

# North Carolina COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

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# **COVID-19 North Carolina Outcomes**

6 million North Carolinians Vaccinated

Lowest Death Rates in the South

**Vaccine Equity** 

Low Unemployment

Destination for business investment

Top Ten in GDP Recovery, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the South

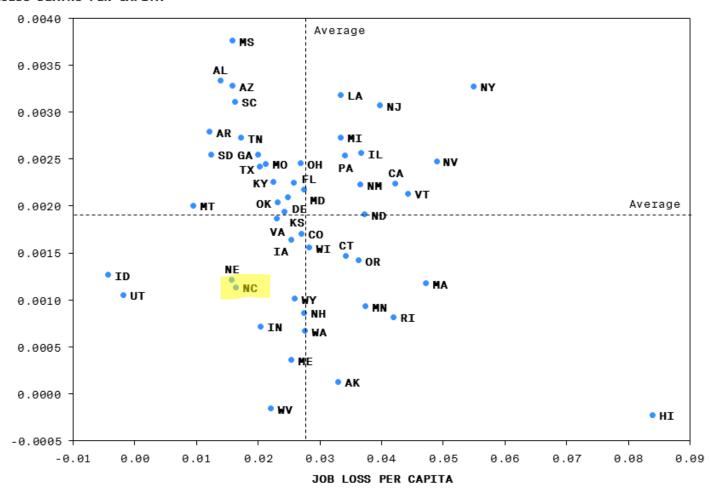


# **North Carolina & COVID-19: Two Metrics**

#### **State Outcomes From COVID-19**

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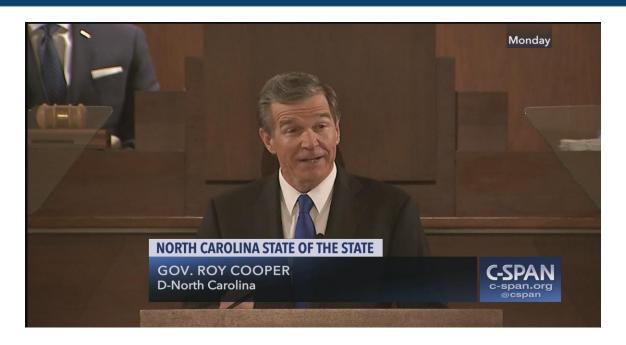
#### **EXCESS DEATHS PER CAPITA**



Sources: BLS, CDC, Census, HPS Analysis



# **COVID-19 Principles and Goals**



"From the beginning, I pledged that we would listen to health experts and follow the science to protect our state. And we have done just that. The decisive actions we have taken saved lives and prevented our hospitals from being overwhelmed."



# **COVID-19 Principles**

Save lives and protect the public health system from being overwhelmed

Education and childcare

Minimize impact on the economy through careful use of Orders and aggressive assistance.

Fill gaps left by the federal government and other institutions.



### **COVID-19 Timeline**

#### **March 2020:**

COVID-19
Community
transmission in NC
State of Emergency
Declared
COVID-19 Task Force

EOs

#### **Spring 2020:**

Build capacity for testing, tracing, and treatment

Protect public health system

Reduce restrictions

**CRF** 

#### Winter 2020/2021:

Vaccine Distribution = New Paradigm

Winter surge – worst COVID numbers

#### Summer/Fall 2021:

ARP funds

**Delta Variant** 

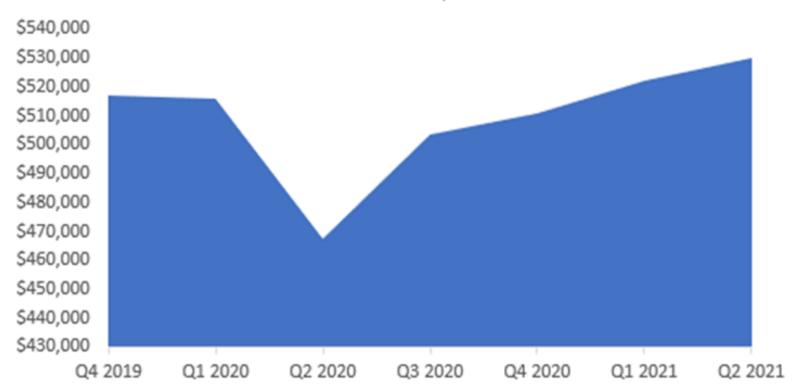
Vaccine outreach + Boosters



# **Economic Recovery**

#### North Carolina Real GDP Growth

chained to 2012 dollars, in millions





# **Federal Stimulus to North Carolina**

Type of Aid	Amount (in thousands)	
Aid to State & Local Govts (CRF, SFRF, LFRF)	\$	12,916,915
Other Grants Programs (aid to state entities)	\$	21,993,645
PPP	\$	12,288,153
EIDL (incl. EIDL-A)	\$	6,982,120
Economic Impact Payments (to individuals)	\$	25,897,196
Unemployment Enhancements	\$	11,605,332
Other Non-Grants (other assistance programs)	\$	9,875,085
Total Aid	\$	101,558,446



# **Federal Stimulus to North Carolina**

CARES Act: \$42 billion

CRRSA: \$13.5 billion

ARPA: \$31.4 billion

Infrastructure and Build Back Better



# Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

\$3.5 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds



- Rapid Recovery Loan Program
- Job Retention Grants
- Mortgage, Utility and Rent Relief (MURR) Program
- Housing Opportunities and Preventions of Evictions (HOPE) Program
- ReTOOL NC
- Extra Credit Program
- Rural Hospital Assistance



## **Best States for Business**

#1

Forbes

#1

SITE

#2





# NC's Recovery in Sight, Needs Remain

87% of jobs lost in 2020 recovered, but room to grow.

Labor force participation down 2 percentage points from 2019, bigger impact on working mothers.

23% of adults missed last month's rent or mortgage payment or who have slight or no confidence that their household can pay next month's rent or mortgage on time.

59% of North Carolinians lack access to affordable high-speed internet.

50% of eligible children attend NC Pre-k.



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