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

The Charlotte Metro Unemployment Rate Is 10 Percent. “And if Democrats were hoping that North Carolina would provide a narrative to support the president’s case that the economy is on the rebound, they must be disappointed. The state has an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent — one of the highest in the country. The Charlotte metro rate is even higher at 10 percent, making it more difficult to portray the city of 750,000 as on the cusp of recovery after its once-soaring banking industry tumbled.” (Gary D. Robertson, “For Some In Party, Charlotte Looking Like Curious Choice,” [The Associated Press](#), 9/1/12)

- **“48,000 People Were Looking For Work In Mecklenburg County In July, The Highest Level Since January.”** “More than 48,000 people were looking for work in Mecklenburg County in July, the highest level since January. The local unemployment rate remains higher than the state and national average. Bankruptcy filings have ticked upward. And even a turnaround in Mecklenburg’s housing market hasn’t been enough to bolster consumer confidence amid continued uncertainty in the U.S. and abroad.” (Kristen Valle Pittman, “Despite DNC Boost, Economic Recovery Dragging In Host City Charlotte,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/1/12)

Unemployed: North Carolina Has 451,642 Unemployed Seeking Work. ([Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, Underemployment Averaged 17.9 Percent In 2011.** “Other measures of the labor market in North Carolina tell a similar story. For example, the labor underutilization rate -the unemployed, people working part-time but

preferring full-time work, as well as individuals marginally attached to the labor force (discouraged workers and 'conditionally interested' workers) - averaged 17.9 percent during 2011." (Peter A. Coclanis & Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed: "Hardship Lingers In North Carolina," [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)

- **The Percent Of North Carolina's Working-Age Population Is "Near 35-Year Lows."** "In December [2011] only 55.6 percent of working-age North Carolinians were employed, and the civilian working-age population in the workforce was only slightly higher, at 61.7 percent - near 35-year lows." (Peter A. Coclanis and Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed, "Hardship Lingers In North Carolina," [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)
- **According To The N.C. Justice Center, There Were 356,000 More Working-Age Adults Employed In North Carolina In 2001 Than In 2010.** "The nonprofit group determined there were 356,000 more working-age adults employed in the state in 2001 than in 2010, with manufacturing taking the brunt of the job decline." (Richard Craver, "Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

Median Household Income: Under Obama, Median Household Income In North Carolina Has Declined From \$48,632 To \$43,916. ([U.S. Census Bureau](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

- **In The Last Decade, North Carolina's Median Household Income Fell By 10 Percent, And Unemployment Has Lasted 6 Months Or More For Nearly Half Of Those Out Of Work.** "Median household income in the state fell over the decade by nearly 10 percent, to \$43,326, according to the Budget and Tax Center, a nonprofit advocacy group in Raleigh. The center, in a report coming out this weekend, also found that North Carolina lost high-wage jobs and gained low-wage jobs. The report found that unemployment has lasted six months or more for nearly half of those who are out of work." (Craig Jarvis, "North Carolina's Middle Class Shows The Strain Of Years Of Job Losses," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)
- **North Carolina's Job Growth Has Been In Low-Wage Industries; 83 Percent Of The State's Job Growth Came With Average Wages Less Than The \$23.47-An-Hour Living Income Standard For A Family Of Four.** "Where North Carolina did have job growth, it mostly came in low-wage industry sectors, the group said. About 83 percent of the job growth came with average wages of less than the \$23.47-an-hour living income standard for a family of four. For example, 15 percent of the state's job growth from 2001 to 2010 came in the food-services and accommodation sectors, which paid \$7.15 an hour." (Richard Craver, "Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

National Debt: Since Obama Took Office, Each North Carolinian's Share Of The National Debt Has Increased By \$17,452 To A Total Of \$51,872. (US Department Of The Treasury, [TreasuryDirect.gov](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

Tax Hikes: Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost North Carolina 21,200 Jobs. (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

- **Obama's Plan To Raise Taxes Would Cost North Carolina \$5.9 Billion In Lost Economic Output.** (Drs. Robert Carroll and Gerald Prante, "Long-Run Macroeconomic Impact Of Increasing Tax Rates On High-Income Taxpayers In 2013," [Ernst & Young LLP](#), 7/12)

Food Stamps: Since Obama Took Office, The Number Of People In North Carolina Receiving Food Stamps Has Increased By 52 Percent. ("Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [Food Research And Action Center](#), Accessed 8/10/12; "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program: Number Of Persons Participating," [USDA Food And Nutrition Service](#), Accessed 8/30/12)

Poverty: Under Obama, 379,034 More People In North Carolina Have Fallen Into Poverty. ("Poverty: 2007 And 2008," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 10/11; "Poverty: 2010 And 2011," [U.S. Census Bureau](#), 9/12)

- **According To The UNC-Chapel Hill Global Research Institute, Poverty Rates In North Carolina Are “Grim.”** “[T]here are large numbers of North Carolinians who do in fact fall beneath the federal poverty line. In 2010, 17.4 percent of the state’s population was beneath that line - the third highest yearly figure since 1980 - and other statistics are equally grim. In the same year, 25 percent of all children in North Carolina, roughly 560,000, lived in poverty, and over 35 percent of the state’s population lived precariously on the economic edge, with incomes less than 200 percent of the federal poverty line.” (Peter A. Coclanis and Daniel P. Gitterman, Op-Ed, “Hardship Lingers In North Carolina,” [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 3/12/12)

In North Carolina, The Poverty Rate Has Reached 17.5 Percent. “Whatever your preferred euphemism, know this: They are an army and they are growing. The poverty rate stands at 15.1 percent as of 2010, the last year for which statistics are available. In North Carolina, the rate is even higher at 17.5 percent. In absolute numbers, the national rate translates to 46.2 million Americans, the most ever recorded in the 53 years America has been calculating poverty.” (Leonard Pitts, “The Nation’s Poor: A Story You Won’t Hear This Week In Charlotte,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 9/2/12)

- **There Has Been A 40 Percent Growth In Poverty In The Suburbs Of North Carolina Over The Last Decade.** “It’s hardly a surprise that poverty exists in the suburbs just as it does in urban and rural areas. But the 40 percent growth in poverty in the suburbs of North Carolina over the last decade is a gut check. It is one more indicator of the deep reach of the recession’s impact on people who traditionally fare better.” (Editorial, “Poverty Gave A Body Blow To N.C. Suburbs,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 8/13/12)

Nearly 670,000 North Carolinians Were Pushed Into Poverty Between 2000 And 2010. “According to a report last week from the Budget and Tax Center, a project of the North Carolina Justice Center, the Great Recession pushed nearly 670,000 North Carolinians into poverty between 2000 and 2010, and suburban areas were particularly hard hit. The poor population grew 13 times more in the suburbs than in urban areas. By 2010, the poverty rate in the suburbs was 13.2 percent.” (Editorial, “Poverty Gave A Body Blow To N.C. Suburbs,” [The Charlotte Observer](#), 8/13/12)

- **The Number Of North Carolinians Living In Poverty Rose 24.1 Percent Between 2001-2010.** “The center found the number of North Carolinians living in poverty – \$22,314 annual income for a family of four – rose by 24.1 percent during the decade.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)
- **North Carolina Lost 380,000 Jobs From 2001- 2010, With 75 Percent Of That Concentrated In Industries With Wages That Allowed Individuals And Families To Stay Above The Living Income Standard.** “The state lost 380,000 jobs in that period, with about 75 percent concentrated in industries with average hourly wages that enabled individuals and families to stay above the living income standard. A family of four needed to earn at least \$23.47 an hour in 2010 to have enough money to meet basic expenses, according to N.C. state government standards.” (Richard Craver, “Study Cites Dismal Job Stats In Last Decade In N.C.,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 9/3/12)

Childhood Poverty: One In Four North Carolina Children Lives In Poverty. “North Carolina ranks 34th in the nation in terms of the overall wellbeing of its children, according to the Kids Count survey released Wednesday. The report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation finds that one in four North Carolina children lives in poverty. The percent of North Carolina children living in families where no parent has full-time, year round employment jumped to 35 percent in 2010.” (NC Ranks 34th In Overall Wellbeing Of Its Children,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)

- **The Number Of North Carolina Children Living In High-Poverty Increased From 76,000 In 2000 To 212,000 In 2010.** “The number of North Carolina children living in high-poverty neighborhoods more than doubled over the past decade, increasing from 76,000 in 2000 to 212,000, the report showed. Overall, North Carolina ranked 35th in the nation when it comes to its children’s economic wellbeing.” (NC Ranks 34th In Overall Wellbeing Of Its Children,” [The Associated Press](#), 7/25/12)

Obama's Economic Policies Have Failed North Carolina's Youth

Unemployment: Under Obama, The North Carolina Unemployment Rate For 20 To 24 Year Olds Has Increased From 18.3 Percent To 19.6 Percent. ([Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/1/12; [Bureau Of Labor Statistics](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

College Debt: From 2008 To 2010, College Students' Debt In North Carolina Has Risen From \$18,400 To \$20,959, An Increase Of 13.90 Percent. ([Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 5/4/12; [Project On Student Debt](#), Accessed 5/4/12)

Tuition Costs: Higher Tuition Costs Have Resulted In An Increase In Registration Cancellations At North Carolina Colleges. "Higher tuition costs and changes to financial-aid programs have resulted in a big jump in registration cancellations, according to officials at some area colleges." (Lisa O'Donnell, "Some Students Not Able To Return To College," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

UNC Greensboro Canceled The Registration Of 1,300 Students Because They Had Not Paid Their Tuition Bills. "UNC Greensboro canceled the registrations of about 1,300 students nearly two weeks ago because they had not paid their tuition bills." (Lisa O'Donnell, "Some Students Not Able To Return To College," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

N.C. A&T State University Will Cancel The Registration Of 541 Students. "At N.C. A&T State University, Akua Matherson, interim associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, said the university was scheduled to cancel the registrations of 541 students, a 2.5 percent increase from last year, as of last Friday." (Lisa O'Donnell, "Some Students Not Able To Return To College," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

Winston-Salem State University Spokeswoman Nancy Young: "Like The Other Schools, The Issues Are Connected To The Economy." "Winston-Salem State University has also experienced an increase in cancellations, though the total was not available, said spokeswoman Nancy Young. 'Like the other schools, the issues are connected to the economy,' Young said. 'We're seeing students not get the paperwork in by the deadlines, which creates issues in getting any financial aid packaged.'" (Lisa O'Donnell, "Some Students Not Able To Return To College," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

- **Young Said The Biggest Issue Was Related To Tuition Increases.** "Young said the biggest issue was related to tuition increases. 'With the reduction in state funding, schools were allowed to increase tuition and did not have a crystal ball to indicate the cuts that would be coming in financial aid at all levels. Therefore, we end up with situations where students just cannot find the dollars needed to fill the gap between what they receive from financial aid and the cost of attending the university,' she said." (Lisa O'Donnell, "Some Students Not Able To Return To College," [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 8/22/12)

Graduates: North Carolina's Law School Grads Face Dim Job Prospects. "For the students poised to graduate from North Carolina law schools this spring, the recession may be over, but the damage it inflicted on their chosen profession lingers. Whereas a decade ago many top law graduates would have had no shortage of job opportunities, today's graduates face a far more uncertain future." (David Ranii, "N.C. Law School Graduates Face Tough Job Market," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 4/21/12)

- **Zipporah Edwards, An Attorney And Recruiter At The Charlotte Firm Horack Talley, Says "We Didn't Want To Have People Here For The Summer, Because Looking Ahead, We Knew We Weren't Planning To Hire."** "This is really not a good market for law students to be entering,' said Zipporah Edwards, an attorney who oversees recruitment efforts with Charlotte firm Horack Talley. In the past, the firm had a traditional summer program, in which a few prospective hires would spend an entire summer with the firm. But for the past three years, the recession has basically done away with that program, Edwards said. Now, the firm has a handful of law students come, but only for a few weeks, similar to a short internship. 'We didn't want to have

people here for the summer, because looking ahead, we knew we weren't planning to hire,' she said." (David Ranii, "N.C. Law School Graduates Face Tough Job Market," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 4/21/12)

OBAMA'S CUTS ON DEFENSE ARE "EXPECTED TO DRIVE" NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESSES "THAT DEPEND ON THE MILITARY OUT OF THE MARKET"

Obama Defense Spending Cuts Are "Expected To Drive" North Carolina Businesses "That Depend On The Military Out Of The Market." "An estimated \$487 billion in defense spending cuts over 10 years could include reductions in forces at the Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune. The ripple effect is expected to drive some small contractors and small businesses that depend on the military out of the market." (Franco Ordoñez, "What's At Stake For North Carolina?" [The Charlotte News Observer](#), 2/14/12)

The Military Spends \$14.7 Billion Annually In North Carolina. (Bloomberg Government Study, "Defense Spending Impact On States," Accessed 4/4/12)

- **North Carolina Has Six Major Military Bases And "The Fourth Highest Number Of Military Personnel In The Country."** "With six major military bases and the fourth highest number of military personnel in the country, North Carolina created the NCMBC to leverage more of this business for firms in the state." ([North Carolina Military Business Center](#), Accessed 10/1/12)

Obama's Sequestration Is "Putting A Huge Chill" On North Carolina

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In North Carolina Losing 11,895 Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, "The Economic Impact Of The Budget Control Act Of 2011 On DOD And Non-DOD Agencies," [Report](#), 7/17/12)

Sequestration Could Cost North Carolina 34,000 Jobs. "North Carolina's chamber of commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers estimate that the defense spending cuts, part of an across-the-board budget balancing law, could cost 34,000 jobs in the state." ("NC Business Groups Warn Of Pending US Budget Cuts," [WRAL](#), 7/11/12)

- **North Carolina Will Lose 20,000 Civilian Jobs As A Result Of Sequestration.** "It is estimated there are 30,000 civilian employees at Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station and the Coast Guard Air Station. These jobs are not only vital to those employees but also essential to our state's economy. Unless something happens before December 31, we stand to lose as many as 20,000 of those jobs." (Tom Campbell, "Sequestration Could Cost NC Thousands Of Jobs," [Citizen-Times](#), 7/27/12)

Director Of Government Affairs For Lord Corp., A Company Based In Cary NC: "It's Just Putting A Huge Chill On Business." "It's just putting a huge chill on business,' said Will Austin, director of government affairs for Lord Corp., a Cary-based company with 2,800 employees worldwide making adhesives, coatings, electronics and other items. Fifteen to 20 percent of the company's \$789 million business last year was with the military. How much it will be this year or next remains to be seen." (Martha Quillin, "N.C. Businesses Sweat Looming Defense Cuts," [News Observer](#), 8/10/12)

North Carolina Businesses Are "At Risk" Under Obama's Sequestration

"With At Least 9% Or Sequestration's 18% In Planned Budget Cuts, North Carolina's Businesses – Especially Small Businesses – Will Be At Risk." (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **"From 2000-2011, 6,496 North Carolina Businesses Provided Goods And Services For America's National Defense."** From 2000-2011, 6,496 North Carolina businesses provided goods and services for America's national defense. In 2011, many North Carolina businesses were minority owned or other types of small businesses: 201 minority-owned businesses, including 91 owned by Black Americans, 38 owned by Hispanic Americans, 17 owned by Native Americans, 19

owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 36 owned by other minority Americans..” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **In 2011, North Carolina Companies Secured \$4 Billion In Defense Contracts And Millions More As Subcontractors.** “Last year was the best ever for North Carolina companies competing for defense contracts; companies here secured more than \$4 billion in defense contracts and untold millions more as subcontractors performing work for companies based in other states. While companies in Cumberland and Onslow counties, home to Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, bagged the most federal money, businesses in 87 of the state’s 100 counties got defense contracts last year. Many of those were founded by or employ former service members.” (Martha Quillin, “N.C. Businesses Sweat Looming Defense Cuts,” [News Observer](#), 8/10/12)

According To A Study By George Mason University, The Defense Spending Cuts In Sequestration Would Result In North Carolina Losing 5,677 Small Business Jobs. (Stephen S. Fuller, Committee On Small Business, U.S. House Of Representatives, [Testimony](#), 9/20/12, p. 8)

“North Carolina Defense Contractor Revenue Losses Could Be Greater Than \$420 Million – Each Year.” “North Carolina defense prime contractors earned over \$2.34 billion in 2011 protecting America, but now they may face 18% revenue cuts under Sequestration - starting in 2013. North Carolina defense contractor revenue losses could be greater than \$420 million – each year.” (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **“North Carolina Defense Contractors May Have To Lay Off Workers Or Even Shut Down Under Sequestration Cuts.”** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Veteran Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina’s Veteran And Service-Disabled Veteran Businesses Will Lose A Combined **\$149,171,967.00 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Women Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina’s Women Owned Businesses Will Lose **\$35,145,563 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

Minority Owned Businesses: Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina’s Minority Owned Businesses Will Lose **\$66,070,190 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

- **Black American Businesses:** Under The Anticipated 18 Percent Budget Cuts In Sequestration, North Carolina’s Black American Owned Businesses Will Lose **\$9,541,315 In Revenue.** (Center For Security Policy, [The United States Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Reports 2011 Data Edition](#), 6/6/12)

North Carolina Will Lose Veteran’s Services And Employment Help If Sequestration Goes Into Effect. “A U.S. Senate committee report says North Carolina will lose health screenings, education, senior nutrition, veteran’s services and employment help worth more than \$100 million.” (“Perdue, Defense Firms Warn Of \$1 Trillion In Cuts,” [The Associated Press](#), 8/1/12)

In Fayetteville, North Carolina, Home To Fort Bragg, The Unemployment Rate Has Soared And Things Will Get Worse If Sequestration Goes Into Effect. “Here in the military town home to Fort Bragg, long fighting off its nickname ‘Fayette-nam,’ the unemployment rate has soared above that in the rest of the country for years. And things could get much worse, military officials, contractors and voters here fear, if Congress doesn’t work out a deal before Jan. 2, when \$500 billion in automatic defense cuts will take effect.” (Stephanie Gaskell, “Sequester Ground Zero: ‘Fayette-nam,’” [Politico](#), 8/20/12)

- **Fayetteville, North Carolina, Could Lose \$640 Million In Government Contracts If Sequestration Takes Effect.** “In Fayetteville alone, that could take a bite out of \$640 million in government contracts that flow into companies here, like major contractors Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Booz Allen Hamilton.” (Stephanie Gaskell, “Sequester Ground Zero: ‘Fayette-nam,’” [Politico](#), 8/20/12)
- **Fayetteville Gets \$12.9 Billion A Year From Defense-Related Spending.** “The economy in Fayetteville gets \$12.9 billion a year from defense-related spending, according to Fayetteville State University economics professor Dr. Inder Nijhawan.” (Stephanie Gaskell, “Sequester Ground Zero: ‘Fayette-nam,’” [Politico](#), 8/20/12)

Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Is “Gravely Concerned” About Sequestration. “Democratic Rep. Mike McIntyre of Fayetteville is facing one of the toughest reelection battles of his 16-year career — and he’s in the same spot. ‘I did not vote for sequestration, and Congress must act to avoid sequestration,’ he said. ‘If not, there will be massive defense cuts that, as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am gravely concerned.’” (Stephanie Gaskell, “Sequester Ground Zero: ‘Fayette-nam,’” [Politico](#), 8/20/12)

OBAMACARE IS HARMING NORTH CAROLINA

ObamaCare Will Cost North Carolina “Between \$171 Million To \$299 Million Each Year” For The Rest Of The Decade. “To help explain the benefits and costs of this expansion, the respected Kaiser Family Foundation released estimates this week about what states can expect to spend on Medicaid between 2014 and 2019 as a part of the expansion of health reform. Kaiser gives a range of figures based on expected participation in Medicaid. According to this analysis, additional costs to the state will range between \$171 million to \$299 million each year or between \$1.02 billion and \$1.8 billion between 2014 and 2019.” (Adam Searing, Op-Ed, “Health Reform Will Save North Carolina’s Poorest,” [The Herald Sun](#), 5/10)

Cost Of Health Insurance In North Carolina Has Increased

In 2012, North Carolinians Will See An Average 5.2 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.

“Mercer, a human-resource consulting company in Charlotte, annually tracks health-insurance charges nationwide. The survey of 86 North Carolina employers — all with at least 10 employees — found an average projected premium increase of 5.2 percent over 2011 costs.” (Richard Craver, “Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

- **60 Percent Of Survey Respondents “Said They Are Shifting Cost To Their Employees By Raising Deductibles, Copays/Coinsurance Or Out-Of-Pocket Maximums, Increasing Employees’ Share Of The Premium Contribution.”** “Mercer said 60 percent of N.C. respondents — up from 40 percent in 2011 — said they are shifting cost to their employees by raising deductibles, copays/coinsurance or out-of-pocket maximums, increasing employees’ share of the premium contribution, or in some other way.” (Richard Craver, “Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

In 2011, North Carolinians Received An Average 5.7 Percent Health Insurance Premium Hike.

“[Mercer, a human-resource consulting company in Charlotte] determined that 2011 costs actually went up 5.7 percent for an average employee cost of \$9,412.” (Richard Craver, “Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

- **In 2011, ObamaCare Contributed To An Increase In Employees’ Share Of Health Care Costs.** “Without making those changes — some of which are required by the federal Affordable Care Act — the average increase would be 7.8 percent compared with an 8.7 percent increase in 2011.” (Richard Craver, “Employee Health Care Costs Going Up In 2012,” [Winston-Salem Journal](#), 11/15/11)

ObamaCare Has Increased The Premiums Of Already Struggling North Carolina College Students

North Carolina Education Officials Complicate Obama's Campaign Message By Citing ObamaCare As A Reason For The Rising Cost Of Student Health Insurance Plans. "But as the president fights to keep the conservative-leaning state in his column this November, education officials here are complicating his campaign message by citing 'Obamacare' as a reason for the rising cost of student health insurance plans on campuses from Asheville to Wilmington." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

- **64,000 North Carolina College Students Will See "Substantial" Increases In Health Coverage Costs For The 2012-2013 Academic Year.** "Ross explained that at least 64,000 North Carolina college students - roughly a third of those enrolled in the state's 17 public universities - should expect to see 'substantial' increases in health coverage costs for the 2012-2013 academic year." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

Tom Ross, President Of The University Of North Carolina System: As A Result Of New Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act, "We Are Facing Large Increases In Premiums For Our Students." In April, Tom Ross, the president of the University of North Carolina system, sent a letter to the university's board of governors announcing that students should brace for a hike in the cost of university-provided insurance plans. 'Based on more than three semesters of actual claims experience, as well as the new provisions of the Affordable Care Act, we are facing large increases in premiums for our students,' Ross wrote in the letter." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

Guilford College Students Will See Their Health Insurance Plan Cost Go From \$668 A Semester To \$1,179. "Rising premiums are not limited to public universities. Students at Guilford College, a private liberal arts college in Greensboro, were informed in July that the cost of their school-provided health insurance plan was set to rise from \$668 per semester in 2011 to \$1,179 per semester this fall." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

- **According To A Letter From The School, "Our Student Health Insurance Policy Premium Has Been Substantially Increased Due To Changes Required By Federal Regulations Issued On March 16, 2012 Under The Affordable Care Act."** "'Our student health insurance policy premium has been substantially increased due to changes required by federal regulations issued on March 16, 2012 under the Affordable Care Act,' reads the letter, which was distributed Greg Bursavich, the school's Vice President for Finance." (Peter Hamby, "In North Carolina, Student Insurance Costs Rise Under Obamacare," [CNN](#), 9/5/12)

North Carolina Democrats Are Running From ObamaCare

North Carolina Democrats Supported Repeal Of ObamaCare's Tax On Insurance Policies. "A bill to repeal part of the healthcare reform law has picked up another Democratic co-sponsor — Rep. Mike Ross (D-Ark.). The bill, sponsored by Reps. Charles Boustany Jr. (R-La.) and Dan Boren (D-Okla.), would repeal the healthcare law's tax on insurance policies. The tax does not take effect until 2014." (Sam Baker, "Ross Backs Bill To Repeal Health Care Tax," [The Hill's HealthWatch](#), 7/29/11)

- **Reps. Heath Shuler (D-NC) And Mike McIntyre (D-NC) Joined In Signing On To Repeal The ObamaCare Tax.** "Ross joins a small group of conservative Democrats who have co-sponsored the repeal bill, including Reps. Heath Shuler (N.C.) and Mike McIntyre (N.C.)." (Sam Baker, "Ross Backs Bill To Repeal Health Care Tax," [The Hill's HealthWatch](#), 7/29/11)

Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC): "There Is No Question That Our Current Health Care System Is Broken And That We Need To Make Significant Reforms To Improve It In An Equitable, Fiscally

Responsible And Sustainable Manner. In My Opinion The Bill As Written Does Not Meet Those Criteria..." (Bill Theobald, "Shuler Says He Will Vote No On Health Care Reform," *The Asheville Citizen-Times*, 3/19/10)

Rep. Larry Kissell (D-NC): "I Made A Promise And Commitment That I Would Look Out For Medicare, And I'm Doing That...The Method Of Funding Makes It Impossible For Me To Change My Vote On That Bill." (Jim Morrill, "Kissell Faces Pressure On Health Care," [The Charlotte Observer](#), 3/03/10)

- **Kissell Voted To Repeal Health Care.** "North Carolina Rep. Larry Kissell told the the Charlotte Observer on Monday that he plans to buck his party and side with the GOP on their first vote to repeal the law since the Supreme Court upheld it last month. 'I've heard from hundreds and hundreds of people from my district about their opposition to the health care law,' he told the newspaper. 'I voted against it originally and I will vote to repeal it.'" (Paige Winfield Cunningham, "One House Dem To Join Health Care Repeal Drive," [The Washington Times](#), 7/3/12)

Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC): "Health Care Reform Is Needed, But The Bill Before Us Is Too Expensive, Does Not Adequately Address Rising Medical Costs And Skyrocketing Insurance Premiums, And Tries To Do Too Much Too Soon. We Simply Cannot Afford To Create A New Federal Bureaucracy That Costs Nearly \$1 Trillion When Our National Debt Is \$12 Trillion And There Is No Plan In Place To Address It. I Will Not Vote For It." (Rep. Mike McIntyre, "McIntyre Says, "Yes To Jobs, No To Proposed Health Care Reform Bill," Press Release, 3/19/10)

- **McIntyre: "The Critical Issue Facing Our Nation Is Jobs. ... After We Help Jump Start Our Economy, We Should Again Turn Our Attention To Health Care Reform – But With A Clean Slate."** (Rep. Mike McIntyre, "McIntyre Says, "Yes To Jobs, No To Proposed Health Care Reform Bill," Press Release, 3/19/10)

Rep. Brad Miller (D-NC): President Obama And The Democrats "Would Have Been Better Off – If We Had Dealt First With The Financial System And The Other Related Economic Issues And Then Come Back To Healthcare." "'I think we would all have been better off — President Obama politically, Democrats in Congress politically, and the nation would have been better off — if we had dealt first with the financial system and the other related economic issues and then come back to healthcare,' said Rep. Brad Miller (D-N.C.), who is retiring at the end of this Congress." (Julian Pecquet, Same Baker, "Democrats Expressing Buyers' Remorse On Obama's Healthcare Law," [The Hill's HealthWatch](#), 4/19/12)

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