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**FINAL GRADES:
CHRIS CHRISTIE EXITS AS MOST UNPOPULAR NJ GOVERNOR ON RECORD**

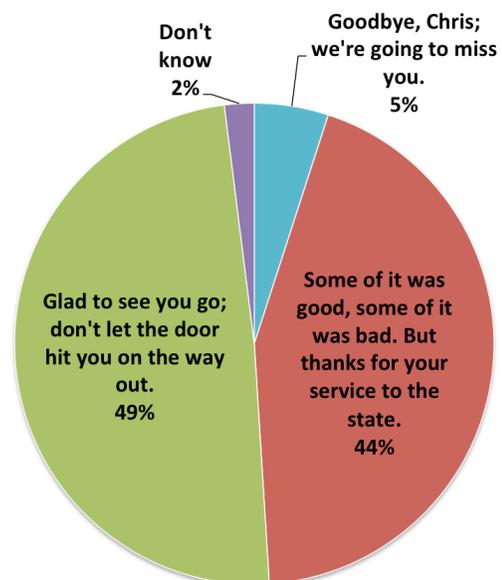
"They're gonna miss me when I'm gone."

– Gov. Chris Christie, [NJ.com](http://www.nj.com), January 7, 2018

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – It's hard to imagine exactly who New Jersey's pugnacious governor thinks is going to miss him when he leaves office next week, but it surely won't be the residents of the Garden State, according to the latest Rutgers-Eagleton Poll. When asked late last November about the end of Christie's tenure, just 5 percent of residents said they are going to miss Christie when he's gone – only about 350,000 out of the approximately 7 million adults who live in the Garden State. On the other hand, ten times this number said they will be glad to see him go and "don't let the door hit you on the way out."

In a state with a history of unpopular governors upon leaving office, Christie will end his second term as the most disapproved and disliked since Eagleton began surveying the public almost five decades ago. Thirteen percent have a favorable impression of him

How Residents Feel About Gov. Chris Christie



New Jersey Adults
Rutgers-Eagleton Poll 2018

(a new low for this final measurement of his likability), compared to 68 percent who are unfavorable. Nineteen percent approve of the job he is doing (the second lowest approval number on record for the governor), while 74 percent disapprove.

As Governor Chris Christie prepares to give his final State of the State address, there is no doubt that the vast majority of New Jersey residents view his as a failed administration. Christie gets low marks across the board for his handling of the state's economy, taxes, the state budget, education, transportation and infrastructure, the pension fund, and crime and drugs.

Results are from a statewide poll of 1,203 adults contacted by live callers on both landlines and cell phones from Nov. 15-27, 2017. The sample has a margin of error of +/-3.0 percentage points. Some questions reported in this release were asked of a subsample, resulting in approximately 600 respondents and a margin of error of 4.3 percentage points. Interviews were done in English and, when requested, Spanish.

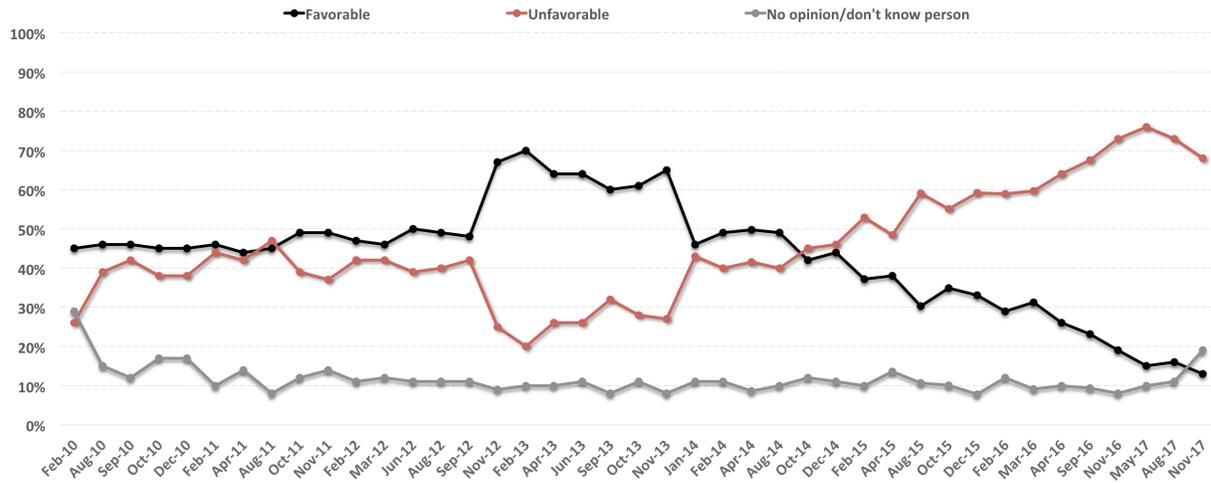
The rise and fall of Chris Christie's ratings

These final numbers – and much of Christie's second term – are a drastic departure from his beginning as governor. Though a divisive figure from the start, Christie started out of the gate strong, typically earning slightly more positive than negative ratings from residents in the early years. Then came Superstorm Sandy, skyrocketing Christie to political stardom both state and nationwide. This was evidenced by the high ratings he received post-Sandy from Democrats, independents, and Republicans alike all the way through to his reelection a year later, which culminated in a landslide victory.

But soon into Christie's second term, his high favorability and approval began to unravel as the Bridgegate scandal unfolded. By the end of 2014, Christie hit negative territory that he would never be able to escape for the rest of his second term. His ratings continued to spiral to historic lows, spurred by the governor's long periods out of the state, his failed presidential run in 2016, and a series of other actions that caused New Jerseyans – including a large part of

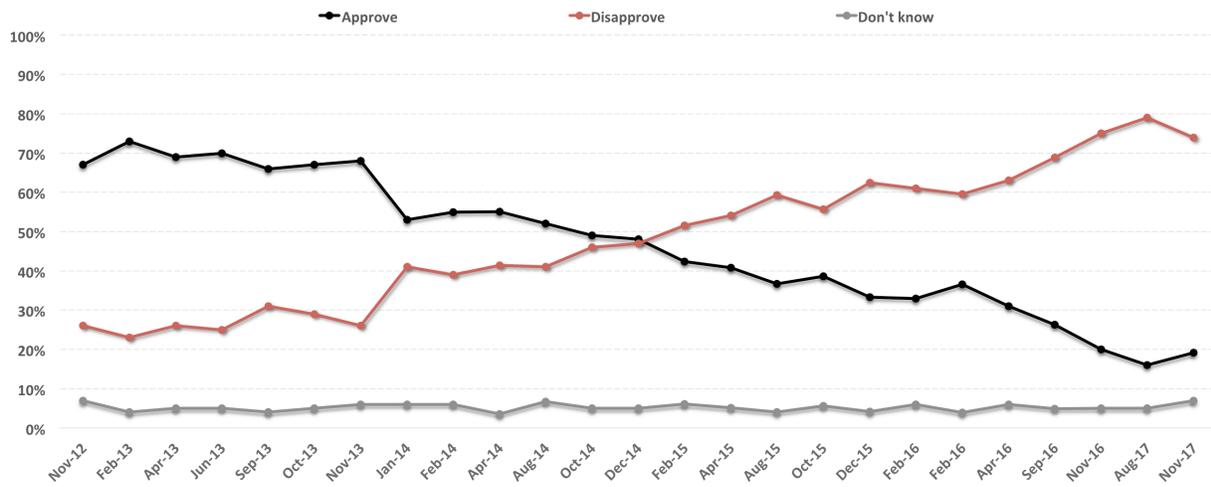
Christie's own party base – to lose any remaining hope they had for his success.

Gov. Chris Christie Favorability: 2010-2017



New Jersey Registered Voters/Adults
 Rutgers-Eggleton Poll 2018

Gov. Chris Christie Job Approval: 2012-2017



New Jersey Registered Voters/Adults
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“This did not have to be Governor Christie’s legacy,” said Dr. Ashley Koning, assistant research professor and director of the Eggleton Center for Public Interest Polling (ECPIP) at Rutgers University-New Brunswick. “Much like his mentor, Governor Kean, Christie had the rare ability to unite both sides of the aisle, reaching levels of bipartisan support rarely seen by New Jersey governors – let alone politicians, in general. What makes this story especially tragic is how

quickly this potential was squandered in his second term and how far Christie fell as a result, going from one of the most lauded to now the least liked and approved of ever. He leaves office with the largest ratings fall and the largest margin of residents against him in the state's modern history."

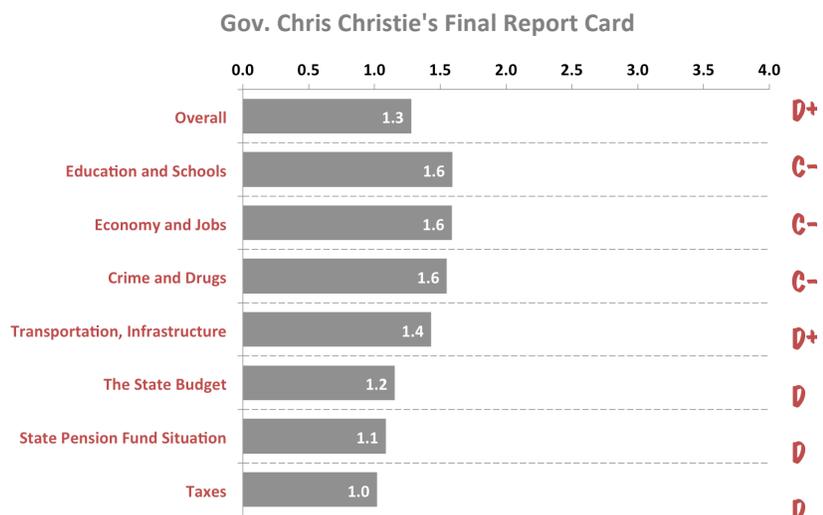
Grading the governor

While the Governor was no doubt dealt a bad hand, coming into office (as did President Obama) in the thick of a recession, New Jerseyans have seen little progress under his leadership in the past eight years. In fact, only 18 percent felt that he is leaving the state in better shape than when he came in, including 8 percent of Democrats, 18 percent of independents, and 39 percent of Republicans. Far more, 40 percent, said that he is leaving the state in worse shape than he found it, with the remaining 37 percent seeing no change during Christie's time in office.

The Poll asked residents to give Christie a final grade for the job he has done as governor, using a standard educational grading scale ranging from "A" (4 points) to "F" (0 points), and then to use the same scale to grade seven policy areas.

Overall, just 2 percent of residents gave Christie a grade of "A" for his performance over eight years in office, and only another 10 percent gave him a "B." On the other hand, a majority gave

Christie a "D" (25 percent) or "F" (30 percent). The remaining third gave him a "C" for his term. Christie's overall GPA is thus 1.3, which would translate into a "D+" for his time as governor.



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Christie's worst grades were in "accounting." The public was particularly harsh in judging his performance on taxes. His GPA there was 1.0, with 44 percent giving him an "F" and 20 percent a "D." He received only slightly better marks in the related subjects of how he handled the state pension fund situation and the state budget. On average, each of these policy issues garnered him a "D."

While still below average, his grades were not quite as bad for his handling of transportation and infrastructure (1.4 GPA, a "D+"), crime and drugs (1.6, a "C-"), the economy and jobs (1.6, a "C-") and education and schools (1.6, a "C-").

Emeritus Rutgers Professor Dr. Cliff Zukin, a former director and now senior advisor to the poll, reflected that the only governor he polled on who rivaled Christie for unpopularity was Brendan Byrne, who passed away last week at 93. "Governor Byrne had a marvelously dry wit. He often remarked he was so disliked that 'half the people in the state wouldn't cross the street to spit at him,' ... and then would pause and say, 'and the other half would.' Byrne ended up respected, with a third of the state giving him a rating of excellent or good when he was done. Of all the governors we've polled on in the last 47 years, Christie is the least popular governor at the end of his tenure. Chris Christie thought he could both effectively run the state and run for president. In the end, he failed at both."

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Questions and Tables

The questions covered in the release for January 9, 2018 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are New Jersey adults; all percentages are of weighted results.

Q. Is your general impression of Chris Christie favorable or unfavorable, or do you not have an opinion about him?

Favorable	13%
Unfavorable	68%
No opinion	18%
Don't know person	1%
Unweighted N=	1201

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
Fav	4%	13%	31%	16%	10%	17%	6%	7%	9%	15%	22%	13%	11%	12%	13%	10%	13%	12%	12%	18%
Unfav	84%	66%	42%	64%	71%	67%	71%	67%	74%	64%	64%	64%	71%	73%	76%	71%	67%	70%	71%	62%
No opin.	11%	21%	26%	19%	18%	15%	23%	25%	16%	20%	14%	23%	18%	14%	11%	19%	20%	17%	17%	19%
DK	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Unwt N=	452	506	221	621	580	801	365	193	388	370	250	282	373	174	202	189	430	178	199	205

Q. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Chris Christie is handling his job as governor?

Approve	19%
Disapprove	74%
Don't know	7%
Unwgt N=	1200

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Approve	8%	20%	43%	24%	14%	22%	14%	14%	14%	23%	27%	20%	18%	15%	19%	17%	17%	22%	16%	26%
Disappr.	89%	71%	50%	69%	78%	72%	78%	72%	79%	72%	71%	73%	76%	81%	80%	76%	75%	73%	78%	65%
DK	3%	10%	8%	6%	8%	6%	8%	14%	7%	6%	2%	7%	6%	5%	1%	7%	7%	5%	5%	8%
Unwt N=	453	505	220	619	581	801	365	193	387	369	251	282	374	174	201	189	430	178	198	205

[ROTATE QUESTION ORDER FOR NEXT TWO QUESTIONS]

Q. Please give Chris Christie a final grade for the job he has done as governor, overall, using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

A	2%
B	10%
C	32%
D	25%
F	30%
Don't know	2%
Unwt N=	601
GPA:	1.3

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B	4%	12%	23%	11%	10%	11%	9%	8%	8%	12%	14%	13%	8%	11%	13%	12%	7%	17%	4%	16%
C	24%	32%	46%	36%	27%	33%	27%	40%	26%	37%	25%	23%	34%	38%	33%	27%	31%	35%	31%	34%
D	30%	24%	17%	23%	27%	23%	29%	26%	26%	21%	26%	24%	32%	21%	25%	27%	23%	20%	37%	18%
F	41%	27%	8%	25%	34%	30%	30%	17%	36%	27%	34%	37%	24%	29%	28%	31%	35%	22%	25%	27%
DK	0%	5%	0%	3%	2%	1%	4%	7%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%
Unwt N=	236	245	111	309	292	390	190	96	197	182	126	137	192	95	100	98	218	89	94	102

Q. I am now going to list some specific areas and ask you to give Chris Christie a final grade for the job he has done on each as governor using a grading scale from A to F. You can give him any full letter grade, A, B, C, D, or F.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER]

	Education and Schools	New Jersey's Economy and Jobs	Crime and Drugs	Transportation and Infrastructure	The State Budget	The State Pension Fund Situation	Taxes
A	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%
B	20%	16%	20%	15%	9%	9%	10%
C	31%	36%	27%	30%	25%	21%	21%
D	16%	20%	18%	19%	24%	18%	20%
F	25%	21%	26%	29%	33%	36%	44%
Don't know	4%	3%	4%	4%	7%	14%	4%
Unwgt N=	598	600	599	600	600	600	600
GPA:	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0

Education and Schools

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age					Income				Region			Phil/Shore	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore	
A	1%	5%	7%	5%	3%	4%	4%	8%	3%	3%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%	1%	6%	
B	14%	21%	30%	22%	17%	19%	22%	23%	16%	19%	23%	25%	15%	21%	20%	23%	19%	20%	16%	21%	
C	30%	30%	36%	33%	29%	36%	22%	31%	31%	30%	32%	21%	34%	32%	37%	21%	28%	34%	32%	43%	
D	20%	15%	12%	18%	15%	15%	18%	14%	17%	19%	12%	15%	19%	17%	16%	26%	14%	13%	14%	15%	
F	33%	24%	11%	18%	32%	22%	30%	19%	29%	26%	24%	29%	25%	23%	23%	21%	29%	24%	34%	14%	
DK	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	0%	6%	4%	6%	2%	1%	
Unwt N=	233	245	111	308	290	389	188	96	196	181	125	136	191	95	100	97	218	87	94	102	

New Jersey's Economy and Jobs

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
A	2%	2%	9%	5%	2%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	5%	2%	3%	4%	1%	6%
B	11%	16%	27%	21%	12%	17%	16%	22%	14%	14%	18%	11%	15%	18%	22%	11%	14%	30%	18%	10%
C	36%	36%	40%	36%	37%	37%	36%	41%	36%	33%	37%	36%	41%	32%	33%	40%	37%	33%	28%	45%
D	23%	20%	14%	18%	22%	21%	17%	17%	18%	23%	22%	17%	20%	26%	20%	20%	19%	20%	24%	19%
F	25%	22%	9%	18%	24%	19%	23%	8%	24%	26%	21%	31%	18%	22%	17%	24%	22%	10%	27%	21%
DK	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	3%	5%	8%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	0%	2%	3%	6%	3%	1%	0%
Unwt N=	235	245	111	309	291	390	189	96	197	181	126	137	192	95	100	97	218	89	94	102

Crime and Drugs

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50K- <\$100K	\$100K- <\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/ South	Shore
A	4%	2%	9%	3%	5%	6%	1%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	3%	8%	3%	3%	2%	6%	6%	5%
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F	30%	29%	11%	23%	29%	20%	35%	23%	35%	18%	23%	38%	23%	23%	21%	33%	28%	19%	29%	20%
DK	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	11%	3%	2%	2%	5%	4%	0%	3%	4%	7%	4%	2%	2%
Unwt N=	234	245	111	308	291	389	189	96	196	181	126	137	191	95	100	97	218	88	94	102

Transportation and Infrastructure

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
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F	34%	29%	17%	29%	28%	31%	23%	20%	31%	27%	35%	21%	32%	31%	32%	27%	33%	28%	26%	25%
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The State Budget

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
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D	31%	22%	18%	24%	25%	23%	27%	26%	27%	18%	27%	25%	24%	31%	28%	27%	29%	22%	17%	21%
F	38%	33%	25%	31%	36%	34%	31%	25%	37%	37%	30%	39%	31%	25%	36%	38%	27%	39%	38%	34%
DK	4%	9%	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	13%	7%	3%	3%	3%	7%	2%	1%	4%	8%	9%	10%	1%
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The State Pension Fund Situation

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
A	0%	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%
B	7%	10%	14%	11%	7%	9%	11%	9%	8%	10%	11%	9%	8%	7%	15%	14%	9%	11%	5%	7%
C	17%	20%	31%	23%	18%	20%	21%	32%	15%	19%	23%	21%	22%	15%	25%	22%	20%	22%	23%	17%
D	20%	19%	12%	17%	19%	18%	18%	17%	19%	18%	17%	21%	20%	22%	14%	11%	20%	18%	18%	20%
F	42%	36%	22%	35%	38%	38%	32%	24%	39%	40%	38%	35%	35%	42%	36%	37%	36%	34%	40%	36%
DK	13%	14%	16%	12%	16%	13%	16%	18%	18%	11%	6%	13%	13%	14%	8%	16%	12%	14%	12%	18%
Unwt N=	235	245	111	309	291	390	189	96	197	181	126	137	192	95	100	97	218	89	94	102

Taxes

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region				
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	<\$100K	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	Phil/South	Shore
A	1%	1%	6%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%	0%	5%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%
B	8%	11%	11%	12%	7%	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	9%	6%	12%	12%	11%	5%	13%	10%	10%	8%
C	21%	22%	18%	22%	19%	21%	20%	24%	22%	16%	22%	19%	21%	22%	23%	22%	16%	21%	21%	28%
D	22%	18%	23%	20%	21%	22%	19%	31%	15%	22%	17%	21%	23%	14%	20%	22%	20%	26%	18%	16%
F	48%	41%	38%	40%	48%	43%	44%	24%	49%	48%	47%	46%	42%	52%	41%	45%	46%	34%	44%	46%
DK	1%	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	6%	10%	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%	0%	0%	5%	3%	6%	5%	1%
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Q. Chris Christie will be leaving office in January after having served as governor of New Jersey for 8 years. Is Chris Christie leaving New Jersey in better, worse, or about the same shape as when he first took office?

Better	18%
Worse	40%
About the same	37%
Don't know	6%
Unweighted N=	601

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll
Gov. Christie's Final Grades January 2018

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K-	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Shore
Better	8%	18%	39%	23%	12%	19%	14%	18%	16%	23%	14%	16%	16%	20%	18%	17%	16%	22%	15%	22%
Worse	54%	36%	16%	34%	45%	39%	43%	27%	49%	41%	35%	42%	39%	46%	41%	39%	43%	40%	43%	32%
Same	32%	39%	41%	39%	35%	36%	37%	41%	28%	35%	52%	37%	39%	32%	39%	36%	36%	32%	37%	43%
DK	6%	7%	3%	4%	7%	5%	6%	15%	7%	1%	0%	5%	6%	3%	2%	7%	5%	7%	6%	3%
Unwt N=	236	245	111	309	292	390	190	96	197	182	126	137	192	95	100	98	218	89	94	102

Q. Which of the following statements best reflects your own view on Governor Christie leaving office. Please choose one, even if it is not exactly right:

Goodbye Chris, we're going to miss you.	5%
Some of it was good, some of it was bad. But thanks for your service to the state.	44%
Glad to see you go, don't let the door hit you on the way out.	49%
Don't know	2%
Unweighted N=	599

	Party ID			Gender		Race		Age				Income				Region			Phil/	
	Dem	Ind	Rep	Male	Female	White	Non-wht.	18-29	30-49	50-64	65+	<\$50K	\$50K- \$100K-	<\$150K	\$150K+	Urban	Suburb	Exurban	South	Sh
Goodbye ...	2%	5%	11%	5%	4%	5%	5%	8%	2%	4%	8%	5%	4%	2%	7%	4%	2%	11%	2%	8
Some ...	31%	44%	71%	49%	39%	44%	43%	47%	42%	47%	40%	38%	43%	46%	47%	38%	48%	46%	35%	4
Glad ...	67%	48%	16%	43%	55%	49%	50%	45%	54%	47%	49%	55%	52%	49%	45%	56%	49%	40%	60%	4
DK	1%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	4
Unwt N=	236	244	110	307	292	389	189	95	197	181	126	137	190	95	100	97	217	89	94	1

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone using live callers Nov. 15-27, 2017 with a scientifically selected random sample of 1,203 New Jersey adults, 18 or older. The sample contains a subsample of 600 New Jersey adults, as reported on in this release. Respondents within a household are selected by asking randomly for the youngest adult male or female currently available. If the named gender is not available, the youngest adult of the other gender is interviewed. The poll was available in Spanish for respondents who requested it. This telephone poll included 516 landline and 687 cell phone adults, all acquired through random digit dialing.

Distribution of household phone use in this sample is:

Cell Only:	31%
Dual Use, Reached on Cell:	26%
Dual Use, Reached on LL:	41%
Landline Only:	2%

The data were weighted to be representative of New Jersey adults. The weighting balanced sample demographics to population parameters. The sample is balanced, by form¹, to match parameters for sex, age, education, race/ethnicity, region, and phone use. The sex, age, education and race/ethnicity parameters were derived from 2015 American Community Survey PUMS data. The region parameter was derived from 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates based on total population. The phone use parameter derived from estimates provided by the National Health Interview Survey Early Release Program.²³⁴ Weighting was done in two stages. The first stage of weighting corrected for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns. This weighting also adjusts for the overlapping landline and cell sample frames and the relative sizes of each frame and each sample. The second stage of weighting balanced sample demographics to match target population parameters. Weights were trimmed at the 3rd and 97th percentile to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target population.

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 1,203 New Jersey adults is +/-2.8 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The design effect is 1.14, making the adjusted margin of error +/- 3.0 percentage points. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey adults in this sample favor a particular position, we would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 47 and 53 percent (50 +/- 3.0) if all New Jersey adults had been interviewed, rather than just a sample.

The simple sampling error for the subsample of approximately 600 New Jersey adults is +/-4.0 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence interval. The design effect is 1.14, making the adjusted margin of error +/- 4.3 percentage points. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey adults in this sample favor a particular position, we would be 95 percent sure that the true figure is between 45.7 and 54.3 percent (50 +/- 4.3) if all New Jersey adults had been interviewed, rather than just a sample.

Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded by Braun Research, Inc. The questionnaire was developed and all data analyses were completed in house by the Eagleton

¹ Most of the survey had a split sample design, randomly assigning half of respondents to Form A (N=603) and half to Form B (N=600). Certain sets of questions are only asked to one half of the sample or the other.

² NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2015; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010–2014; and infoUSA.com consumer database, 2011–2015.

³ Blumberg SJ, Luke JV. Wireless substitution: Early release of estimates from the National Health Interview Survey, July–December 2014. National Center for Health Statistics. June 2015.

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**Weighted Sample Characteristics
 1,203 New Jersey Adults**

Male	49%	Democrat	39%	18-34	27%	HS or Less	34%	White	59%
Female	51%	Independent	43%	35-49	24%	Some College	30%	Black	12%
		Republican	18%	50-64	30%	College Grad	22%	Hispanic	18%
				65+	20%	Grad Work	14%	Other	10%