

S.No.	Governor	Term in Office	Party	Election
1	Roy Cooper (b. 1957)	January 1, 2017 – Incumbent	Democratic	2020 2016
2	Pat McCrory (b. 1956)	January 5, 2013 – January 1, 2017 (lost election)	Republican	2012
3	Bev Perdue (b. 1947)	January 10, 2009 – January 5, 2013 (did not run)	Democratic	2008
4	Mike Easley (b. 1950)	January 6, 2001 – January 10, 2009 (term-limited)	Democratic	2004 2000
5	Jim Hunt (b. 1937)	January 9, 1993 – January 6, 2001 (term-limited)	Democratic	1996 1992
6	James G. Martin (b. 1935)	January 5, 1985 – January 9, 1993 (term-limited)	Republican	1988 1984
7	Jim Hunt (b. 1937)	January 8, 1977 – January 5, 1985 (term-limited)	Democratic	1980 1976
8	James Holshouser (1934–2013)	January 5, 1973 – January 8, 1977 (term-limited)	Republican	1972
9	Robert W. Scott (1929–2009)	January 3, 1969 – January 5, 1973 (term-limited)	Democratic	1968
10	Dan K. Moore (1906–1986)	January 8, 1965 – January 3, 1969 (term-limited)	Democratic	1964
11	Terry Sanford (1917–1998)	January 5, 1961 – January 8, 1965 (term-limited)	Democratic	1960

12	Luther H. Hodges (1898–1974)	November 7, 1954 – January 5, 1961 (term-limited)	Democratic	1956 Lieutenant governor acting
13	William B. Umstead (1895–1954)	January 8, 1953 – November 7, 1954 (died in office)	Democratic	1952
14	W. Kerr Scott (1896–1958)	January 6, 1949 – January 8, 1953 (term-limited)	Democratic	1948
15	R. Gregg Cherry (1891–1957)	January 4, 1945 – January 6, 1949 (term-limited)	Democratic	1944
16	J. Melville Broughton (1888–1949)	January 9, 1941 – January 4, 1945 (term-limited)	Democratic	1940
17	Clyde R. Hoey (1877–1954)	January 7, 1937 – January 9, 1941 (term-limited)	Democratic	1936
18	John C. B. Ehringhaus (1882–1949)	January 5, 1933 – January 7, 1937 (term-limited)	Democratic	1932
19	Oliver Max Gardner (1882–1947)	January 11, 1929 – January 5, 1933 (term-limited)	Democratic	1928
20	Angus Wilton McLean (1870–1935)	January 14, 1925 – January 11, 1929 (term-limited)	Democratic	1924
21	Cameron A. Morrison (1869–1953)	January 12, 1921 – January 14, 1925 (term-limited)	Democratic	1920
22	Thomas Walter Bickett (1869–1921)	January 11, 1917 – January 12, 1921 (term-limited)	Democratic	1916

23	Locke Craig (1860–1924)	January 15, 1913 – January 11, 1917 (term-limited)	Democratic	1912
24	William Walton Kitchin (1866–1924)	January 12, 1909 – January 15, 1913 (term-limited)	Democratic	1908
25	Robert Broadnax Glenn (1854–1920)	January 11, 1905 – January 12, 1909 (term-limited)	Democratic	1904
26	Charles Brantley Aycock (1859–1912)	January 15, 1901 – January 11, 1905 (term-limited)	Democratic	1900
27	Daniel Lindsay Russell (1845–1908)	January 12, 1897 – January 15, 1901 (term-limited)	Republican	1896
28	Elias Carr (1839–1900)	January 18, 1893 – January 12, 1897 (term-limited)	Democratic	1892
29	Thomas Michael Holt (1831–1896)	April 7, 1891 – January 18, 1893 (lost nomination)	Democratic	Lieutenant governor acting
30	Daniel Gould Fowle (1831–1891)	January 17, 1889 – April 7, 1891 (died in office)	Democratic	1888
31	Alfred Moore Scales (1827–1892)	January 21, 1885 – January 17, 1889 (term-limited)	Democratic	1884
32	Thomas Jordan Jarvis (1836–1915)	February 5, 1879 – January 21, 1885 (term-limited)	Democratic	1880 Lieutenant governor acting
33	Zebulon Baird Vance (1830–1894)	January 1, 1877 – February 5, 1879 (resigned)	Democratic	1876

34	Curtis Hooks Brogden (1816–1901)	July 11, 1874 – January 1, 1877 (did not run)	Republican	Lieutenant governor acting
35	Tod Robinson Caldwell (1818–1874)	March 22, 1871 – July 11, 1874 (died in office)	Republican	1872 Lieutenant governor acting
36	William Woods Holden (1818–1892)	July 1, 1868 – March 22, 1871 (impeached and removed)	Republican	1868
37	Johnathan Worth (1802–1869)	December 15, 1865 – July 1, 1868 (did not run)	Conservative	1866 1865
38	William Woods Holden (1818–1892)	May 29, 1865 – December 15, 1865 (lost election)	–	Provisional governor appointed by President
39	Vacant	May 13, 1865 – May 29, 1865	–	Office vacated after civil war
40	Zebulon Baird Vance (1830–1894)	September 8, 1862 – May 13, 1865 (arrested and removed)	Conservative	1864 1862
41	Henry Toole Clark (1808–1874)	July 7, 1861 – September 8, 1862 (did not run)	Democratic	Speaker of the Senate acting
42	John Willis Ellis (1820–1861)	January 1, 1859 – July 7, 1861 (died in office)	Democratic	1860 1858
43	Thomas Bragg (1810–1872)	January 1, 1855 – January 1, 1859 (term-limited)	Democratic	1856 1854
44	Warren Winslow (1810–1862)	December 6, 1854 – January 1, 1855 (successor took office)	Democratic	Speaker of the Senate acting

45	David Settle Reid (1813–1891)	January 1, 1851 – December 6, 1854 (resigned)	Democratic	1852 1850
46	Charles Manly (1795–1871)	January 1, 1849 – January 1, 1851 (lost election)	Whig	1848
47	William Alexander Graham (1804–1875)	January 1, 1845 – January 1, 1849 (term-limited)	Whig	1846 1844
48	John Motley Morehead (1796–1866)	January 1, 1841 – January 1, 1845 (term-limited)	Whig	1842 1840
49	Edward Bishop Dudley (1789–1855)	December 31, 1836 – January 1, 1841 (term-limited)	Whig	1838 1836
50	Richard Dobbs Spaight Jr. (1796–1850)	December 10, 1835 – December 31, 1836 (lost election)	Democratic	1835
51	David Lowry Swain (1801–1868)	December 6, 1832 – December 10, 1835 (term-limited)	National Republican	1834 1833 1832
52	Montfort Stokes (1762–1842)	December 18, 1830 – December 6, 1832 (did not run)	Democratic	1831 1830
53	John Owen (1787–1841)	December 12, 1828 – December 18, 1830 (did not run)	Democratic	1829 1828
54	James Iredell Jr. (1788–1853)	December 8, 1827 – December 12, 1828 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	1827
55	Hutchins Gordon Burton (1774–1836)	December 7, 1824 – December 8, 1827 (term-limited)	None	1826 1825 1824

56	Gabriel Holmes (1769–1829)	December 7, 1821 – December 7, 1824 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1823 1822 1821
57	Jesse Franklin (1760–1823)	December 7, 1820 – December 7, 1821 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	1820
58	John Branch (1782–1863)	December 6, 1817 – December 7, 1820 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1819 1818 1817
59	William Miller (1783–1825)	December 7, 1814 – December 6, 1817 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1816 1815 1814
60	William Hawkins (1777–1819)	December 9, 1811 – December 7, 1814 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1813 1812 1811
61	Benjamin Smith (1756–1826)	December 5, 1810 – December 9, 1811 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	1810
62	David Stone (1770–1818)	December 12, 1808 – December 5, 1810 (lost election)	Democratic- Republican	1809 1808
63	Benjamin Williams (1751–1814)	December 1, 1807 – December 12, 1808 (did not run)	Federalist	1807
64	Nathaniel Alexander (1756–1808)	December 10, 1805 – December 1, 1807 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	1806 1805
65	James Turner (1766–1824)	December 6, 1802 – December 10, 1805 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1804 1803 1802 (special)
66	John Baptista Ashe (1748–1802)	Died before taking office	Democratic- Republican	1802
67	Benjamin Williams (1751–1814)	November 23, 1799 – December 6, 1802 (term-limited)	Federalist	1801 1800 1799

68	William Richardson Davie (1756–1820)	December 7, 1798 – November 23, 1799 (did not run)	Federalist	1798
69	Samuel Ashe (1725–1813)	November 19, 1795 – December 7, 1798 (term-limited)	Anti-Federalist	1797 1796 1795
70	Richard Dobbs Spaight (1758–1802)	December 14, 1792 – November 19, 1795 (term-limited)	Federalist	1794 1793 1792
71	Alexander Martin (1740–1807)	December 17, 1789 – December 14, 1792 (term-limited)	Anti-Federalist	1791 1790 1789 (special)
72	Samuel Johnston (1733–1816)	December 20, 1787 – December 17, 1789 (resigned)	Federalist	1789 1788 1787
73	Richard Caswell (1729–1789)	May 13, 1785 – December 20, 1787 (did not run)	None	1786 1785 1784
74	Alexander Martin (1740–1807)	April 22, 1782 – May 13, 1785 (did not run)	Anti-Federalist	1783 1782
75	Thomas Burke (1747–1783)	June 26, 1781 – April 22, 1782 (did not run)	None	1781
76	Abner Nash (1740–1786)	April 21, 1780 – June 26, 1781 (did not run)	None	1780
77	Richard Caswell (1729–1789)	December 19, 1776 – April 21, 1780 (term-limited)	None	1779 1778 1777 1776