

# Franklin North Carolina Tax-Free Income Fund

# Advisor Class: FNCZX Class A: FQNCX Class C: FNCIX Class R6: FNCQX

Municipals | Factsheet as of September 30, 2025

### **Investment Overview**

The fund seeks to provide investors with as high a level of income exempt from regular federal income taxes and North Carolina personal income taxes as is consistent with prudent investment management and the preservation of shareholders' capital.

# **Average Annual Total Returns (%)**

	Without Sales Charges						With Sales Charges				
	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10-Yr	Inception	Date
Advisor Class	0.30	4.66	0.26	1.53	4.63	0.30	4.66	0.26	1.53	4.63	9/1/1987
Class A	0.05	4.40	-0.01	1.32	4.54	-3.70	3.08	-0.77	0.94	4.43	9/1/1987
Class C	-0.35	3.95	-0.45	0.85	3.13	-1.32	3.95	-0.45	0.85	3.13	5/1/1995
Class R6	0.45	4.75	0.30	1.57	4.64	0.45	4.75	0.30	1.57	4.64	9/1/1987
Benchmark	1.39	4.73	0.86	2.34	_	1.39	4.73	0.86	2.34	_	_

# **Cumulative Total Returns** (% Without Sales Charge)

	3-Mo	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Advisor Class	3.08	1.55	2.17	6.14	-10.75	1.36	4.68	6.07	1.36	1.66	1.25	1.66
Class A	2.92	1.36	1.91	5.88	-11.05	1.19	4.42	5.81	1.21	1.55	1.14	1.55
Class C	2.86	1.04	1.47	5.36	-11.40	0.76	3.94	5.32	0.69	1.05	0.57	1.06
Class R6	3.10	1.69	2.21	6.19	-10.80	1.48	4.72	6.01	1.39	1.66	1.15	1.56
Benchmark	3.00	2.64	1.05	6.40	-8.53	1.52	5.21	7.54	1.28	5.45	0.25	3.30

Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the figures shown. Principal value and investment returns will fluctuate, and investors' shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Performance would have been lower if fees had not been waived in various periods. Total returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions and the deduction of all fund expenses. Returns with sales charge reflect a deduction of the stated maximum sales charge. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. All classes of shares may not be available to all investors or through all distribution channels. For current month-end performance, please visit franklintempleton.com.

The fund began offering Advisor Class shares on 7/1/2009, the fund began offering R6 Class shares on 8/1/2017, and the fund began offering A Class shares on 9/10/2018. Performance quotations have been calculated as follows: (a) for Advisor Class periods prior to 7/1/2009, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A1 performance; for R6 Class periods prior to 8/1/2017, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class Advisor performance; for A Class periods prior to 9/10/2018, a restated figure is used based on the fund's Class A1 performance. The performance was adjusted to take into account differences in class-specific operating expenses and maximum sales charges. (b) For periods after share class offering, performance for the specific share class is used, reflecting the expenses and maximum sales charges applicable to that class.

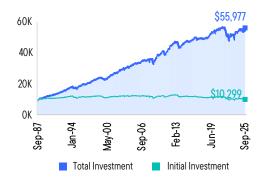
### **Share Class Details**

Snare Clas	s Details								Taxable Equ	ivalent Yield
			Sales Ch	arges (%)	Expens	es (%)	30-Day SE	C Yield (%)	(%	6)
							Without	With	Without	With
	CUSIP	Ticker	Max	CDSC	Gross	Net	Waiver	Waiver	Waiver	Waiver
Advisor Class	354723173	FNCZX	0.00	_	0.60	0.60	3.33	3.36	6.06	6.11
Class A	354726788	FQNCX	3.75	_	0.85	0.85	2.97	3.00	5.40	5.46
Class C	354723538	FNCIX	0.00	1.00	1.24	1.24	2.62	2.66	4.77	4.84
Class R6	354724478	FNCQX	0.00	_	0.56	0.56	3.39	3.39	6.17	6.17

Gross expenses are the fund's total annual operating expenses as of the fund's prospectus available at the time of publication. Net expenses are capped under a contractual agreement, which cannot be terminated prior to 06/30/2026 without Board consent. Actual expenses may be higher and may impact portfolio returns. There is a 1% CDSC on any Class C shares you sell within 12 months of purchase.

# Growth of \$10,000

Advisor Class Shares—Inception through September 30, 2025 Excluding Effects of Sales Charges



#### **Fund Overview**

Dividend Frequency, if any	Monthly
Morningstar Category	Muni Single State Long
Lipper Classification	Other States Municipal Debt Funds
Turnover (fiscal yr)	10%

### Benchmark(s)

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Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index

Fund Characteristics	Fund
Total Net Assets	\$564.57 Million
Number of Holdings	207
Weighted Average Maturity	17.51 Years
Effective Duration	7.91 Years
AMT Exposure	3.70%

# Risk Statistics (3-Year—Advisor Class)

	Funa
Beta	1.13
R-Squared	0.97
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02
Standard Deviation (%)	7.22

### **Sector Allocation (% of Total)**

	Fund
Health Care	22.63
Education	14.61
Transportation	13.31
Utilities	12.30
Housing	11.92
Local	8.10
Lease	6.72
Refunded	6.07
Other	3.95
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.39

# State / U.S. Territory Allocation (% of Total)

	Fund
North Carolina	85.23
Puerto Rico	3.49
Wisconsin	2.09
Guam	2.03
Florida	1.70
New York	1.62
New Jersey	1.01
Texas	0.75
Other	1.68
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.40

# **Credit Quality Allocation (% of Total)**

	Fund
AAA	15.50
AA	48.23
A	8.14
BBB	12.63
Refunded	6.07
NR	9.05
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.39

## **Portfolio Data Information**

Ratings shown are assigned by one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ('NRSRO'), such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. When ratings from multiple agencies are available, the highest is used, consistent with the portfolio investment process. Ratings reflect an NRSRO's opinion of an issuer's creditworthiness and typically range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). The Refunded category consists of refunded bonds secured by U.S. government or other high-quality securities. The Not Rated category consists of ratable securities that have not been rated by an NRSRO. The Not Applicable category consists of third-party ETFs and securities that only have a short-term rating and are not cash equivalents. Cash includes equivalents, which may be rated. Please note, the fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.

# **Portfolio Management**

	Years with Firm	Years of Experience		Years with Firm	Years of Experience
John Wiley	36	36	John Bonelli	15	15
Chris Sperry, CFA	29	29	Michael Conn	24	32

# What should I know before investing?

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Fixed income securities involve interest rate, credit, inflation and reinvestment risks, and possible loss of principal. As interest rates rise, the value of fixed income securities falls. Portfolios focused on a single state are subject to greater risk of adverse economic and regulatory changes in that state than a geographically diversified fund. Changes in the credit rating of a bond, or in the credit rating or financial strength of a bond's issuer, insurer or guarantor, may affect the bond's value. An investor may be subject to the federal Alternative Minimum Tax, and state and local taxes may apply. These and other risks are discussed in the fund's prospectus.

#### **Glossary**

Beta: A measure of the fund's volatility relative to the market, as represented by the stated Index. A beta greater than 1.00 indicates volatility greater than the market. R-squared measures the strength of the linear relationship between the fund and its benchmark. R-squared at 1 implies perfect linear relationship and zero implies no relationship exists. Sharpe Ratio refers to a risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess returns to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the greater the risk-adjusted performance. Standard Deviation: Measure of the degree to which a fund's return varies from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that a fund's performance will fluctuate from the average return. The 30-day SEC yield is calculated using the net income (interest and dividends) per share earned over a trailing 30-day period (annualized), divided by the fund's share price at the end of that period. It may not equal the fund's actual income distribution rate, which reflects the fund's past dividends paid to shareholders. Taxable Equivalent Yield: The Taxable Equivalent Yield assumes the maximum regular federal income tax rate, maximum state personal income tax, and Medicare tax in effect on June 2025. Turnover is a measure of the fund's trading activity which represents the portion of the fund's holdings that has changed over a twelve-month period through the fiscal year end. There is no assurance that the fund will maintain its current level of turnover. Weighted Average Maturity: An estimate of the number of years to maturity for the underlying holdings. Effective Duration is a duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. Effective duration takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. Duration measures the sensitivity of price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. The higher the duration number, the more sensitive a fixed-income investment will be to interest rate changes. AMT Exposure measures the percentage of a fund's assets invested in bonds with income subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT).

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