

## FALL 2021 POLL SUMMARY RESULTS: North Carolina Coastal Voters Overwhelmingly Support Offshore Wind

Polling Conducted by ClimateNexus on Aug. 26-Sept. 3, 2021.

626 registered voters polled by online and phone interviews in the Wilmington and Washington regions of NC's Coast

### Coastal Voters Support Offshore Wind

Do you support or oppose expanding offshore wind energy in North Carolina?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	27%	163
Somewhat support	34%	212
Somewhat oppose	11%	74
Strongly oppose	14%	87
Not sure	14%	90

### Coastal Voters Want Jobs and Economic Development from Offshore Wind

If North Carolina were to expand offshore wind energy, do you think it would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it not have an impact either way? - Your local economy

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	27%	163
Somewhat support	34%	212
Somewhat oppose	11%	74
Strongly oppose	14%	87
Not sure	14%	90

If North Carolina were to expand offshore wind energy, do you think it would have a positive or negative impact on each of the following, or would it not have an impact either way? - Good paying jobs in your community

Response	Percent	N
Very positive impact	22%	129
Somewhat positive impact	38%	232
Somewhat negative impact	6%	41
Very negative impact	6%	37
No impact either way	3%	18
Not sure	8%	53

### Coastal Voters Say More Wind Needed to Grow Clean Energy

If North Carolina were to achieve 100% clean energy by 2035, how important do you think expanding each of the following energy sources would be to achieving that goal? - Offshore wind energy

Response	Percent	N
Very important	35%	210
Somewhat important	36%	232
Not too important	9%	58
Not at all important	12%	78
Not sure	9%	48

### Majority of Coastal Voters Not Concerned About Wind Turbine Views

How concerned, if at all, are you about being able to see offshore wind turbines more than 15 miles from North Carolina's coast? [Random half sample]

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	19%	57
Somewhat concerned	20%	67
Not too concerned	25%	81
Not at all concerned	31%	100
Not sure	4%	11

How concerned, if at all, are you about being able to see offshore wind turbines at a distance from North Carolina's coast where they would appear 1 inch above the horizon? [Random half sample]

Response	Percent	N
Very concerned	18%	56
Somewhat concerned	18%	62
Not too concerned	21%	66
Not at all concerned	37%	111
Not sure	6%	15

### Coastal Voters Support Local Leaders that Support Offshore Wind

Please indicate how likely you would be to vote for a candidate for political office who supports expanding offshore wind energy in North Carolina. If you don't care about this or don't know enough, just say so.

Response	Percent	N
I would ONLY vote for a candidate who supports this policy	6%	31
I would be more likely to vote for a candidate who supports this policy	43%	266
I would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports this policy	14%	99
I would NEVER vote for a candidate who supports this policy	11%	72
I don't really care about this issue / Not sure	25%	158