

**NBC News/Marist Poll
May 2013
New Jersey Questionnaire**

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<Marist Poll Introduction> Are you 18 years of age or older?

Do you consider your permanent home address to be in New Jersey?

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GENDER GUESS

May 2013: Registered voters: n=1080, MOE +/- 3.0%; Residents: n=1214, MOE +/- 2.8%

Have I reached you on your cell phone or on your regular home phone?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Cell		26
Regular home phone		74
Total		
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Cell		28
Regular home phone		72
Total		100

May 2013: Residents: n=1214, MOE +/-2.8%

Are you registered to vote at your current address in New Jersey?

RESIDENTS		May 2013
Yes		89
No		11
Total		100

May 2013: Registered voters: n=1080, MOE +/- 3.0%

If November's election for governor were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are (including those who are leaning toward a candidate):

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Barbara Buono, the Democrat		28
Chris Christie, the Republican		60
Other		1
Undecided		10
Total		100
LIKELY VOTERS		May 2013
Barbara Buono, the Democrat		28
Chris Christie, the Republican		62
Other		1
Undecided		9
Total		100

May 2013: New Jersey registered voters with a candidate preference: n=888, MOE +/-3.3%

Would you say you strongly support <candidate> somewhat support <candidate>, or do you think you might vote differently on Election Day?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Strongly support	56
Somewhat support	30
Might vote differently	11
Unsure	3
Total	100

May 2013: Registered voters: n=1080, MOE +/- 3.0%

Are you satisfied or not satisfied with the candidates you have to choose from who are running for governor in November?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Satisfied	61
Not satisfied	28
Unsure	11
Total	100

May 2013: Registered voters: n=1080, MOE +/- 3.0%

Have you ever voted before in an election for governor?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Yes	82
No	18
Total	100

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Chris Christie is doing as governor?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Approve	69
Disapprove	24
Unsure	7
Total	100
RESIDENTS	May 2013
Approve	68
Disapprove	24
Unsure	8
Total	100

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Robert Menendez is doing as U.S. Senator?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Approve		46
Disapprove		32
Unsure		22
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Approve		45
Disapprove		31
Unsure		24
Total		100

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Do you approve or disapprove of the job Barack Obama is doing as president?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Approve		56
Disapprove		38
Unsure		5
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Approve		57
Disapprove		38
Unsure		6
Total		100

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All in all, do you think things in New Jersey are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Right direction		62
Wrong track		32
Unsure		6
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Right direction		62
Wrong track		31
Unsure		7
Total		100

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In which year were you born (recoded into age of respondent)?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
18 to 29		16
30 to 44		26
45 to 59		31
60 or older		26
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
18 to 29		19
30 to 44		27
45 to 59		30
60 or older		24
Total		100

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Are you white, black or African-American, Latino or Hispanic, Asian, or Native American? (If not Latino: Are you Hispanic or Latino background, such as Mexican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?)

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
White		64
African American or Black		13
Latino or Hispanic		16
Other		7
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
White		61
African American or Black		12
Latino or Hispanic		17
Other		10
Total		100

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Which of the following includes your combined family income before taxes:

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Less than \$15,000 a year		9
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000		9
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000		18
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000		17
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000		13
\$100,000 or more		34
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Less than \$15,000 a year		9
\$15,000 to just under \$25,000		10
\$25,000 to just under \$50,000		18
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000		17
\$75,000 to just under \$100,000		13
\$100,000 or more		33
Total		100

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Which county in New Jersey do you live in (recoded into region of the state)?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Urban North	21
Suburban North	17
Northwest	14
Central	20
South	28
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Urban North	22
Suburban North	16
Northwest	13
Central	21
South	28
Total	100

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Do you consider yourself a: (party identification)

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Democrat	37
Republican	22
Independent	40
Other	1
Total	100

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Do you consider yourself a: (party identification)

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Strong Democrat	23
Not strong Democrat	14
Democrat leaning Independent	15
Just Independent	11
Republican leaning Independent	14
Not strong Republican	9
Strong Republican	13
Other	1
Total	100

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Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party Movement?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Tea Party Supporters	19
No	72
Unsure	9
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Chris Christie?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Favorable	68
Unfavorable	27
Unsure/Never heard	4
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Favorable	67
Unfavorable	28
Unsure/Never heard	5
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barbara Buono?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Favorable	24
Unfavorable	18
Unsure/Never heard	57
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Favorable	23
Unfavorable	18
Unsure/Never heard	59
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of Barack Obama?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Favorable	60
Unfavorable	37
Unsure/Never heard	3
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Favorable	61
Unfavorable	36
Unsure/Never heard	3
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Republican Party?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Favorable	34
Unfavorable	59
Unsure/Never heard	7
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Favorable	33
Unfavorable	58
Unsure/Never heard	9
Total	100

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Overall, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Democratic Party?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Favorable		50
Unfavorable		43
Unsure/Never heard		6
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Favorable		51
Unfavorable		42
Unsure/Never heard		7
Total		100

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Do you approve or disapprove of how Chris Christie is handling the state's budget?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Approve		58
Disapprove		32
Unsure		9
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Approve		56
Disapprove		33
Unsure		11
Total		100

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Do you approve or disapprove of how Chris Christie is handling the state's recovery from Hurricane Sandy?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Approve		82
Disapprove		13
Unsure		4
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Approve		81
Disapprove		13
Unsure		5
Total		100

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Do you want Chris Christie to run for president in 2016, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS		May 2013
Yes		34
No		55
Unsure		12
Total		100
RESIDENTS		May 2013
Yes		34
No		55
Unsure		12
Total		100

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If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Hillary Clinton, the Democrat	52
Chris Christie, the Republican	41
Undecided	6
Total	100

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If the 2016 presidential election were held today, whom would you support if the candidates are:

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Joe Biden, the Democrat	40
Chris Christie, the Republican	51
Undecided	8
Total	100

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Do you think the laws covering the sale of firearms should be more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
More strict	67
Less strict	6
Kept as they are now	25
Unsure	2
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
More strict	67
Less strict	6
Kept as they are now	24
Unsure	3
Total	100

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As you may know, across the board automatic federal spending cuts to military and non-military programs were put in place on March 1st in order to reduce the federal deficit. How much of an impact have these automatic spending cuts had on you and your family:

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
A great deal	7
Quite a bit	8
Just some	16
Not much at all	65
Unsure	3
Total	100
RESIDENTS	May 2013
A great deal	7
Quite a bit	8
Just some	16
Not much at all	65
Unsure	4
Total	100

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As you may know, across the board automatic federal spending cuts to military and non-military programs were put in place on March 1st in order to reduce the federal deficit. Do you believe these automatic spending cuts will:

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Mostly help the economy	18
Mostly hurt the economy	42
Have no impact on the economy	29
Unsure	11
Total	100
RESIDENTS	May 2013
Mostly help the economy	18
Mostly hurt the economy	42
Have no impact on the economy	29
Unsure	11
Total	100

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From what you have heard or read about an investigation of Senator Menendez's ties to a wealthy donor, do you think he did nothing wrong, did something unethical, but not illegal, or did something illegal?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Did nothing wrong	15
Did something unethical, but not illegal	38
Did something illegal	16
Unsure	31
Total	100
RESIDENTS	May 2013
Did nothing wrong	14
Did something unethical, but not illegal	38
Did something illegal	16
Unsure	33
Total	100

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On another topic, politically speaking, do you consider yourself to be very liberal, liberal, moderate, conservative, or very conservative?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Very liberal	5
Liberal	22
Moderate	41
Conservative	26
Very conservative	6
Total	100

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What is the highest level of school you completed or the highest degree you received (recoded)?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Not college graduate	50
College graduate	50
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Not college graduate	51
College graduate	49
Total	100

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Do you personally own a gun, or not?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Yes	12
No	88
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Yes	12
No	88
Total	100

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Does anyone else in your household own a gun, or not (combined with personally own)?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Yes	20
No	80
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Yes	19
No	81
Total	100

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Are you male or female?

REGISTERED VOTERS	May 2013
Male	47
Female	53
Total	100

RESIDENTS	May 2013
Male	48
Female	52
Total	100