

North Carolina

2025 STATE REPORT CARD

How benefits, credits, and earnings stack up for two North Carolina families



FAMILY PROFILE

Single parent, one child (age 5)

Income and implicit marginal tax rates

All figures annual · IMTR = implicit marginal tax rate

	NO EARNINGS	FULL TIME AT STATE MINIMUM WAGE		FULL TIME AT STATE MEDIAN WAGE	
	INCOME	INCOME	IMTR	INCOME	IMTR
Earnings	\$0	\$14,500	-	\$46,120	-
TANF	\$2,832	\$0	19.5%	\$0	0.0%
SNAP	\$6,552	\$6,504	0.3%	\$0	20.6%
Federal CTC	\$0	\$1,700	-11.7%	\$2,200	-1.6%
State CTC	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Federal EITC	\$0	\$4,238	-29.2%	\$689	11.2%
State EITC	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Total	\$9,384	\$26,942	-21.1%	\$49,009	30.2%

Single parent with one child and no earnings

The combined income for a single parent with one child and **no earnings** in North Carolina brings them to **44 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 100% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 0% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 0% comes from earnings.
- They face a -21.1% implicit marginal tax rate if they move from no earnings to working full time at the state minimum wage.

44%

of the federal poverty line



IMTR
-21.1%

Single parent with one child working full time at the state minimum wage

The combined income for a single parent with one child **working full time at the state minimum wage** in North Carolina brings them to **127 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 24% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 22% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 54% comes from earnings.
- They face a **30.2% implicit marginal tax rate** if they move from working full time at the state minimum wage to working full time at the state median wage.

127%

of the federal poverty line



IMTR
30.2%

Single parent with one child working full time at the state median wage

The combined income for a single parent with one child **working full time at the state median wage** in North Carolina brings them to **232 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 0% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 6% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 94% comes from earnings.

232%

of the federal poverty line

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Married parent, two children (ages 3 and 5)

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	NO EARNINGS	FULL TIME AT STATE MINIMUM WAGE		FULL TIME AT STATE MEDIAN WAGE	
	INCOME	INCOME	IMTR	INCOME	IMTR
Earnings	\$0	\$14,500	-	\$46,120	-
TANF	\$3,564	\$0	24.6%	\$0	0.0%
SNAP	\$11,928	\$11,928	0.0%	\$3,096	27.9%
Federal CTC	\$0	\$1,800	-12.4%	\$4,400	-8.2%
State CTC	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Federal EITC	\$0	\$5,800	-40.0%	\$3,856	6.2%
State EITC	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Total	\$15,492	\$34,028	-27.8%	\$57,472	25.9%

Married parent with two children and no earnings

The combined income for a married parent with two children and **no earnings** in North Carolina brings them to **48 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 100% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 0% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 0% comes from earnings.
- They face a -27.8% implicit marginal tax rate if they move from no earnings to working full time at the state minimum wage.

48%

of the federal poverty line

IMTR
-27.8%

Married parent with two children working full time at the state minimum wage

The combined income for a married parent with two children **working full time at the state minimum wage** in North Carolina brings them to **106 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 35% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 22% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 43% comes from earnings.
- They face a **25.9% implicit marginal tax rate** if they move from working full time at the state minimum wage to working full time at the state median wage.

106%

of the federal poverty line

IMTR
25.9%

Married parent with two children working full time at the state median wage

The combined income for a married parent with two children **working full time at the state median wage** in North Carolina brings them to **179 percent of the federal poverty line**.

- 5% of their income comes from social assistance (TANF, SNAP), 14% comes from refundable tax credits (CTCs, EITCs), and 80% comes from earnings.

179%

of the federal poverty line