

Stockton Polling Institute

National Politics

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Weighted Results

SCREEN - Are you an adult resident of New Jersey and registered to vote here?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	100%	702
2	No	0%	0
3	Not sure	0%	0
4	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	702

Q1 - For the most part, do you think the country is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Right direction	37%	261
2	Wrong direction	54%	382
3	Not sure	8%	55
4	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	702

Q2 - How would you rate Donald Trump's job performance as president?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Excellent	26%	181
2	Good	11%	76
3	Fair	8%	59
4	Poor	52%	366
5	Not sure	3%	18
6	Refuse	0%	2
	Total	100%	702

For each of the following names, please state whether you strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of them, or if you are unfamiliar.

Q3 - Donald Trump

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly approve	31%	219
2	Somewhat approve	13%	90
3	Somewhat disapprove	4%	27
4	Strongly disapprove	51%	357
5	Unfamiliar	0%	3
6	Not sure	1%	4
7	Refuse	0%	1
	Total	100%	702

Q4 - J.D. Vance

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly approve	31%	215
2	Somewhat approve	9%	61
3	Somewhat disapprove	5%	34
4	Strongly disapprove	48%	336
5	Unfamiliar	5%	38
6	Not sure	2%	17
7	Refuse	0%	0
	Total	100%	702

Q5 - Elon Musk

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly approve	29%	201
2	Somewhat approve	9%	61
3	Somewhat disapprove	4%	31
4	Strongly disapprove	55%	386
5	Unfamiliar	2%	13
6	Not sure	1%	8
7	Refuse	0%	1
	Total	100%	702

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q6-Q7]

Q6 - Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling their job?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly approve	19%	136
2	Somewhat approve	20%	138
3	Somewhat disapprove	8%	56
4	Strongly disapprove	49%	342
5	Not sure	1%	7
6	Refuse	3%	23
	Total	100%	702

Q7 - Do you approve or disapprove of the way Democrats in Congress are handling their job?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly approve	3%	23
2	Somewhat approve	17%	119
3	Somewhat disapprove	28%	197
4	Strongly disapprove	47%	330
5	Not sure	1%	9
6	Refuse	4%	25
	Total	100%	702

Q8 - In your opinion, if you had to choose one, what is the top issue facing the country today? [ANSWERS RE-CODED INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES]

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Abortion (Pro-choice)	0%	3
2	Abortion (Pro-life)	1%	4
3	Budget, debt, or deficit, waste	2%	17
4	Crime	1%	4
5	Economy	25%	177
6	Foreign policy	5%	34
7	Healthcare	1%	6
8	Immigration (Tighten border)	9%	63
9	Immigration (Pro-immigration)	1%	9
10	Inflation or cost of living	9%	65
11	Jobs	1%	9
12	Authoritarianism, preserving democracy	13%	94
13	Taxes	2%	15
14	Wealth or income inequality	1%	8
15	Housing	0%	1
16	Education	1%	4
17	Student debt	0%	1
18	Tariffs or trade	0%	3
19	Elon Musk, DOGE, dismantling federal programs	2%	16
20	Character, unity	3%	20
21	Democrats	1%	4
22	Donald Trump, Republicans	3%	21
23	Oligarchy	0%	3
24	Judges impeding Trump's agenda	1%	5

25	Climate change	0%	3
26	Some other issue	12%	81
27	Not sure	1%	5
28	Refuse	4%	25
	Total	100%	702

Q9 - Right now, do you think economic conditions in this country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Getting better	30%	210
2	Getting worse	62%	432
3	Not sure	8%	56
4	Refuse	0%	3
	Total	100%	702

For each of the following, please state whether you think the federal government should increase spending in this area, decrease spending, or keep spending the same. [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF Q10-Q16]

Q10 - Foreign aid

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	16%	112
2	Decrease spending	48%	333
3	Keep spending the same	31%	217
4	Not sure	4%	28
5	Refuse	1%	10
	Total	100%	702

Q11 - Medicaid

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	40%	280
2	Decrease spending	12%	86
3	Keep spending the same	42%	295
4	Not sure	5%	34
5	Refuse	1%	6
	Total	100%	702

Q12 - Social security

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	51%	355
2	Decrease spending	4%	30
3	Keep spending the same	40%	284
4	Not sure	4%	29
5	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	702

Q13 - Medicare

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	51%	355
2	Decrease spending	4%	30
3	Keep spending the same	40%	280
4	Not sure	5%	32
5	Refuse	1%	5
	Total	100%	702

Q14 - National defense

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	38%	264
2	Decrease spending	19%	137
3	Keep spending the same	38%	269
4	Not sure	4%	28
5	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	702

Q15 - Veterans benefits and services

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	69%	481
2	Decrease spending	1%	5
3	Keep spending the same	27%	191
4	Not sure	3%	23
5	Refuse	0%	1
	Total	100%	702

Q16 – Education

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Increase spending	56%	390
2	Decrease spending	17%	116
3	Keep spending the same	23%	164
4	Not sure	4%	30
5	Refuse	0%	1
	Total	100%	702

Q17 - For the most part, do you support or oppose the recent efforts to reduce federal spending?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly support	35%	243
2	Somewhat support	16%	111
3	Somewhat oppose	9%	65
4	Strongly oppose	35%	243
5	Not sure	5%	36
6	Refuse	0%	3
	Total	100%	702

Q18 - For the most part, do you support or oppose cutting staff who work for the federal government?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly support	29%	206
2	Somewhat support	16%	109
3	Somewhat oppose	13%	92

4	Strongly oppose	37%	263
5	Not sure	4%	29
6	Refuse	0%	3
	Total	100%	702

Q19 - For the most part, do you support or oppose the methods by which the current administration is cutting federal staff?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly support	24%	166
2	Somewhat support	13%	90
3	Somewhat oppose	7%	51
4	Strongly oppose	53%	372
5	Not sure	3%	21
6	Refuse	0%	2
	Total	100%	702

Q20 - Have any recent federal spending cuts impacted you personally?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes	19%	134
2	No	70%	490
3	Not sure	10%	73
4	Refuse	1%	4
	Total	100%	702

Q21 - Which of the following best describes your position on policies related to transgender athletes in K-12 schools? [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF CHOICES 1-3]

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Transgender athletes should compete in sports according to their sex at birth	53%	375
2	Transgender athletes should compete in sports according to the gender they identify with	21%	148
3	Transgender athletes should be banned from competing in sports	10%	70
4	Not sure	12%	86
5	Refuse	3%	23
	Total	100%	702

Q22 - For the most part, do you think practices related to diversity, equity, and inclusion are a good thing or a bad thing?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Good thing	56%	390
2	Bad thing	33%	231
3	Not sure	9%	66
4	Refuse	2%	14
	Total	100%	702

Q23 - Do you think it is better for the country if we play an active role in world affairs or if we stay out of world affairs?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Active role	66%	464
2	Stay out of world affairs	22%	158
3	Not sure	10%	71
4	Refuse	1%	9
	Total	100%	702

Q24 - Which of the following best describes your view? The United States' alliances with other countries around the world:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Benefit the U.S. more	13%	94
2	Benefit both the U.S. and its allies equally	57%	403
3	Benefit the allies more	24%	171
4	Not sure	4%	27
5	Refuse	1%	7
	Total	100%	702

Q25 - For the most part, do you support or oppose the idea of the United States taking over new territories like Greenland or Canada?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly support	10%	73
2	Somewhat support	12%	86
3	Somewhat oppose	10%	70
4	Strongly oppose	60%	421
5	Not sure	6%	45
6	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	702

DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE - Please select your age group.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	18-34	18%	129
2	35-44	20%	140
3	45-64	34%	240
4	65 or older	26%	185
5	Refuse	1%	8
	Total	100%	702

COUNTY RE-CODED AS REGION - Select your New Jersey county.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	North	51%	359
2	Central	32%	223
3	South	16%	109
4	Not sure	0%	0
5	Refuse	1%	10
	Total	100%	702

D1 - Are you Hispanic or Latino?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Yes, Hispanic or Latino	15%	103
2	No	81%	566
3	Refuse	5%	32
	Total	100%	702

D2 - Which of the following best describes your race:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	White	69%	486
2	Black or African American	13%	89
3	Asian or Pacific Islander	3%	18
4	Other/Multiracial	7%	51
7	Refuse	8%	57
	Total	100%	702

D3 - Which of the following best describes your highest level of education:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than a four-year college degree	53%	375
2	A four-year college degree or more	45%	314
3	Refuse	2%	13
	Total	100%	702

D4 - Which of the following general categories best represents your household income last year before taxes:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Less than \$50,000	18%	126
2	\$50,000 to less than \$100,000	23%	162
3	\$100,000 or more	49%	344
4	Refuse	10%	70
	Total	100%	702

D5 - Do you consider yourself to be a:

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Democrat	33%	231
2	Republican	26%	184
3	Independent	30%	209
4	Something else	8%	54
5	Not sure	1%	5
6	Refuse	3%	19
	Total	100%	702

D6 - Lastly, what is your gender?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Man	47%	329
2	Woman	51%	357
3	Identify another way	0%	2
4	Refuse	2%	13
	Total	100%	702

PHONE TYPE

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Landline	7%	52
2	Cell phone	93%	650
	Total	100%	702

METHODOLOGY

The poll of New Jersey registered voters was sponsored and conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University. Data collection took place from March 18-22, 2025. A total of 702 New Jersey voters were interviewed. Responses were recorded via telephone or online in English. Overall, 93% of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 7% on landline phones. In terms of mode, 57% were reached via dialing with the survey administered by a live interviewer and 43% were reached via text-to-web. The live calls were conducted by Opinion Services. The text messages were sent by Stockton Polling Institute staff from the University's Galloway campus and included a single-use link to take the survey online. All respondents passed various quality control checks to evaluate the quality of the data collected online. Both cell and landline samples consisted of random digit dialing (RDD) and voter list sample from MSG. Both listed and unlisted numbers are included. Within-household selection is done by asking for the youngest adult. Adults without a telephone are excluded from the sample. The data was weighted to balance the sample demographics using iterative proportional fitting, also known as raking or random iterative method (RIM) weighting. Weights were based on U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2023 data for the citizen voting age population in New Jersey on variables of age, race, education level, and sex. The poll's margin of error is +/- 3.7 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. The margin of sampling error is higher for subsets. Sampling error does not account for other potential sources of bias in polls such as measurement error or non-response.