

## **North Carolina Prosecutor Benefits**

North Carolina prosecutors are valued state employees with a wide variety of competitive and family-friendly benefits offered by the State of North Carolina. Alongside the many benefits listed here, prosecutors also have a special longevity increase that is provided in addition to their annual salary and any legislative or merit-based raises.

- $\Rightarrow$  5 years of service 4.8%
- $\Rightarrow$  10 years of service 9.6%
- $\Rightarrow$  15 years of service 14.4%
- $\Rightarrow$  20 years of service 19.2%
- ⇒ 25 years of service 24%
- State Health Plan
- NCFlex Benefits
- Retirement Benefits
- Other Investment Opportunities
- Disability Benefits

- Paid Vacation, Holidays, and Sick Leave
- Vision
- Dental
- Life Insurance
- Employee Recognition Programs

## **EXAMPLES**:

Prosecutor with 5 years			
Benefit	Percentage of	Average Value	
Prosecutor Longevity	4.8%	\$4,159	
Holidays (12 days)	4.62%	\$4,003	
Vacation Leave (17 days)	7.70%	\$6,671	
FICA	7.65%	\$6628	
Retirement	26.12%	\$22630	
Health Insurance	13.30%	\$11523	
Total Benefit Value	64.2%	\$55623	
Based on July 2025 average	Average Base	\$86,640	
	Average Benefit	\$55,623	
	Average Total	\$142,263	

The average prosecutor's salary with 5 years of service is \$86,640. The total benefit value plus the prosecutor's base pay determines the Total Compensation. Specific vacation leave is in the discretion of the District Attorney.

Prosecutor with 10 years		
Benefit	Percentage of	Average Value
Prosecutor Longevity	9.6%	\$9,231.00
Holidays (12 days)	4.62%	\$4,442.00
Vacation Leave (17 days)	7.70%	\$7,404.00
FICA	7.65%	\$7,356.00
Retirement	26.12%	\$25,116.00
Health Insurance	13.30%	\$12,788.00
Total Benefit Value	68.99%	\$66,338
Based on July 2025 average	Average Base	\$96,157
	Average Benefit	\$66,338
	Average Total	\$162,495

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## **Additional Benefits**

Prosecutor's Office	Private Practice
No Overhead	Overhead Costs (Office Rent, Staff, Etc.)
No Solicitation for Clients	Must Attract or Advertise for Clients
No Billable Hours Requirement	Must Log and Complete Billable Hours
Regular Scheduling, Work-Life Balance	Frequent Overtime
Immediate Trial Experience	Years of Associate Work Prior to Trials
Collaborative Work Environment	Competitive Work Environment
Engage With Community	Limited Community Engagement/ Service
Student Loan Forgiveness	Larger Loan Payments

- Loan Forgiveness Program and Qualification for Public Service Loan Forgiveness
- Free Opportunities to Earn Required Continuing Legal Education Hours
- Annual State & Local Bar Dues Payment Provided
- Unlimited Free Training and Professional Skills Development
- Balance of Work and Well-Being
- Access to Statewide and National Prosecutor Networking Forums and Training