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# North Carolina: People, Places, & Progress

## Chapter 3: Governing Our Nation and State

### Section 3: North Carolina Government

#### Focused Reading

**Instructions:** Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Several thousand North Carolinians held \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_— both elected and appointed— in the state in the 2010s.
2. The leadership of North Carolina has begun to be more \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ during your lifetime.
3. In fact, there was more variety of \_\_\_\_\_ among the state's public servants in the 2010s than ever in our history, a result of efforts to have North Carolina live up to its \_\_\_\_\_ ideals.
4. Like the national government, North Carolina's state government has \_\_\_\_\_ branches: the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch is the lawmaking branch of state government. Every \_\_\_\_\_ years, the voters of North Carolina choose the entire membership of the \_\_\_\_\_, the legislature of the state.
6. A typical workweek for a \_\_\_\_\_ involves a series of committee meetings about \_\_\_\_\_ (proposed laws) and a daily session of each branch of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ can propose bills that address either the needs of the state as a whole or the special requests or needs of their \_\_\_\_\_ (the people of the legislator's district).
8. The biggest bill each session is the state \_\_\_\_\_ (the plan for spending money), which is submitted every \_\_\_\_\_ years.

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9. The \_\_\_\_\_ enforces the laws of the state. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the head of the executive branch.
10. The governor also prepares a \_\_\_\_\_ to present to the legislature each session.
11. The governor is also in charge of the various government \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Nine state \_\_\_\_\_, who are elected directly by the people to perform specific tasks, make up the \_\_\_\_\_, with the governor as its \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch, the third branch of state government, is headed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the state Supreme Court. The judicial branch oversees four types of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state.
14. Governments must have \_\_\_\_\_ to function. All governments get their money (called \_\_\_\_\_) in a variety of ways.
15. The state's detailed plan for acquiring and spending money is the \_\_\_\_\_.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ supply much of the state's revenue. Taxes are amounts paid by \_\_\_\_\_ to their governments (federal, state, and local) to support governments and the \_\_\_\_\_ they provide.
17. In addition to taxes, the state receives revenue from a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ charged for certain kinds of government-issued items like \_\_\_\_\_ licenses or business licenses.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary local government division. Each county's \_\_\_\_\_ and government are located in the municipality called the \_\_\_\_\_.

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19. Each county has a \_\_\_\_\_ as its chief law enforcement agent.
20. Each county is also in charge of its \_\_\_\_\_.
21. The key body for county government remains the \_\_\_\_\_, which was first established by the 1868 constitution. County commissioners are \_\_\_\_\_ by the people, usually for four-year terms.
22. There are more than five hundred \_\_\_\_\_ (cities with their own government) in North Carolina.
23. The towns and cities in North Carolina are generally governed by a \_\_\_\_\_, headed by a \_\_\_\_\_.
24. Municipalities are responsible for many of the \_\_\_\_\_ that a citizen needs daily, including \_\_\_\_\_ and fire protection.