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New Jerseyans Give Sherrill Solid Ratings at 100 Days, but Uncertainty Remains

While the governor faces challenges ahead on cost of living and taxes, she gets high marks on education, public safety and transportation

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (Apr. 9, 2026) – Gov. Mikie Sherrill nears the end of her first 100 days in office with ratings on par with New Jersey governors of recent past and marks that indicate an electorate still forming its opinions of the new state leader, according to the latest Rutgers-Eagleton Poll.

Now that Sherrill has assumed office, 44% have a favorable impression of her, while 29% have an unfavorable one. Both positive and negative opinions have each ticked up a few points since January as more New Jerseyans take a side, but a quarter (24%) still have no opinion on the governor and 3% say they don't know who she is.

Sherrill has the highest favorability among the political figures included in this Poll.

Her first approval rating mirrors her favorability: 45% approve of the job the new governor is doing, 29% disapprove and 26% are unsure.

“Barely three months have passed since Gov. Sherrill has taken office, and while we see her continue to garner more positive reactions than negative ones, many of her constituents are still forming an opinion,” said [Ashley Koning](#), an assistant research professor and director of the [Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling](#) at [Rutgers University-New Brunswick](#). “No governor can move the needle on the issues that matter most to New Jerseyans in just 100 days – especially against the backdrop of a hyperpartisan political climate and kitchen-table concerns like cost of living that have been building for years and will not yield overnight. But among those who have made up their minds, about 6 in 10 hold a favorable impression and approve of the job Sherrill is doing. These are solid baseline numbers, and the real test will come as New Jerseyans see more of what she can deliver.”

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The Poll asked residents to give Sherrill an overall grade for the job she is doing as governor on a standard educational grading scale ranging from A to F. Thirteen percent of residents give her an A, 30% a B, 19% a C, 11% a D and 14% an F. Fourteen percent are unsure.

The same scale was used to grade various policy areas. Sherrill receives average grades across the board – some areas higher than others – with around 1 in 5 residents on most issues unsure of what mark to give.

Sherrill's lowest grades are on the two most important issues that have been constantly at the top of New Jerseyans' minds: affordability and taxes. On both issues, about 3 in 10 New Jerseyans give the new governor an F. On cost of living, 5% give her an A, 13% a B, 21% a C, 16% a D and 30% an F. Fourteen percent are unsure of how to grade her. On taxes, 6% give Sherrill an A, 14% a B, 21% a C, 14% a D and 28% an F. Sixteen percent are unsure.

On the state's economy and jobs, 8% give her an A, 21% a B, 21% a C, 13% a D and 18% an F. Twenty percent are unsure. On the state budget and government spending, 9% give her an A, 20% a B, 16% a C, 12% a D and 21% an F. Twenty-three percent are unsure.

"Gov. Sherrill's grades mirror much of what we saw as Gov. Phil Murphy left office, pointing to how difficult it is for any new governor – especially one of the same party – to make headway on substantive issues while still building out her administration and setting an agenda," Koning said. "None of these issues have easy answers, and the grades reflect that reality and the surmounting challenges that have grown over time more than any judgment of her early governorship thus far."

Sherrill gets her highest marks on crime and public safety, as well as transportation and infrastructure and education.

On crime and safety, 11% of residents give Sherrill an A, 24% a B, 19% a C, 8% a D and 18% an F, while 21% are unsure.

Twelve percent give her an A on transportation and infrastructure, 21% a B, 20% a C, 12% a D and 14% an F, with 21% unsure of how to grade her. On education and schools, 10% give Sherrill an A, 23% a B, 19% a C, 10% a D and 15% an F, with 23% uncertain.

Sherrill also garners good marks on healthcare, with 8% of residents giving her an A, 19% a B, 20% a C, 12% a D and 15% an F, with 26% unsure how to grade her.

Regarding other New Jersey politicians, residents are split on U.S. Sen. Cory Booker. Thirty-eight percent of residents have a favorable view, while 33% have an unfavorable view and 20% have no opinion. Eight percent say they don't know who he is.

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New Jerseyans are twice as likely to have a positive than negative view of U.S. Sen. Andy Kim (34% favorable versus 17% unfavorable), though half either have no opinion on the junior senator (30%) or don't know who he is (20%).

As for President Donald Trump, 26% say they have a favorable impression of him, 61% are unfavorable and 12% have no opinion.

Results are from a statewide poll of 1,568 adults contacted through the probability-based [Rutgers-Eagleton/SSRS Garden State Panel](#) from March 27 to March 30. The full sample has a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points.

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Questions and Tables

The questions covered in this release are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are New Jersey likely voters unless otherwise noted; all percentages are of weighted results. Interpret groups with samples sizes under 100 with extreme caution.

F1. We'd like to ask you about some people. Please indicate if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion or do not know the person.

Donald Trump

Favorable	26%
Unfavorable	61%
No opinion	12%
Don't know person	<1%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	2%	18%	80%	31%	22%	37%	2%	17%	13%	12%	23%	32%	36%
Unfavorable	92%	60%	12%	59%	63%	53%	83%	67%	72%	75%	62%	53%	57%
No opinion	5%	22%	8%	10%	14%	10%	13%	15%	15%	14%	15%	14%	6%
DK person	1%	<1%	0%	0%	1%	<1%	2%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
Favorable	22%	25%	35%	24%	7%	27%	29%	35%	31%	33%	28%	26%	17%
Unfavorable	59%	62%	56%	67%	82%	59%	58%	53%	57%	53%	56%	65%	72%
No opinion	17%	13%	9%	9%	10%	14%	12%	10%	12%	13%	16%	9%	10%
DK person	2%	0%	0%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2%	0%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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F1. We'd like to ask you about some people. Please indicate if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion or do not know the person.

Mikie Sherrill

Favorable	44%
Unfavorable	29%
No opinion	24%
Don't know person	3%
Unweighted N=	1567

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	78%	31%	8%	44%	44%	40%	60%	49%	42%	45%	37%	45%	49%
Unfavorable	5%	28%	72%	35%	24%	39%	10%	18%	17%	19%	27%	35%	35%
No opinion	16%	36%	18%	20%	27%	20%	27%	29%	36%	32%	34%	17%	16%
DK person	2%	5%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%	4%	3%	3%	1%
Unwt N=	670	582	314	670	889	1075	135	179	177	259	421	457	430

	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
Favorable	42%	44%	40%	48%	50%	44%	48%	42%	37%	39%	40%	46%	51%
Unfavorable	24%	30%	35%	28%	15%	27%	38%	33%	36%	36%	33%	25%	23%
No opinion	29%	24%	22%	22%	30%	28%	11%	22%	25%	22%	25%	27%	24%
DK person	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Unwt N=	342	428	301	488	165	478	312	353	258	254	338	429	546

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F1. We'd like to ask you about some people. Please indicate if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion or do not know the person.

Cory Booker

Favorable	38%
Unfavorable	33%
No opinion	20%
Don't know person	8%
Unweighted N=	1567

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	71%	23%	7%	32%	43%	35%	66%	33%	32%	32%	33%	38%	50%
Unfavorable	9%	36%	71%	43%	26%	43%	10%	25%	22%	22%	30%	39%	41%
No opinion	15%	30%	15%	19%	22%	16%	19%	32%	26%	29%	27%	18%	8%
DK person	6%	11%	7%	7%	9%	5%	5%	11%	20%	17%	10%	6%	<1%
Unwt N=	670	581	315	670	889	1076	134	179	177	258	421	457	431

	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
Favorable	36%	40%	39%	38%	37%	42%	34%	38%	36%	34%	39%	37%	43%
Unfavorable	26%	32%	42%	35%	22%	34%	39%	35%	37%	35%	36%	33%	30%
No opinion	25%	22%	13%	20%	25%	20%	19%	18%	21%	23%	20%	19%	19%
DK person	13%	6%	6%	7%	16%	5%	8%	9%	6%	8%	5%	11%	8%
Unwt N=	341	429	301	488	165	479	312	352	258	253	339	429	546

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Rutgers-Eagleton Poll**

F1. We'd like to ask you about some people. Please indicate if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion or do not know the person.

Andy Kim

Favorable	34%
Unfavorable	17%
No opinion	30%
Don't know person	20%
Unweighted N=	1566

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Favorable	57%	25%	10%	38%	31%	33%	41%	26%	38%	29%	30%	34%	42%
Unfavorable	4%	15%	42%	23%	12%	23%	8%	6%	8%	8%	14%	22%	22%
No opinion	23%	37%	30%	25%	34%	28%	30%	34%	33%	38%	32%	25%	25%
DK person	17%	22%	19%	15%	23%	15%	22%	33%	21%	25%	24%	19%	11%
Unwt N=	670	581	314	669	889	1076	134	178	177	258	421	456	431

	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
Favorable	29%	33%	34%	40%	30%	32%	38%	39%	32%	25%	32%	35%	44%
Unfavorable	13%	17%	20%	17%	6%	16%	20%	22%	20%	23%	17%	13%	12%
No opinion	32%	33%	26%	29%	37%	31%	20%	26%	34%	32%	32%	30%	26%
DK person	26%	18%	21%	14%	28%	21%	21%	13%	13%	20%	19%	22%	18%
Unwt N=	340	429	301	488	165	478	312	352	258	253	338	429	546

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F2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Mikie Sherrill is handling her job as governor?

Approve	45%
Disapprove	29%
Don't know	26%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	75%	34%	11%	44%	45%	40%	64%	46%	48%	46%	45%	43%	45%
Disapprove	3%	28%	72%	33%	25%	39%	8%	20%	15%	17%	28%	35%	35%
Don't know	22%	37%	16%	23%	29%	22%	28%	34%	37%	37%	27%	23%	20%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
Approve	45%	42%	45%	48%	54%	46%	42%	43%	38%	40%	39%	48%	51%
Disapprove	28%	27%	33%	29%	15%	26%	35%	33%	39%	35%	32%	23%	25%
Don't know	27%	31%	23%	24%	31%	28%	23%	25%	23%	24%	30%	29%	23%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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F3. Please give Mikie Sherrill a grade for the overall job she is doing as governor using a grading scale from A to F. You can give her any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

A	13%
B	30%
C	19%
D	11%
F	14%
Don't know	14%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	25%	6%	3%	12%	13%	12%	12%	15%	12%	10%	12%	11%	17%
B	45%	28%	6%	30%	29%	25%	43%	28%	37%	35%	29%	28%	26%
C	15%	23%	19%	16%	21%	16%	25%	24%	20%	23%	19%	18%	15%
D	2%	12%	24%	12%	10%	14%	6%	7%	5%	5%	12%	10%	15%
F	0%	12%	42%	17%	12%	20%	2%	11%	7%	8%	10%	21%	17%
Don't know	13%	19%	7%	13%	15%	13%	12%	14%	19%	18%	17%	11%	10%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	13%	12%	12%	14%	12%	12%	19%	11%	12%	10%	10%	12%	19%
B	27%	27%	29%	36%	38%	32%	24%	28%	23%	24%	27%	34%	33%
C	21%	21%	18%	15%	27%	14%	17%	18%	23%	20%	19%	21%	16%
D	12%	10%	10%	12%	8%	12%	12%	10%	13%	12%	13%	7%	12%
F	12%	15%	20%	13%	4%	13%	17%	20%	19%	21%	18%	12%	7%
Don't know	15%	16%	12%	11%	12%	18%	11%	14%	11%	14%	14%	15%	13%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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F4. Please give Mikie Sherrill a grade for the job she is doing on each of the following areas as governor, using a grade scale from A to F. You can give her any full letter grade A, B, C, D, or F.

New Jersey's economy and jobs

A	8%
B	21%
C	21%
D	13%
F	18%
Don't know	20%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	16%	3%	2%	9%	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	8%	6%	7%	9%
B	32%	19%	6%	21%	22%	20%	27%	20%	22%	18%	21%	24%	21%
C	20%	24%	17%	22%	20%	17%	31%	19%	28%	23%	24%	17%	19%
D	6%	17%	18%	12%	13%	13%	11%	14%	12%	15%	12%	12%	12%
F	4%	16%	45%	20%	16%	22%	3%	21%	12%	14%	16%	24%	19%
Don't know	22%	21%	13%	16%	22%	20%	19%	17%	19%	22%	21%	16%	19%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	8%	7%	7%	9%	8%	7%	13%	8%	4%	5%	5%	8%	13%
B	20%	21%	23%	22%	26%	20%	23%	18%	22%	21%	18%	19%	25%
C	16%	22%	21%	23%	26%	23%	13%	23%	16%	17%	21%	27%	18%
D	17%	12%	11%	10%	17%	9%	13%	10%	19%	16%	15%	10%	10%
F	17%	21%	19%	16%	9%	20%	17%	22%	22%	24%	22%	16%	10%
Don't know	21%	18%	19%	20%	15%	22%	22%	20%	17%	17%	18%	20%	23%
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Taxes

A	6%
B	14%
C	21%
D	14%
F	28%
Don't know	16%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	13%	3%	1%	8%	5%	6%	6%	9%	6%	6%	5%	6%	8%
B	22%	11%	3%	12%	15%	12%	21%	14%	15%	14%	13%	14%	13%
C	24%	25%	11%	23%	20%	17%	27%	25%	30%	25%	23%	18%	20%
D	11%	15%	17%	15%	13%	14%	16%	12%	13%	12%	15%	14%	15%
F	8%	30%	61%	30%	27%	35%	11%	24%	22%	22%	27%	34%	30%
Don't know	22%	16%	7%	12%	20%	16%	20%	17%	14%	22%	16%	14%	13%
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	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	12%	4%	3%	4%	6%	8%	8%
B	16%	12%	11%	15%	18%	13%	13%	11%	15%	14%	9%	13%	17%
C	18%	25%	20%	22%	27%	20%	17%	22%	22%	20%	20%	27%	18%
D	14%	13%	15%	15%	17%	13%	11%	14%	16%	15%	11%	10%	19%
F	27%	29%	30%	27%	17%	31%	30%	31%	31%	34%	37%	26%	18%
Don't know	19%	15%	18%	15%	15%	18%	17%	18%	13%	14%	15%	16%	20%
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The state budget and government spending

A	9%
B	20%
C	16%
D	12%
F	21%
Don't know	23%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	17%	7%	1%	12%	7%	9%	9%	9%	11%	10%	9%	8%	11%
B	32%	15%	7%	19%	21%	17%	31%	18%	21%	23%	18%	20%	19%
C	15%	18%	13%	16%	16%	15%	19%	18%	17%	15%	21%	16%	12%
D	5%	16%	16%	12%	11%	12%	10%	13%	10%	14%	11%	8%	13%
F	4%	19%	52%	22%	19%	26%	5%	16%	14%	11%	17%	28%	26%
Don't know	27%	24%	11%	20%	25%	20%	25%	26%	26%	28%	24%	19%	20%
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	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	6%	8%	12%	12%	9%	9%	15%	8%	6%	4%	8%	11%	14%
B	23%	22%	18%	17%	21%	23%	16%	18%	17%	19%	18%	19%	23%
C	13%	15%	16%	20%	21%	15%	11%	16%	18%	13%	17%	16%	18%
D	13%	10%	11%	12%	9%	14%	10%	10%	13%	11%	13%	12%	11%
F	18%	22%	23%	19%	11%	19%	24%	25%	25%	28%	24%	18%	11%
Don't know	27%	23%	20%	20%	29%	20%	22%	23%	21%	24%	20%	23%	23%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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F4. Please give Mikie Sherrill a grade for the job she is doing on each of the following areas as governor, using a grade scale from A to F. You can give her any full letter grade A, B, C, D, or F.

Education and schools

A	10%
B	23%
C	19%
D	10%
F	15%
Don't know	23%
Unweighted N=	1567

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	21%	4%	1%	10%	10%	10%	7%	12%	11%	10%	9%	9%	13%
B	31%	22%	10%	26%	21%	21%	32%	22%	25%	26%	23%	21%	23%
C	14%	25%	18%	18%	19%	16%	24%	20%	25%	23%	19%	19%	16%
D	5%	10%	17%	9%	10%	11%	5%	9%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%
F	2%	15%	38%	17%	13%	20%	7%	12%	7%	9%	17%	19%	14%
Don't know	26%	25%	17%	21%	25%	23%	25%	25%	23%	24%	22%	23%	24%
Unwt N=	670	581	315	669	890	1076	135	178	177	259	420	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	10%	8%	11%	11%	10%	9%	14%	10%	9%	7%	7%	11%	15%
B	18%	24%	25%	26%	22%	28%	23%	17%	21%	22%	18%	24%	27%
C	23%	21%	13%	18%	29%	18%	12%	16%	19%	18%	23%	16%	20%
D	6%	11%	13%	9%	12%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	8%	12%	8%
F	16%	15%	13%	16%	7%	12%	17%	22%	20%	18%	20%	12%	10%
Don't know	27%	22%	25%	20%	21%	24%	26%	24%	21%	25%	23%	24%	20%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	487	164	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	545

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Cost of living

A	5%
B	13%
C	21%
D	16%
F	30%
Don't know	14%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	10%	3%	2%	6%	5%	5%	7%	8%	3%	4%	5%	5%	9%
B	23%	9%	2%	13%	13%	12%	18%	8%	19%	12%	11%	13%	15%
C	27%	20%	12%	23%	19%	19%	26%	22%	21%	19%	23%	21%	20%
D	12%	20%	17%	16%	17%	15%	15%	19%	19%	17%	18%	15%	15%
F	8%	32%	62%	29%	30%	35%	15%	28%	24%	28%	29%	35%	28%
Don't know	19%	15%	5%	12%	16%	13%	19%	15%	14%	20%	14%	11%	13%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	9%
B	11%	10%	14%	16%	15%	13%	16%	10%	10%	10%	9%	14%	18%
C	19%	21%	23%	22%	28%	19%	18%	20%	23%	18%	20%	24%	21%
D	16%	16%	17%	16%	24%	13%	13%	18%	17%	17%	16%	16%	16%
F	31%	30%	31%	29%	18%	33%	32%	32%	31%	37%	39%	26%	20%
Don't know	17%	16%	10%	12%	10%	16%	14%	15%	14%	13%	13%	15%	16%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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Crime and safety

A	11%
B	24%
C	19%
D	8%
F	18%
Don't know	21%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	19%	8%	2%	14%	9%	11%	8%	14%	11%	13%	11%	8%	13%
B	33%	23%	8%	24%	23%	21%	33%	17%	31%	22%	26%	23%	22%
C	18%	23%	14%	19%	18%	15%	20%	27%	25%	24%	18%	18%	15%
D	3%	10%	15%	6%	10%	9%	8%	11%	5%	6%	8%	10%	10%
F	2%	16%	47%	21%	15%	23%	7%	15%	8%	11%	14%	23%	21%
Don't know	25%	21%	14%	16%	25%	22%	24%	16%	20%	24%	23%	18%	19%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	13%	10%	10%	11%	9%	11%	17%	11%	9%	8%	9%	12%	15%
B	20%	22%	25%	27%	30%	26%	19%	18%	22%	24%	21%	24%	25%
C	18%	22%	14%	19%	27%	16%	15%	18%	21%	17%	21%	20%	18%
D	10%	9%	9%	6%	10%	8%	9%	6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	7%
F	18%	17%	19%	16%	5%	17%	19%	27%	20%	24%	23%	12%	12%
Don't know	21%	20%	22%	20%	18%	23%	22%	20%	19%	18%	17%	24%	24%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

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Transportation and infrastructure

A	12%
B	21%
C	20%
D	12%
F	14%
Don't know	21%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	22%	7%	3%	12%	12%	11%	14%	12%	13%	11%	9%	13%	13%
B	32%	19%	7%	22%	21%	20%	28%	20%	22%	21%	22%	21%	20%
C	18%	24%	17%	20%	19%	16%	26%	22%	28%	26%	19%	18%	17%
D	5%	14%	20%	12%	12%	13%	11%	16%	7%	11%	13%	11%	14%
F	2%	14%	35%	17%	11%	18%	2%	12%	12%	11%	14%	17%	13%
Don't know	21%	23%	18%	16%	25%	23%	19%	18%	19%	20%	22%	19%	23%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	12%	11%	12%	12%	14%	12%	15%	10%	8%	8%	10%	12%	18%
B	15%	20%	25%	26%	24%	22%	18%	18%	23%	22%	17%	21%	24%
C	25%	20%	18%	17%	24%	20%	20%	18%	19%	18%	22%	22%	18%
D	13%	13%	9%	13%	14%	13%	9%	12%	12%	14%	13%	12%	10%
F	11%	14%	17%	15%	10%	12%	15%	18%	15%	17%	18%	12%	9%
Don't know	24%	23%	20%	16%	13%	21%	23%	25%	23%	22%	20%	22%	21%
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Healthcare

A	8%
B	19%
C	20%
D	12%
F	15%
Don't know	26%
Unweighted N=	1568

	Party ID			Gender		Race or Ethnicity				Age			
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Man	Woman	Wht	Blk	Hisp	Other	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
A	14%	4%	3%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%	7%	8%
B	28%	16%	6%	21%	17%	16%	28%	16%	24%	22%	17%	17%	19%
C	19%	23%	16%	20%	20%	17%	24%	23%	26%	20%	25%	18%	17%
D	7%	14%	18%	12%	12%	12%	14%	13%	9%	16%	10%	11%	12%
F	3%	15%	37%	15%	15%	19%	2%	15%	11%	11%	14%	21%	14%
Don't know	29%	27%	21%	23%	29%	28%	24%	26%	22%	24%	26%	25%	30%
Unwt N=	670	582	315	670	890	1076	135	179	177	259	421	457	431

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	Income				Region					Education			
	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore	HS or less	Some college	College grad	Grad work
A	7%	7%	7%	9%	6%	8%	14%	5%	6%	5%	6%	8%	13%
B	19%	16%	21%	20%	24%	19%	14%	17%	18%	19%	17%	18%	19%
C	19%	22%	20%	19%	27%	20%	12%	19%	21%	19%	19%	22%	20%
D	15%	14%	9%	10%	12%	15%	10%	12%	8%	12%	15%	11%	10%
F	14%	15%	18%	14%	8%	14%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	15%	9%
Don't know	26%	26%	25%	28%	24%	24%	32%	28%	28%	27%	24%	26%	28%
Unwt N=	342	429	301	488	165	479	312	353	258	254	339	429	546

Methodology

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted using the [Rutgers-Eagleton/Garden State Panel](#) Omnibus platform. The Garden State Panel Omnibus is a quarterly, New Jersey statewide, probability-based survey. Data collection was conducted from March 27 to 30, 2026, with a scientifically selected random sample of 1,568 New Jersey adults, 18 or older. The survey was conducted via web and administered in English and Spanish.

The Garden State Panel Omnibus is conducted on the Rutgers-Eagleton/SSRS Garden State Panel. The Rutgers-Eagleton/SSRS Garden State Panel is a joint research venture between the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP) at Rutgers University-New Brunswick and SSRS. It is a probability-based panel of New Jersey adults ages 18 or older. Members are recruited randomly based on statewide representative ABS (Address Based Sample) design. ABS sample is drawn from the Delivery Sequence File (DSF) maintained by the U.S. Postal Service. Population coverage of the DSF is in the 98%-99% range. During the recruitment process, full demographic information on panelists is collected.

The Rutgers/SSRS Garden State Panel is a multi-mode panel. For this poll, only Internet households were invited to participate via web; non-internet households were not included. Sample was drawn using a probability proportional to size (PPS) methodology to ensure adequate representation of each demographic group while minimizing the variability of the final weights. The sample was additionally stratified by preferred survey language to meet the sample size targets for each group.

Data were weighted to represent the residential adult population of New Jersey. The data were weighted by first applying a base weight then balancing the demographic profile of the sample to target population parameters.

With the base weight applied, the data were weighted to balance the demographic profile of the sample to the target population parameters.

Data were weighted to distributions of age, race/ethnicity by nativity, gender/sex by age, gender/sex by education, age by education, NJ region, home tenure, number of household adults, civic engagement, frequency of Internet use, and 2024 presidential recalled vote.

The following table shows the data sources used for calibration totals.

Table 1. Calibration Variable Sources

Calibration Variables	Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Age • Education • Race • Ethnicity • Hispanic nativity • Number of adults in household • Home tenure 	2025 Current Population Survey ¹
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NJ Region 	ACS 2024 1-Year Estimates ²
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet frequency 	SSRS Opinion Panel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic engagement 	September 2023 CPS Volunteering and Civic Life Supplement ³
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Presidential recalled vote⁴ 	National Election Pool

Final calibrated weights are trimmed at the 5th and 95th percentiles to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on survey-derived estimates.

Post-data collection statistical adjustments require analysis procedures that reflect departures from simple random sampling. We calculate the effects of these design features so that an appropriate adjustment can be incorporated into tests of statistical significance when using these data. The so-called "design effect" or *deff* represents the loss in statistical efficiency that results from a disproportionate sample design and systematic non-response. The total sample design effect for this survey is 1.70.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. Sampling error should be adjusted to recognize the effect of weighting the data to better match the population. In this poll, the simple sampling error for 1,568 New Jersey adults is +/-2.5 percentage points at a 95% confidence interval. The design effect is 1.70, making the adjusted margin of error +/- 3.2 percentage points. Thus, if 50% of New Jersey adults in this sample favor a particular position, we would be 95% sure that the true figure is between 46.8 and 53.2% (50 +/- 3.2) if all New Jersey adults had been interviewed, rather than just a sample.

¹ Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Matthew Sobek, Daniel Backman, Grace Cooper, Julia A. Rivera Drew, Stephanie Richards, Renae Rodgers, Jonathan Schroeder, and Kari C.W. Williams. IPUMS USA: Version 16.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.18128/D010.V16.0>

² U.S. Census Bureau. "Age and Sex." American Community Survey, ACS 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, Table S0101, 2024

³ Sarah Flood, Miriam King, Renae Rodgers, Steven Ruggles, J. Robert Warren, Daniel Backman, Annie Chen, Grace Cooper, Stephanie Richards, Megan Schouweiler, and Michael Westberry (2024). Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, Current Population Survey: Version 12.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.18128/D030.V12.0>

⁴ Recalled vote in the 2024 presidential election is defined as the chosen candidate of panelists who are currently registered to vote, specifically among the following listed candidates: Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, Jill Stein, Chase Oliver, and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Panelists who are not currently registered to vote or voted for a non-listed candidate are counted along with those who did not vote in the election.

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Sampling error is only one possible source of error in a survey estimate. Sampling error does not consider other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as selection bias, non-response bias, question wording, context effects, or reporting accuracy, which may contribute additional error.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded by SSRS through the Rutgers-Eagleton/SSRS Garden State Panel. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house by the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP). Ashley Koning and Jessica Roman led analysis and preparation of this release, with assistance from David Martin. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, a non-partisan academic center for the study of politics and the political process. Full questionnaires are available on request and can also be accessed through our archives at eagletonpoll.rutgers.edu. For more information, please contact poll@eagleton.rutgers.edu.

Weighted Demographics
1,568 New Jersey Adults 18+
Overall Margin of Error = +/- 3.2 percentage points

Please note: Totals may equal slightly more or less than 100% due to rounding.

		deff	MOE
Democrat	39%	1.79	+/- 5.1%
Independent	38%	1.70	+/- 5.3%
Republican	23%	1.54	+/- 6.8%
Man	46%	1.72	+/- 5.0%
Woman	54%	1.67	+/- 4.2%
White	59%	1.72	+/- 3.9%
Black	12%	1.45	+/- 10.1%
Hispanic	14%	1.67	+/- 9.5%
Other	15%	1.47	+/- 8.9%
18-34	23%	1.48	+/- 7.4%
35-49	25%	1.71	+/- 6.2%
50-64	25%	1.72	+/- 6.0%
65+	26%	1.73	+/- 6.2%
<50K	24%	1.71	+/- 6.9%
50K-<100K	29%	1.65	+/- 6.1%
100K-<150K	20%	1.68	+/- 7.3%
150K+	27%	1.72	+/- 5.8%
Urban	16%	1.41	+/- 9.1%
Suburb	35%	1.53	+/- 5.5%
Exurban	14%	1.87	+/- 7.6%
Phil/South	18%	1.85	+/- 7.1%
Shore	16%	1.68	+/- 7.9%
HS or less	28%	1.33	+/- 7.1%
Some college	21%	1.67	+/- 6.9%
4-yr college grad	26%	1.65	+/- 6.1%
Grad work	25%	1.68	+/- 5.4%