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## Post-Election Briefing

### AGENDA

**Welcome** – Kim-Marie McLellan, Deputy Director of Gifts and Endowments

**Where we are now** – Rick Glazier, Executive Director

#### Project Presentations

a.	HAP	5 minutes	Will Munn
b.	WRP	5 minutes	Ana Pardo
c.	BTC	5 minutes	Alexandra Sirota
d.	EdLaw	5 minutes	Matt Ellinwood
e.	FCCJ	5 minutes	Daniel Bowes
f.	IRRP	5 minutes	Dani Moore
g.	HCE	5 minutes	Al Ripley

**Q&A** - Kim-Marie McLellan, Deputy Director of Gifts and Endowments



# HAP

HEALTH ADVOCACY  
PROJECT

# Preserving the Affordable Care Act and Expanding Medicaid in NC





# Affordable Care Act

March 2010

- The law has 3 primary goals:
  - Make affordable health insurance available to more people.
  - Expand the Medicaid program to cover all adults with incomes below 138% of the federal poverty level.
  - Support innovative medical care delivery methods designed to lower the costs of health care generally.



# Affordable Care Act

Allows children  
up to age 26 stay  
on parent's  
health insurance  
plans



# Affordable Care Act



Protections for  
people with pre-  
existing health  
conditions

# Medicaid Expansion

## The opportunity to cover

- State decisions not to implement the expansion leave many without an affordable coverage option.
- Under the ACA, Medicaid eligibility is extended to nearly all people with incomes at or below 138 percent of poverty.
- This expansion fills in historical gaps in Medicaid eligibility for adults and was envisioned as the vehicle for extending insurance coverage to low-income individuals
- Medicaid eligibility for adults in states that did not expand their programs is quite limited

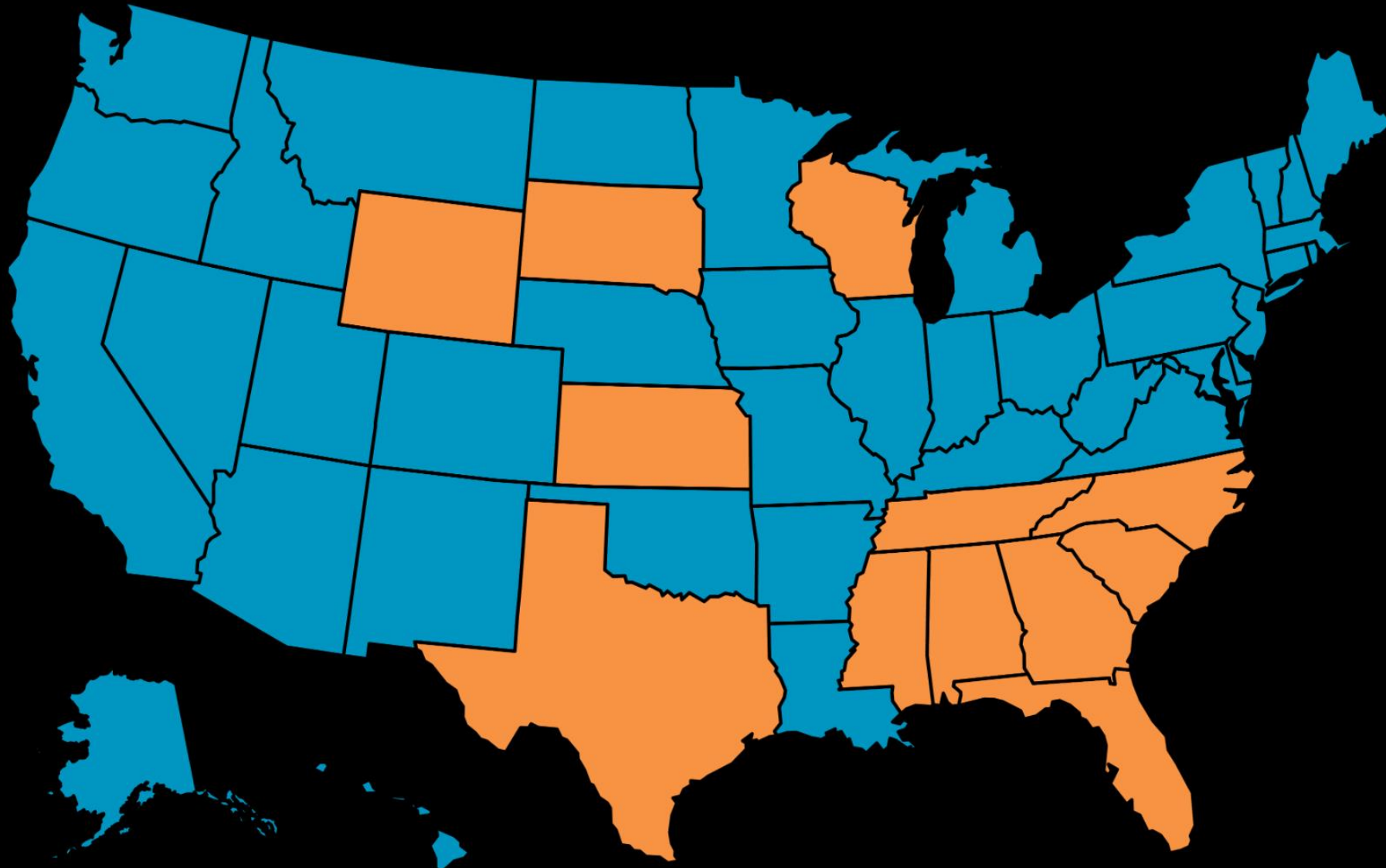




## Medicaid Expansion Status by State

Percent uninsured, rural hospitals closed and other related outcomes

Not Adopted Adopted



# If NC General Assembly Expanded Medicaid

- At least 500,000 North Carolinians can gain coverage and access the lifesaving care they need
- More lives saved
- Increased access to preventative screenings
- More people accessing care and treatment for substance use disorders; less people entering prison and jails, more families staying together
- Much better health outcomes and thriving communities

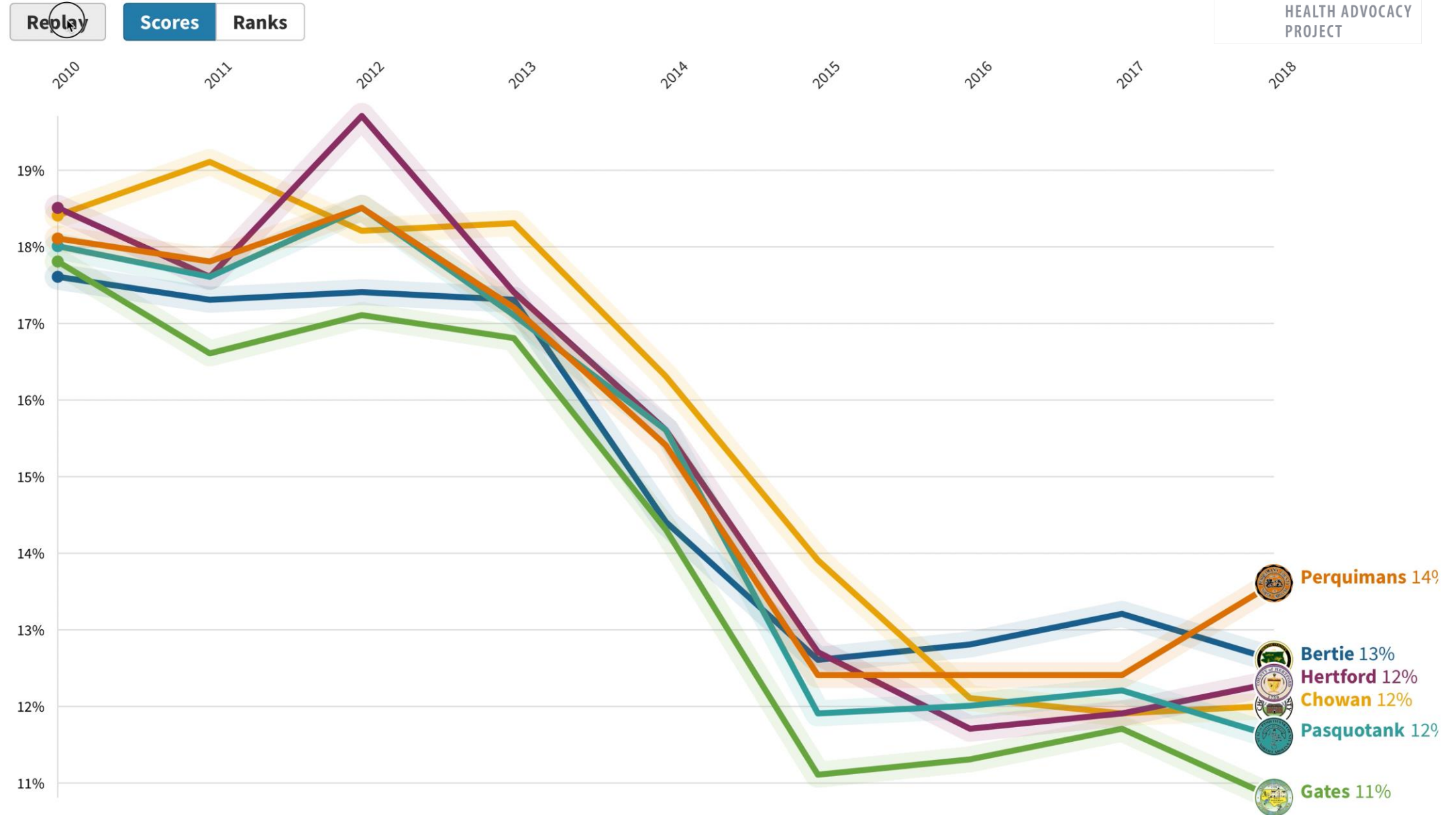


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# **How ACA has benefited rural North Carolina**

# Rate of uninsurance from 2010 -2018



Source: Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, US Census

# Why this matters right now





# The COVID-19 in the last 10 months

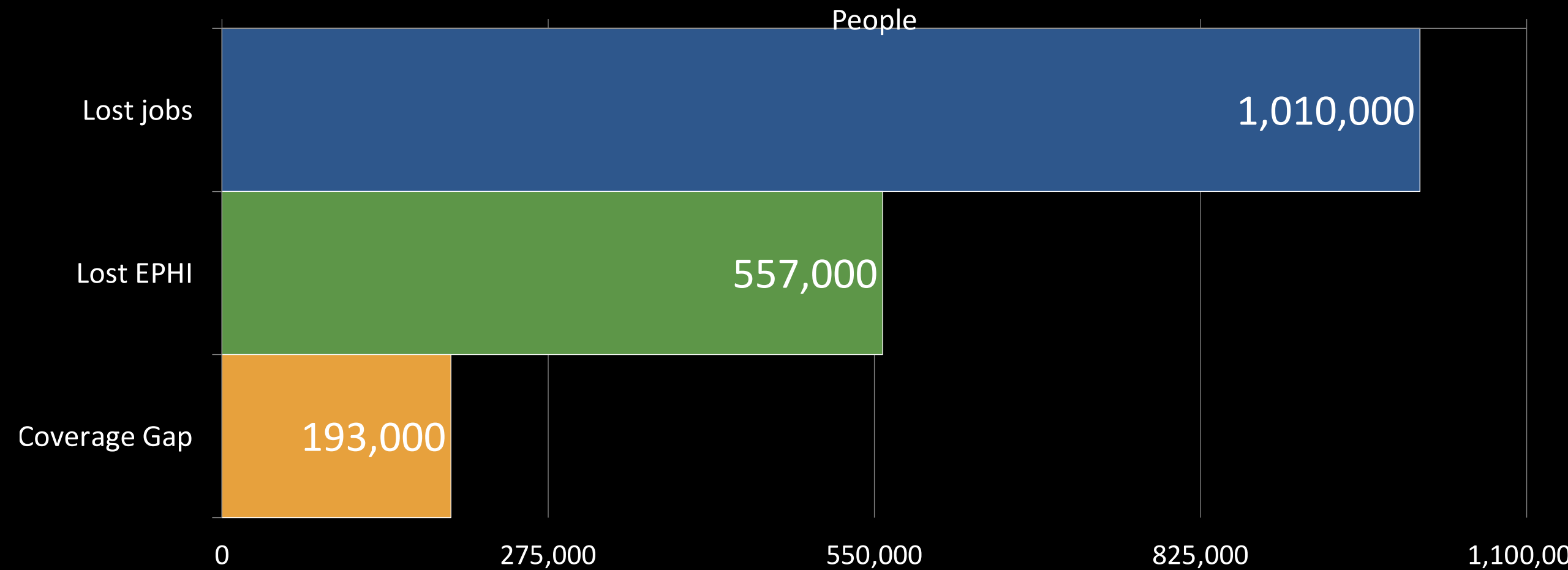
	January 21	March 3	November 17
	1st confirmed case 3.6% unemployed	9 deaths 4.4% unemployed	<b>247,000 deaths</b> <b>6.9% unemployed*</b>
	1st confirmed case 4% unemployed	28 deaths 3.8% unemployed	<b>494 deaths</b> <b>3.2% unemployed</b>
	n/a 3.6% unemployed	0 deaths 4.3% unemployed	<b>4,843 deaths</b> <b>7% unemployed</b>

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## Key factors in COVID-19 Response:

- Testing
- Social Distancing
- Contact Tracing
- Health care systems

# The loss of employer provided health insurance in NC during the COVID-19 downturn

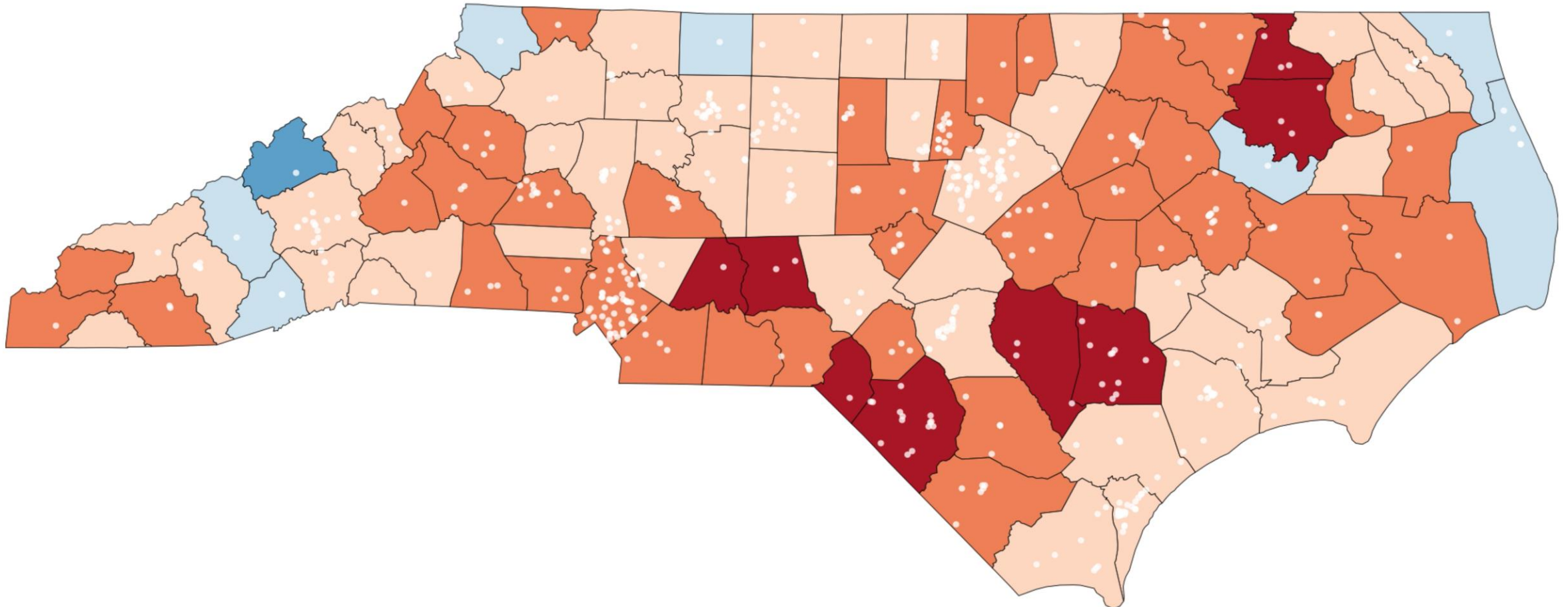


Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

# COVID-19 Cases per 100K by county and testing sites

10/1/2020 Update

COVID-19 Crude Death Rates, COVID-19 Cases, Density Classification



# Texas versus California



# If the Affordable Care Act is struck down...

- Insurers could once again put annual and lifetime limits on coverage, including for people with employer plans.
- Young adults would no longer be able to stay on their parents' plans up to age 26.
- Insurers could reimpose cost sharing for preventive services, including under employer plans and Medicare.
- Reversing the ACA's changes to how Medicare pays plans and providers and how state Medicaid programs determine eligibility would cause massive disruption.
- Medicare beneficiaries would face higher prescription drug costs due to the Medicare "donut hole" reopening.



# Rise Up (The movement)

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# Gridlock or opportunity?



1081 Signatures

Add Your Name to Fight for Affordable Healthcare and Support  
Southerners for Medicaid Expansion!

Full Name \*

Address \*

Zip \* city and state not required

Phone \*

Email \*

Submit →

- ☒ Send me emails about this campaign
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#South4MedEx - Stories from the Coverage Gap

Our States' decisions to not expand Medicaid has real like impac...

# HONORING OUR LOVED ONES WHO DIED IN THE MEDICAID COVERAGE GAP

If you want to add your loved one to the Memorial Wall fill out this [short form](#).

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## ADRIENNE AUSTIN

### NORTH CAROLINA

Mother, Daughter, Friend

Adrienne couldn't get mental health treatment for her postpartum depression because her "family planning Medicaid" had run out 2 months after the birth of her 4th child. Without health insurance she was unable to treat her resulting substance use disorder and died from an accidental overdose.

## ANNIE RUTH WILSON

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Sister, Aunt, Great-Aunt, Great-Great Aunt, Cousin

Mrs. Annie Ruth Gerald Wilson was born during segregation in 1942. Mrs. Wilson's life was adversely impacted by racism, poverty, and educational disparities. She was an uninsured domestic worker when she suffered a massive heart attack in late 2004—6 years prior to the passage of the Affordable Care Act. Had she had access to health insurance and preventative health care, perhaps she would not have suffered such an adverse health outcome. While in the ICU, Mrs. Wilson lapsed into a coma from which she never recovered. She passed away on December 29, 2004. Her family is still burdened by medical debt, over 15 years after her death.



## BARBARA BOSMA GARLOCK

### NORTH CAROLINA

Mother, Hospital Chaplain, Emergency Assistance Coordinator, and former Healthcare Lawyer

Barbara was going back to school at age 46 to become a hospital chaplain when cancer spread unchecked for 5 months during a period of being uninsured, 3 years before the passage of the Affordable Care Act. By 2013, her family of 4 could no longer afford the exorbitant costs for a cancer recurrence blood test and a \$40,000 annual insurance bill. Barbara died at age 53 from stage IV breast cancer.



# WORKERS' RIGHTS PROJECT



# WRP

# Situation at-a-glance in NC

- 7.3% unemployment (as of Sept 2020); 300,000 North Carolinians
- As many as 84% of NC workforce exempt from federal emergency paid leave and paid sick days
- Workers have few health and safety protections, and no new protections as it relates to COVID-19; NCDOL rejected petition for emergency and permanent rules
- 1,000 complaints related to COVID filed with NC OSHA; zero inspections conducted

# What's on tap for Workers' Rights in 2021?

- Addressing the **unemployment crisis** by advocating for improved and extended state and federal benefits
- Administrative and legislative advocacy for stronger **health and safety protections** during the pandemic
- Advocating for state and federal **COVID-19 and family-friendly workplace** policies
- Supporting state and federal efforts to **raise the minimum wage**
- **Building worker power and literacy** on workplace rights

# Unemployment insurance

- Advocating for fixes to problems in the state unemployment insurance system
  - Too little
  - Too short
  - Too few
- Pushing for a federal supplemental unemployment benefit to fill the gaps left by NC's inadequate benefits

# Stronger health and safety protections during the pandemic

- Administrative and legislative advocacy
- Push NCDOL for emergency temporary standard and permanent rule; respond to denial of existing petition
- Weigh in on development of anticipated Biden emergency temporary standard



# Family friendly workplace policies

- Advocating at state and federal level
- Paid leave and paid sick days – extending federal emergency provisions of FFCRA, supporting state legislation
- Safe time and family definition
- Pregnancy accommodations

# Raising the minimum wage

- Advocate at the state and federal level for an increase to the minimum wage
- Support efforts to win hazard pay for essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Highlight issues with the tipped wages and exclusions for some workers

# Building Worker Power

- Educate working people about their rights through live know-your-rights trainings, social media and storytelling campaigns
- Convene statewide table of partners to provide organizing and legal support, as well as mutual aid
- Tell the stories of working North Carolinians' experiences with:
  - Workplace health and safety concerns during COVID-19
  - The lack of paid leave and paid sick days
  - The state's inadequate unemployment system
  - Minimum wage work and tipped wages



# BTC

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# What do we know

NC can't lose another decade

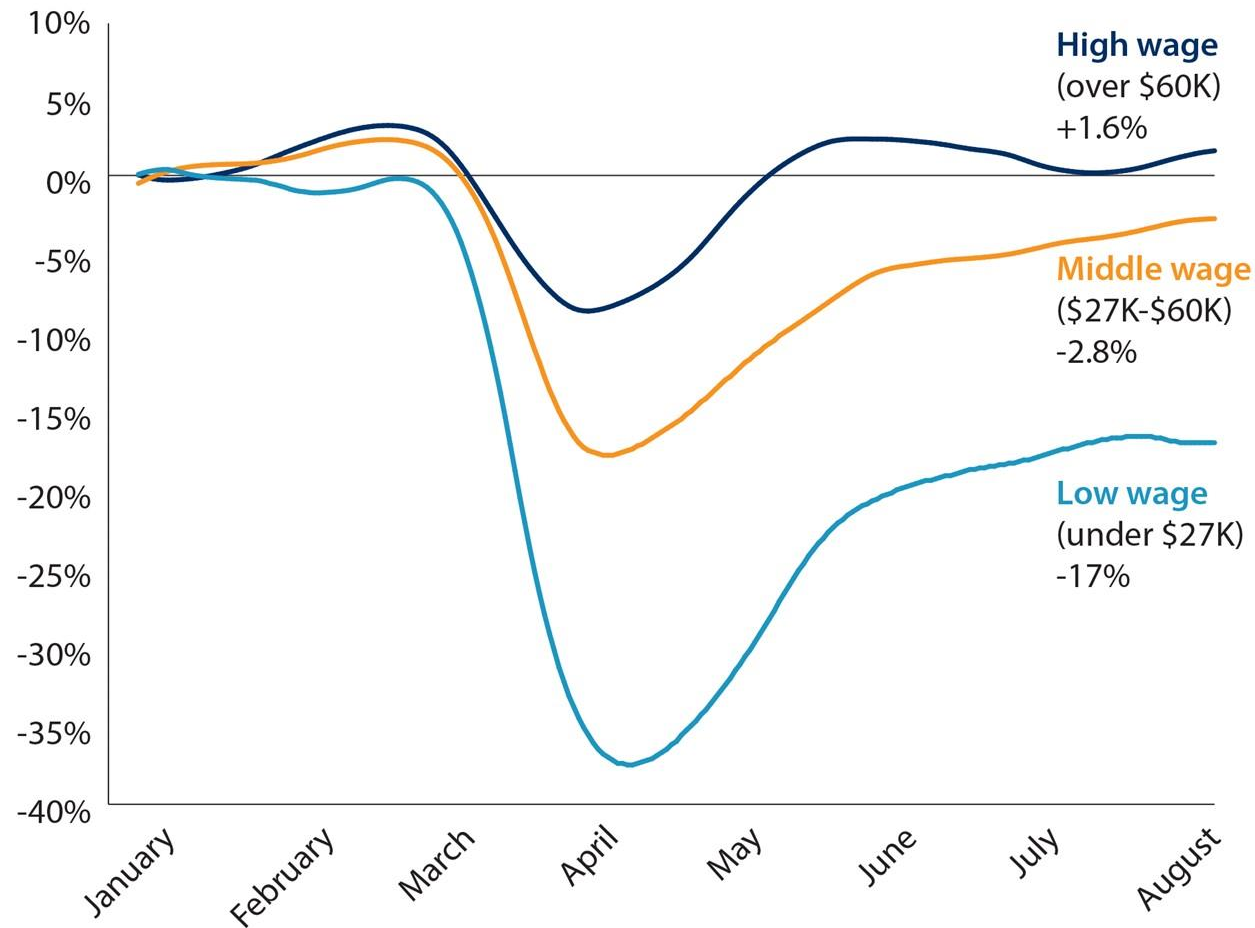
Length and severity of recession will depend on policy actions taken

Targeted and inclusive policies are crucial in the response

Building the will to act requires broad-based engagement and strategic communication

# COVID-19 Recession is largely over for middle and high wage earners

PERCENT CHANGE IN N.C. EMPLOYMENT BY WAGE LEVEL IN 2020

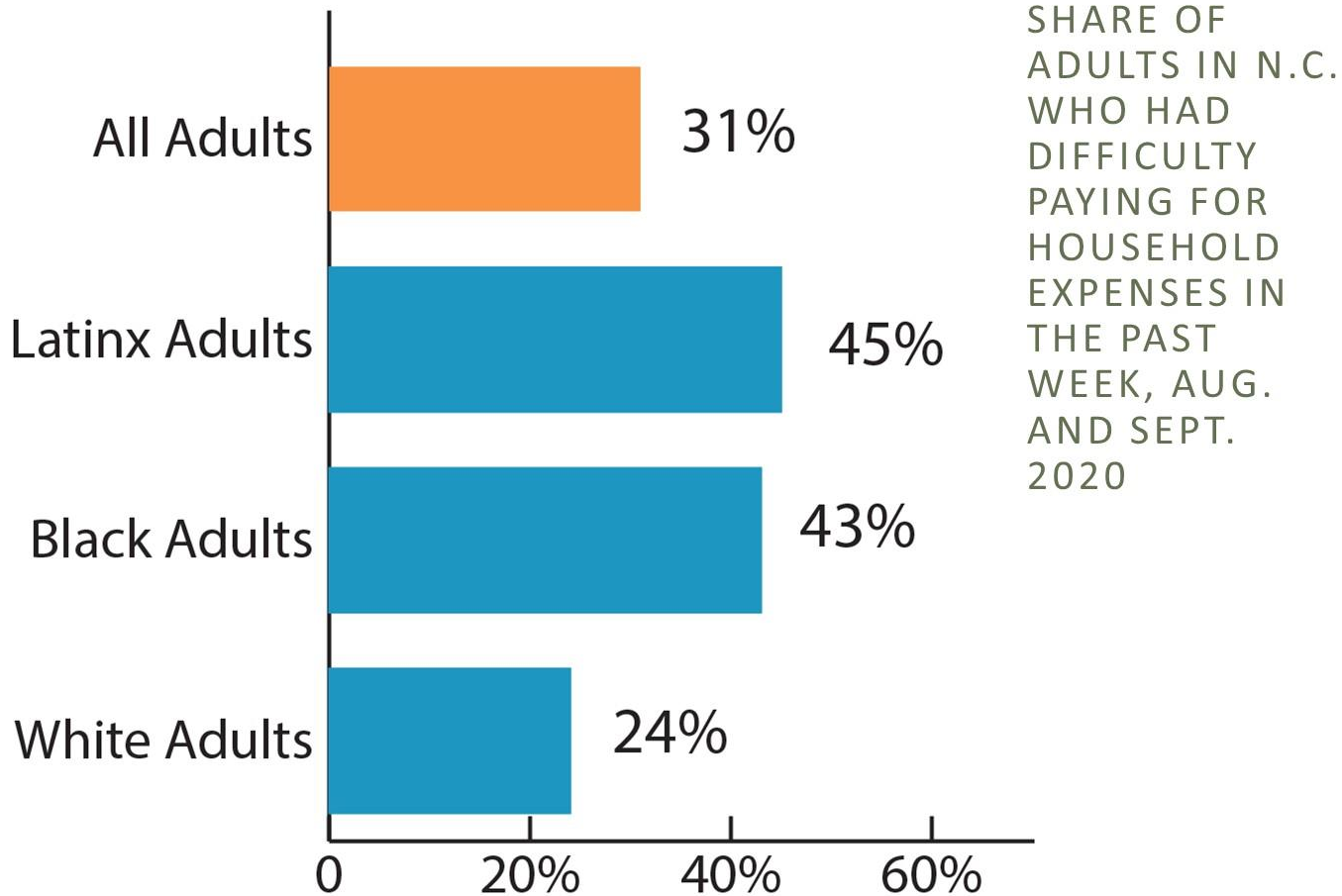


Source: Firm-level and worker-level data from private sources analyzed by Chetty et al., <https://tracktherecovery.org/>





# Nearly 1 in 3 adults had trouble paying for usual expenses

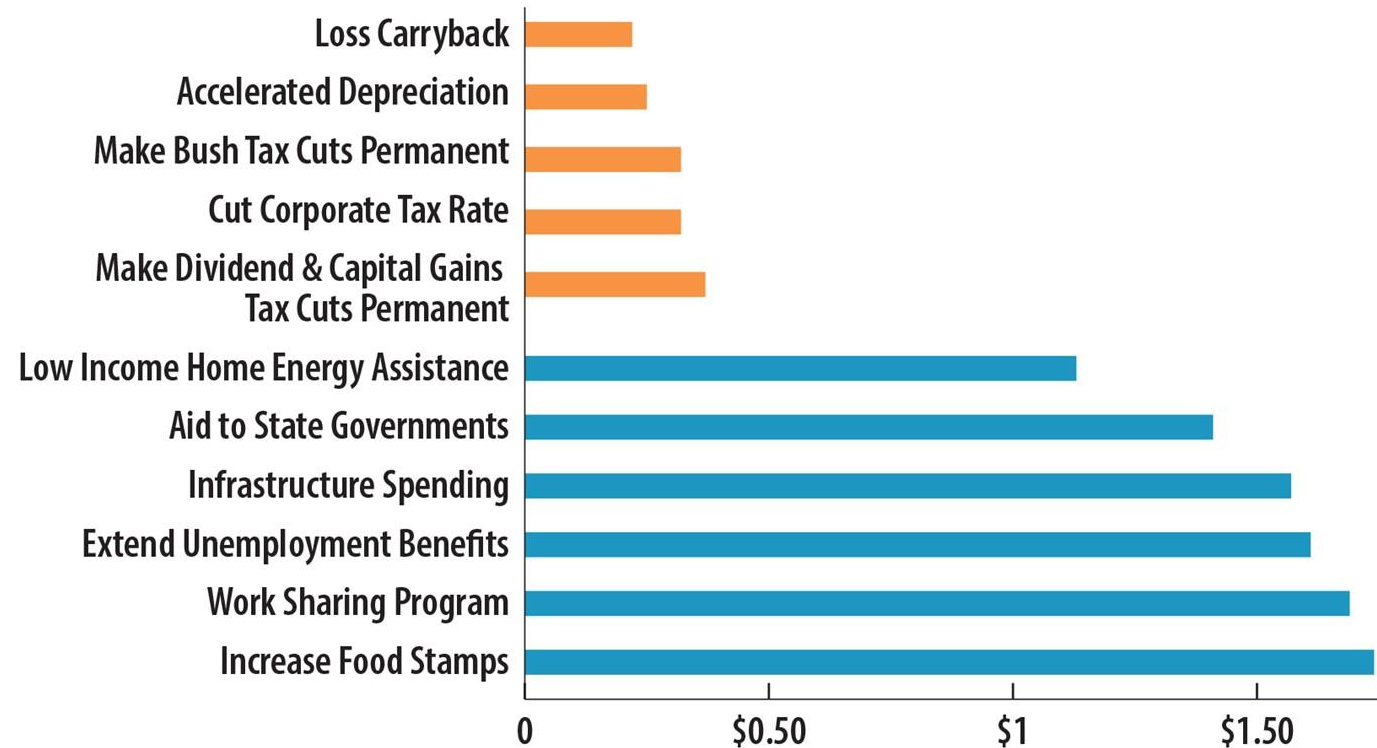


Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey Phase 2, Spending Table 1



# Public programs better at ending Great Recession than tax cuts

INCREASE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY (GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT)  
FOR EVERY \$1 IN PUBLIC SPENDING



Source: Binder, Alan, & Mark Zandi. (2010). How the Great Recession was Brought to an End. Moody's Analytics and Princeton University.



# All-In policies are needed.

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# **Federal COVID-19 relief package—in lame duck or from 117<sup>th</sup> Congress—important.**

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Extension of federal Unemployment Insurance

Another round of cash assistance

Support to Medicaid and SNAP

Aid to state and local governments

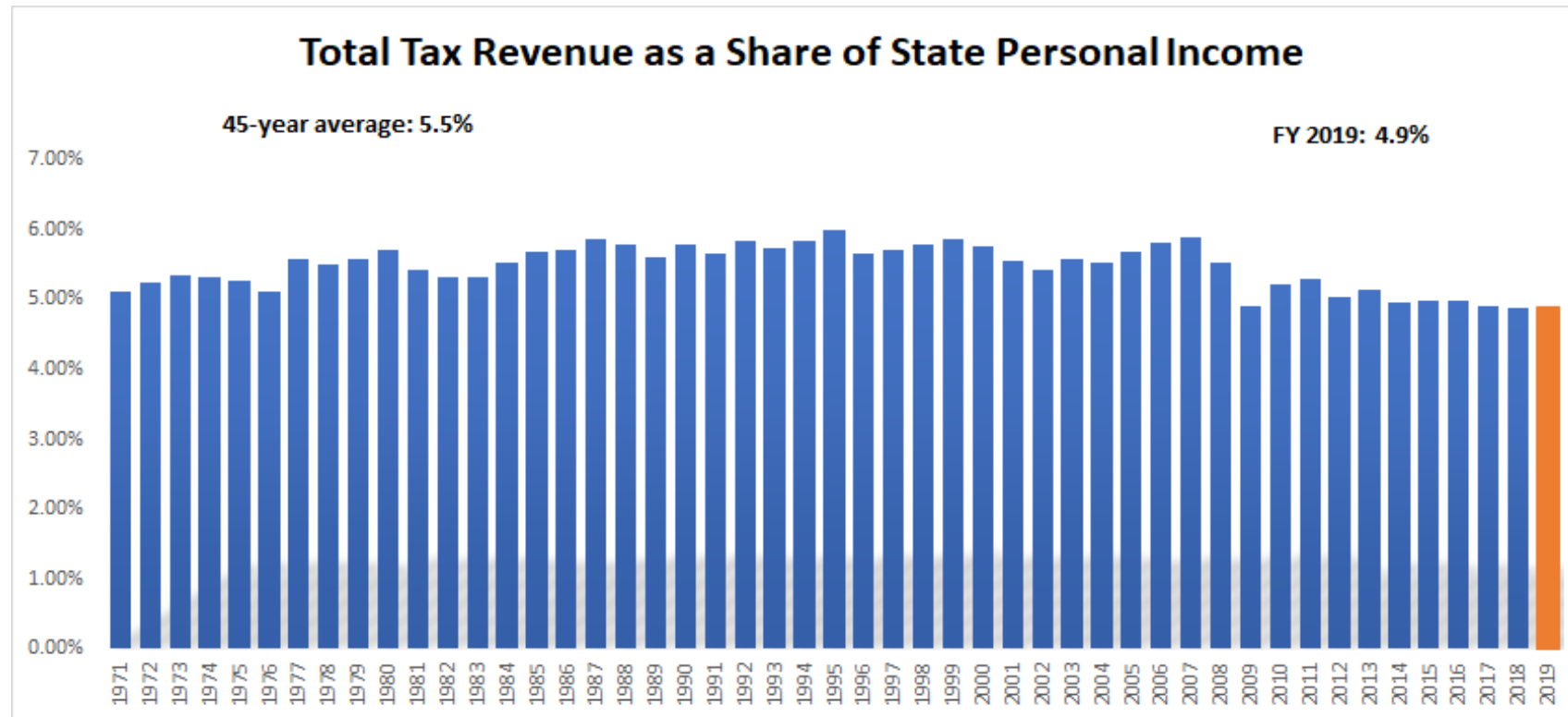
# State dollars are available to meet needs now.

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Excess revenues over appropriations grew by 125% from 2019 to 2020.

North Carolina, as of October 2020, had an unreserved cash balance of \$4.4 billion.

# Securing a just recovery will require different tax choices.







**We think big.**



**We know details matter.**



**We partner & collaborate.**