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**NEW JERSEY: QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX STABLE;
BUT DESIRE TO EXIT JERSEY TICKS UP**

Growing partisan gap in devotion to Garden State

West Long Branch, NJ – The public’s views of New Jersey’s quality of life and rating of the state as a good place to live are toward the higher end of their historical range. However, the number of residents who want to leave the state is at a high point, according to the ***Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll***. The desire to exit New Jersey is showing a marked partisan gap, with more Republicans wanting to leave, that was not evident in prior years. Regardless, the state’s property tax burden remains the top reason people cite for their intention to get out of New Jersey, as it has been in the past.

Monmouth’s exclusive Garden State Quality of Life Index score now stands at +27, which is in line with last year’s +25 rating. The index number had jumped to +37 at the beginning of the pandemic in April 2020. In the years prior it tended to range between +18 and +31, with an outlying low point of +13 registered in February 2019. The current reading is toward the higher end of index scores since Monmouth first started tracking this quality of life metric in 2010.

The quality of life index score has increased in most areas of the state over the past year, including the Central Hills (up 9 points to +42), Northern Shore (up 8 to +34), Delaware Valley (up 7 to +27), Garden Core (up 6 to +19), and Route 1 Corridor (up 5 to +28). It has dropped slightly in the Northeast (down 3 points to +28) and by a larger number in the Urban Core counties (down 7 to +16).

“It’s worth noting that the areas with the least positive views of New Jersey’s quality of life are the heavily Democratic urban areas and the heavily Republican rural counties,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The Garden State Quality of Life Index was created by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in 2010 to serve as a resident-based indicator of the quality of life offered by the state of New Jersey. The index is based on five separate poll questions: overall opinion of the state as a place to live – which

contributes half the index score – and ratings of one’s hometown, the performance of local schools, the quality of the local environment, and feelings of safety in one’s own neighborhood. The index can potentially range from –100 to +100.

A little under 2 in 3 New Jerseyans say the state is either an excellent (19%) or good (45%) place to live, while 22% say it is only fair and 13% rate the state as poor. The current positive rating of 64% is between last year’s 59% result and 68% in 2020. The all-time high mark for the state rating was 84% positive in February 1987. The record low was 50% in February 2019, but it improved to 61% by September of that year.

While the overall state rating has improved, a larger than ever number of New Jerseyans (59%) say they would like to move out of the state at some point. Prior polls that asked this question between 2007 and 2014 found from 49% to 53% who wanted to leave. In all those instances, overall positive ratings of the state were similar to where they are today (between 61% and 63%) while the Garden State Quality of Life Index was significantly lower in 2014 (+18) than it is today (+27).

GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX											
	NJ	<u>GENDER</u>		<u>AGE</u>			<u>RACE</u>		<u>INCOME</u>		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White	Black/ Hispanic	<\$50K	\$50- 100K	>\$100K
April 2022	+27	+24	+30	+24	+25	+31	+30	+23	+18	+24	+35
May 2021	+25	+20	+29	+24	+24	+27	+25	+20	+17	+25	+31
April 2020	+37	+34	+41	+34	+38	+40	+43	+26	+29	+37	+44
September 2019	+24	+21	+26	+21	+20	+32	+31	+13	+18	+20	+33
February 2019	+13	+14	+12	+10	+11	+18	+17	+4	+2	+14	+20
April 2018	+18	+16	+20	+22	+14	+20	+22	+5	+8	+16	+27
July 2017	+25	+25	+24	+15	+26	+30	+32	+6	+8	+23	+41
July 2015	+18	+18	+18	+25	+11	+20	+24	+5	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 2015	+23	+21	+26	+26	+18	+28	+29	+10	+13	+30	+31
September 2014	+18	+19	+17	+12	+20	+20	+23	+5	+13	+15	+30
April 2014	+25	+24	+25	+31	+20	+25	+27	+16	+17	+24	+33
February 2014	+23	+28	+18	+23	+21	+26	+27	+11	+8	+23	+35
December 2013	+24	+25	+23	+24	+21	+27	+29	+10	+10	+24	+35
September 2013	+26	+26	+26	+27	+23	+30	+33	+10	+17	+25	+42
April 2013	+21	+19	+24	+19	+19	+27	+29	+3	+12	+19	+35
February 2013	+29	+28	+30	+30	+27	+31	+36	+12	+20	+30	+36
December 2012	+30	+31	+29	+30	+30	+30	+36	+14	+17	+33	+38
September 2012	+24	+28	+20	+16	+21	+32	+30	+5	+10	+23	+37
July 2012	+27	+26	+29	+21	+31	+30	+32	+16	+16	+31	+37
April 2012	+31	+33	+28	+25	+30	+37	+36	+19	+24	+28	+42
February 2012	+25	+20	+30	+25	+24	+26	+29	+13	+17	+23	+38
October 2011	+24	+24	+24	+23	+21	+29	+31	+7	+15	+25	+31
August 2011	+22	+25	+19	+27	+19	+21	+26	+9	+9	+22	+32
May 2011	+23	+24	+22	+23	+22	+23	+26	+14	+15	+22	+32
December 2010	+21	+20	+23	+23	+20	+23	+26	+13	+15	+21	+31

GARDEN STATE QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX										
	REGION							COMMUNITY TYPE		
	North East	Urban Core	Route 1 Corridor	Central Hills	Northern Shore	Delaware Valley	Garden Core	Urban	Stable Town	Growing Suburb
April 2022	+28	+16	+28	+42	+34	+27	+19	+15	+31	+31
May 2021	+31	+23	+23	+33	+26	+20	+13	+20	+26	+26
April 2020	+41	+30	+40	+49	+46	+33	+21	+18	+41	+45
September 2019	+20	+10	+23	+42	+32	+26	+17	+6	+30	+30
February 2019	+21	-1	+16	+27	+21	-3	+9	-1	+15	+19
April 2018	+24	+8	+18	+34	+18	+14	+11	+2	+23	+24
July 2017	+25	+18	+34	+33	+35	+22	+13	+7	+31	+29
July 2015	+21	+4	+22	+35	+22	+17	+10	-2	+28	+23
February 2015	+31	+13	+24	+38	+31	+11	+19	+11	+30	+27
September 2014	+23	+8	+12	+42	+27	+18	+4	+10	+22	+19
April 2014	+24	+10	+22	+43	+29	+25	+23	+4	+26	+33
February 2014	+27	+16	+20	+37	+30	+14	+16	+6	+28	+28
December 2013	+31	+15	+26	+40	+25	+14	+17	+5	+29	+30
September 2013	+27	+8	+21	+52	+33	+27	+19	+1	+34	+32
April 2013	+31	+4	+19	+38	+22	+21	+21	-3	+30	+27
February 2013	+31	+17	+35	+37	+36	+25	+23	+11	+33	+36
December 2012	+36	+18	+26	+47	+40	+21	+31	+9	+37	+37
September 2012	+29	+14	+17	+45	+33	+26	+13	-1	+27	+31
July 2012	+37	+12	+30	+37	+34	+22	+18	+8	+34	+34
April 2012	+38	+26	+27	+44	+34	+22	+28	+20	+35	+36
February 2012	+33	+17	+27	+35	+29	+19	+22	+11	+31	+29
October 2011	+31	+6	+22	+45	+35	+18	+23	-1	+31	+34
August 2011	+24	+16	+21	+38	+27	+26	+6	+4	+29	+25
May 2011	+28	+17	+16	+41	+29	+22	+20	+6	+29	+28
December 2010	+26	+15	+22	+38	+23	+14	+17	+12	+23	+27

“It’s a bit of a head-scratcher. Positive ratings of New Jersey as a place to live have ticked up a bit. But so has the sense that people want to get out of here someday. One possible explanation is that residents appreciate the benefits that New Jersey has to offer, but the cost of living does not make it sustainable in the long run,” said Murray.

Regardless of whether they want to leave, 36% of current state residents say it is very likely they will move out of the state at some point in their lives. This is a jump from 26% who said the same in 2014 and 28% in 2007. Demographically, there has been a much bigger jump in this sentiment among younger adults under age 35 (up 17 points from 2014 to 42%) than among those age 35 to 54 (up 10 points to 43%) or 55 and older (up 8 points to 26%).

Six in ten of those who say they are at least somewhat likely to leave New Jersey cite financial concerns, with property taxes (26%) leading the list. Another 7% cite other taxes, 7% point to high housing costs, and 19% refer to the high cost of living in general. These are the same reasons people gave for wanting to leave in 2014, but there are more of them now.

Republicans (69%) and independents (64%) are much more likely than Democrats (47%) to say they want to leave the state. In 2014, however, similar number of Republicans (48%) and Democrats (46%) said they wanted to leave the state. The partisan results were also similar in 2007 (49%

Republicans and 44% Democrats). In both years, independents were actually a little more likely than either partisan group to say they wanted to move out of New Jersey (55% in 2014 and 54% in 2007).

“Politics may also be playing a subtle role in wanting to get out of the state. We are already aware of the self-sorting that has gone on for the past generation where people gravitate to communities and counties within their states where the neighbors are more like them ideologically. Who knows? As individual states become redder or bluer, maybe we are starting to see the same thing happening across state lines,” said Murray

Turning back to other metrics that make up the Garden State Quality of Life Index, nearly 3 in 4 New Jerseyans rate their own town or city as an excellent (32%) or good (41%) place to live. The 73% positive hometown rating is slightly lower than last year (76%) and the record high in 2020 (79%).

The current poll registers ratings for local environmental quality at 76% positive – 31% excellent and 45% good, which is in line with last year’s results. School ratings have also been stable, now standing at 63% positive – 24% excellent and 39% good – compared with 64% in 2021. The percentage of Garden State residents who currently feel very safe in their own neighborhoods at night stands at 65%, similar to 67% last year.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from March 31 to April 4, 2022 with 802 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND*:	<i>Excellent/ Good</i>	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
April 2022	64%	19%	45%	22%	13%	1%	(802)
May 2021	59%	16%	43%	27%	14%	0%	(706)
April 2020	68%	24%	44%	23%	7%	1%	(704)
September 2019	61%	15%	46%	26%	12%	1%	(713)
February 2019	50%	11%	39%	32%	17%	1%	(604)
April 2018	54%	15%	39%	29%	17%	1%	(703)
July 2017	59%	15%	44%	28%	13%	0%	(800)
May 2016	62%	16%	46%	28%	10%	0%	(806)
July 2015	55%	12%	43%	30%	15%	0%	(503)
May 2015	63%	13%	50%	27%	10%	1%	(500)
February 2015	63%	15%	48%	25%	11%	1%	(805)
September 2014	61%	13%	48%	25%	13%	1%	(802)
June 2014	62%	15%	47%	26%	11%	0%	(800)
April 2014	64%	15%	49%	26%	10%	0%	(803)
February 2014	63%	15%	48%	26%	11%	0%	(803)
December 2013	65%	20%	45%	26%	9%	0%	(802)
September 2013	65%	19%	46%	25%	10%	1%	(783)
April 2013	61%	15%	46%	27%	11%	0%	(806)
February 2013	68%	18%	50%	24%	7%	1%	(803)
December 2012	72%	20%	52%	21%	5%	1%	(816)
September 2012	65%	15%	50%	23%	11%	0%	(805)

TREND*: (Q1 Continued)	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
July 2012	69%	17%	52%	23%	8%	0%	(803)
April 2012	70%	20%	50%	23%	7%	0%	(804)
February 2012	62%	15%	47%	26%	11%	1%	(803)
October 2011	67%	15%	52%	24%	8%	0%	(817)
August 2011	57%	14%	43%	31%	11%	1%	(802)
May 2011	59%	14%	45%	29%	11%	0%	(807)
December 2010	63%	17%	46%	26%	10%	1%	(2864)
October 2007	63%	17%	46%	25%	12%	1%	(1001)
August 2004	68%	22%	46%	21%	10%	1%	(800)
May 2003	72%	20%	52%	23%	5%	0%	(1002)
April 2001	76%	23%	53%	19%	4%	1%	(802)
March 2000	76%	25%	51%	17%	6%	0%	(800)
May 1999	76%	22%	54%	19%	5%	0%	(800)
February 1994	71%	18%	53%	22%	7%	0%	(801)
March 1990	68%	21%	47%	25%	6%	1%	(800)
February 1988	78%	27%	51%	17%	4%	1%	(800)
February 1987	84%	31%	53%	11%	4%	0%	(800)
May 1985	81%	29%	52%	14%	3%	1%	(500)
October 1984	80%	29%	51%	15%	4%	1%	(1000)
January 1981	66%	16%	50%	26%	7%	1%	(1003)
July 1980	68%	18%	50%	23%	7%	2%	(1005)

[Q2-31 previously released.]

32. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND*:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
April 2022	73%	32%	41%	20%	7%	0%	(802)
May 2021	76%	33%	43%	19%	5%	0%	(706)
April 2020	79%	39%	40%	16%	5%	0%	(704)
September 2019	72%	32%	40%	20%	7%	0%	(713)
February 2019	67%	30%	37%	21%	11%	0%	(604)
April 2018	71%	30%	41%	20%	9%	0%	(703)
July 2017	77%	37%	40%	16%	7%	0%	(800)
July 2015	71%	29%	42%	19%	10%	0%	(503)
February 2015	72%	29%	43%	21%	7%	0%	(805)
September 2014	69%	24%	45%	22%	10%	0%	(802)
April 2014	71%	27%	44%	20%	9%	0%	(803)
February 2014	70%	31%	39%	23%	7%	0%	(803)
December 2013	70%	29%	41%	21%	8%	1%	(802)
September 2013	72%	32%	40%	18%	9%	1%	(783)
April 2013	67%	29%	38%	25%	8%	0%	(806)
February 2013	73%	30%	43%	20%	7%	0%	(803)
December 2012	74%	32%	42%	17%	9%	0%	(816)
September 2012	72%	33%	39%	19%	9%	0%	(805)
July 2012	74%	32%	42%	18%	7%	1%	(803)
April 2012	76%	34%	42%	17%	7%	0%	(804)
February 2012	74%	33%	41%	21%	5%	0%	(803)
October 2011	73%	26%	47%	20%	8%	0%	(817)
August 2011	76%	28%	48%	18%	6%	0%	(802)
May 2011	73%	33%	40%	20%	7%	0%	(807)
December 2010	73%	27%	46%	20%	8%	0%	(2864)
May 2003	74%	29%	45%	19%	7%	0%	(1002)
April 2001	73%	28%	45%	21%	6%	0%	(802)
May 1995	70%	30%	40%	21%	8%	0%	(802)
June 1994	72%	31%	41%	19%	9%	0%	(801)
September 1988	72%	26%	46%	18%	9%	1%	(500)
October 1984	71%	30%	41%	21%	7%	1%	(999)
June 1980	67%	23%	44%	24%	9%	0%	(1005)
May 1977	66%	25%	41%	24%	10%	0%	(1005)

[QUESTIONS 33-35 WERE ROTATED]

33. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND*:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
April 2022	76%	31%	45%	17%	7%	0%	(802)
May 2021	76%	32%	44%	18%	6%	0%	(706)
April 2020	81%	36%	45%	15%	4%	0%	(704)
September 2019	72%	31%	41%	22%	6%	1%	(713)
February 2019	71%	27%	44%	21%	8%	0%	(604)
April 2018	73%	29%	44%	20%	6%	1%	(703)
July 2017	76%	37%	39%	14%	8%	1%	(800)
July 2015	71%	27%	44%	20%	9%	0%	(503)
February 2015	72%	27%	45%	23%	4%	0%	(805)
September 2014	72%	24%	48%	21%	5%	1%	(802)
April 2014	76%	27%	49%	18%	6%	0%	(803)
February 2014	73%	29%	44%	21%	6%	0%	(803)
December 2013	69%	27%	42%	24%	7%	0%	(802)
September 2013	75%	30%	45%	18%	7%	1%	(783)
April 2013	70%	27%	43%	22%	7%	0%	(806)
February 2013	71%	26%	45%	24%	4%	2%	(803)
December 2012	73%	25%	48%	20%	7%	1%	(816)
September 2012	72%	30%	42%	20%	7%	0%	(805)
July 2012	74%	30%	44%	19%	7%	1%	(803)
April 2012	75%	30%	45%	18%	6%	1%	(804)
February 2012	77%	29%	48%	17%	5%	0%	(803)
October 2011	72%	25%	47%	19%	9%	0%	(817)
August 2011	79%	31%	48%	16%	5%	0%	(802)
May 2011	79%	33%	46%	15%	6%	0%	(807)
December 2010	66%	14%	52%	25%	9%	0%	(2864)
April 2001	70%	27%	43%	22%	7%	1%	(402)
September 1988	53%	10%	43%	31%	15%	1%	(500)

34. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing – excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

TREND*:	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
April 2022	63%	24%	39%	16%	11%	10%	(802)
May 2021	64%	24%	40%	18%	8%	10%	(706)
April 2020	73%	33%	40%	16%	4%	7%	(704)
September 2019	60%	26%	34%	23%	9%	9%	(713)
February 2019	59%	19%	40%	22%	10%	9%	(604)
April 2018	60%	24%	36%	23%	10%	7%	(703)
July 2017	65%	26%	39%	20%	10%	6%	(800)
July 2015	60%	27%	33%	22%	9%	8%	(503)
February 2015	61%	21%	40%	24%	8%	7%	(805)
September 2014	60%	21%	39%	24%	9%	7%	(802)
April 2014	63%	24%	39%	22%	9%	6%	(803)
February 2014	61%	22%	39%	22%	10%	7%	(803)
December 2013	60%	20%	40%	23%	12%	5%	(802)
September 2013	62%	24%	38%	21%	7%	9%	(783)
April 2013	59%	21%	38%	27%	9%	5%	(806)
February 2013	64%	24%	40%	20%	7%	9%	(803)
December 2012	61%	21%	40%	23%	7%	9%	(816)
September 2012	61%	27%	34%	21%	10%	8%	(805)
July 2012	61%	22%	39%	20%	11%	8%	(803)
April 2012	63%	23%	40%	21%	7%	8%	(804)
February 2012	68%	26%	42%	16%	8%	8%	(803)
October 2011	60%	21%	39%	20%	13%	7%	(817)
August 2011	63%	19%	44%	26%	6%	5%	(802)

TREND*: (Q34 Continued)	Excellent/ Good	Excellent	Good	Only Fair	Poor	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
May 2011	63%	24%	39%	22%	10%	6%	(807)
December 2010	64%	24%	40%	23%	8%	5%	(2864)
August 2004	61%	24%	37%	17%	12%	9%	(800)
April 2001	64%	21%	43%	21%	6%	9%	(802)
September 1999	62%	18%	44%	21%	9%	8%	(802)
September 1998	62%	20%	42%	23%	9%	7%	(804)
February 1996	60%	20%	40%	20%	11%	9%	(804)
September 1993	52%	16%	36%	29%	14%	5%	(801)
January 1992	53%	15%	38%	26%	15%	5%	(800)
October 1987	60%	14%	46%	23%	6%	11%	(500)
October 1986	55%	15%	40%	26%	10%	9%	(800)
October 1983	59%	16%	43%	23%	10%	8%	(802)
May 1978	52%	12%	40%	25%	12%	11%	(1003)

35. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night – very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?

TREND*:	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Not at all safe	(VOL) Don't know	(n)
April 2022	65%	29%	5%	0%	(802)
May 2021	67%	31%	2%	0%	(706)
April 2020	74%	22%	3%	1%	(704)
September 2019	68%	27%	5%	0%	(713)
February 2019	64%	29%	7%	0%	(604)
April 2018	65%	29%	5%	0%	(703)
July 2017	71%	22%	6%	0%	(800)
July 2015	67%	27%	6%	0%	(503)
February 2015	62%	33%	4%	0%	(805)
September 2014	58%	36%	6%	0%	(802)
April 2014	66%	30%	4%	1%	(803)
February 2014	67%	28%	6%	0%	(803)
December 2013	60%	33%	7%	0%	(802)
September 2013	65%	27%	7%	1%	(783)
April 2013	66%	28%	6%	0%	(806)
February 2013	63%	30%	6%	1%	(803)
December 2012	64%	29%	6%	1%	(816)
September 2012	65%	25%	6%	0%	(805)
July 2012	60%	32%	7%	1%	(803)
April 2012	64%	31%	5%	1%	(804)
February 2012	62%	32%	5%	0%	(803)
October 2011	62%	31%	7%	0%	(817)
August 2011	63%	31%	6%	0%	(802)
May 2011	68%	27%	5%	0%	(807)
December 2010	59%	35%	6%	0%	(2864)
February 1993	42%	44%	13%	0%	(801)
October 1987	51%	36%	11%	2%	(499)
October 1984	53%	36%	9%	2%	(500)
May 1981	43%	43%	13%	1%	(497)

36. As things stand now, would you like to move out of New Jersey at some point or would you like to stay here for the rest of your life?

TREND:	April 2022	Sept. 2014	April 2010	Sept. 2009	Oct. 2007
Move out of New Jersey	59%	50%	53%	50%	49%
Stay in New Jersey	38%	45%	43%	43%	44%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	4%	7%	7%
(n)	(802)	(802)	(804)	(900)	(801)

37. Regardless of whether you want to leave New Jersey, how likely is it that you will actually move out of the state at some point in your life – very, somewhat, not too, or not all likely?

TREND:	April 2022	Sept. 2014	Oct. 2007
Very likely	36%	26%	28%
Somewhat likely	30%	32%	32%
Not too likely	17%	17%	16%
Not all likely	17%	23%	23%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	2%	1%
(n)	(802)	(802)	(801)

[Question 37A was asked of those who are likely to move out of New Jersey at some point: n=519, moe=+/-4.3 %.]

37A. What is the top reason why you are likely to move out of New Jersey? [LIST WAS NOT READ]

TREND:	April 2022	Sept. 2014
Property taxes	26%	24%
Other taxes (income, sales)	7%	6%
High housing costs	7%	5%
Cost of living in general	19%	19%
TOTAL taxes/costs	59%	54%
Economic/job opportunity	8%	12%
Change of scenery	5%	12%
Be closer to family	3%	4%
Weather	10%	6%
Corruption/bad government	4%	2%
Congestion, overdevelopment	2%	2%
Environment, health	2%	3%
Schools	0%	1%
Crime	1%	2%
Bad place to raise a family	0%	2%
Other/No answer	6%	2%
(n)	(519)	(426)

[Q38-45 previously released.]

*** Note: All trend results prior to 2005 come from Rutgers University's Eagleton Poll.**

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from March 31 to April 4, 2022 with a probability-based random sample of 802 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 280 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 522 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone. Telephone numbers were selected through random digit dialing and landline respondents were selected with a modified Trolldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Dynata (RDD sample). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Standard Region (by county):

North – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren

Central – Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset

South – Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem

Expanded Region (by county): *Northeast* (Bergen, Passaic), *Urban Core* (Essex, Hudson), *Route 1*

Corridor (Mercer, Middlesex, Union), *Central Hills* (Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset), *Northern Shore*

(Monmouth, Ocean), *Delaware Valley* (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester), *Garden Core* (Atlantic, Cape

May, Cumberland, Salem, Sussex, Warren).

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
24% Republican	
40% Independent	
36% Democrat	
49% Male	
51% Female	
28% 18-34	
34% 35-54	
38% 55+	
58% White	
12% Black	
19% Hispanic	
11% Asian/Other	
61% No degree	
39% 4 year degree	

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>			
		<i>unweighted sample</i>	<i>moe (+/-)</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>		802	3.5%
<i>REGISTERED VOTER</i>	Yes	738	3.6%
	No	64	12.3%
<i>SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID</i>	Republican	171	7.5%
	Independent	325	5.4%
	Democrat	298	5.7%
<i>REGION</i>	North	359	5.2%
	Central	203	6.9%
	South	234	6.4%
<i>GENDER</i>	Male	392	5.0%
	Female	410	4.8%
<i>AGE</i>	18-34	191	7.1%
	35-54	306	5.6%
	55+	301	5.7%
<i>RACE</i>	White, non-Hispanic	510	4.3%
	Other	270	6.0%
<i>COLLEGE GRADUATE</i>	No degree	316	5.5%
	4 year degree	486	4.5%
<i>INCOME</i>	<\$50K	128	8.7%
	\$50 to <\$100K	227	6.5%
	\$100K+	405	4.9%
<i>CHILDREN IN HOME</i>	Yes	286	5.8%
	No	516	4.3%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	19%	19%	16%	13%	16%	25%	20%	22%	14%
	Good	45%	46%	43%	35%	44%	55%	44%	45%	47%
	Only Fair	22%	22%	24%	25%	26%	14%	23%	23%	19%
	Poor	13%	13%	13%	25%	13%	5%	12%	10%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	18%	19%	16%	19%	20%	19%	19%	16%	23%
	Good	43%	48%	51%	41%	46%	44%	48%	46%	45%
	Only Fair	21%	23%	23%	25%	19%	21%	23%	21%	24%
	Poor	16%	10%	8%	15%	15%	15%	10%	16%	8%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
1\1. Overall, how would you rate New Jersey as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	20%	16%	22%	20%	18%
	Good	44%	45%	47%	39%	48%
	Only Fair	19%	23%	22%	24%	21%
	Poor	14%	16%	10%	15%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
32\2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	32%	33%	26%	38%	27%	35%	33%	33%	31%
	Good	41%	42%	36%	33%	42%	46%	39%	40%	43%
	Only fair	20%	19%	34%	24%	23%	13%	19%	23%	18%
	Poor	7%	7%	5%	5%	8%	6%	8%	3%	8%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
32\2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	29%	35%	26%	32%	37%	34%	29%	29%	37%
	Good	43%	39%	41%	43%	39%	44%	38%	39%	44%
	Only fair	20%	20%	26%	16%	19%	17%	24%	23%	15%
	Poor	8%	6%	8%	8%	5%	5%	9%	8%	4%

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		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
32L2. How would you rate your town or city as a place to live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	27%	31%	35%	31%	33%
	Good	30%	40%	48%	43%	40%
	Only fair	30%	23%	13%	19%	20%
	Poor	13%	6%	4%	6%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	31%	32%	29%	35%	28%	33%	28%	38%	30%
	Good	45%	45%	42%	43%	46%	47%	44%	42%	49%
	Only fair	17%	17%	18%	18%	18%	14%	18%	18%	14%
	Poor	7%	6%	11%	4%	8%	7%	10%	3%	6%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	29%	34%	23%	29%	39%	36%	23%	30%	33%
	Good	50%	40%	47%	49%	40%	44%	47%	43%	48%
	Only fair	14%	20%	19%	16%	16%	15%	20%	18%	15%
	Poor	7%	7%	11%	7%	4%	4%	10%	8%	5%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
33L3. How would you rate the quality of the environment in the area where you live - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	26%	27%	36%	28%	33%
	Good	39%	47%	48%	50%	43%
	Only fair	22%	18%	14%	16%	18%
	Poor	13%	7%	2%	6%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	24%	25%	18%	26%	19%	30%	23%	24%	27%
	Good	39%	39%	40%	41%	36%	43%	39%	42%	38%
	Only fair	16%	17%	9%	17%	19%	12%	15%	18%	16%
	Poor	11%	10%	17%	12%	16%	5%	12%	8%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	9%	15%	5%	11%	10%	11%	8%	8%

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		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	23%	26%	21%	24%	27%	26%	23%	23%	27%
	Good	37%	40%	35%	40%	42%	41%	35%	39%	39%
	Only fair	16%	17%	17%	18%	15%	15%	19%	17%	15%
	Poor	13%	8%	15%	10%	7%	10%	11%	11%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	9%	12%	8%	9%	8%	11%	10%	8%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
34L4. How would you rate the job your local schools are doing - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?	Excellent	22%	22%	27%	26%	24%
	Good	33%	43%	39%	41%	38%
	Only fair	19%	14%	18%	16%	17%
	Poor	17%	10%	8%	11%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	11%	8%	6%	11%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	65%	66%	57%	60%	64%	69%	62%	70%	66%
	Somewhat safe	29%	29%	36%	34%	31%	25%	31%	27%	29%
	Not at all safe	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%	2%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	66%	64%	61%	67%	67%	71%	57%	60%	74%
	Somewhat safe	28%	31%	33%	27%	28%	25%	35%	33%	23%
	Not at all safe	6%	4%	7%	6%	4%	3%	9%	7%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
35L5. How safe do you feel in your neighborhood at night - very safe, somewhat safe, or not at all safe?	Very safe	49%	58%	79%	69%	64%
	Somewhat safe	40%	36%	19%	27%	31%
	Not at all safe	11%	6%	2%	5%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
36. As things stand now, would you like to move out of New Jersey at some point or would you like to stay here for the rest of your life?	Move out of New Jersey	59%	58%	71%	69%	64%	47%	56%	58%	66%
	Stay in New Jersey	38%	40%	22%	28%	34%	49%	41%	40%	31%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	7%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
36. As things stand now, would you like to move out of New Jersey at some point or would you like to stay here for the rest of your life?	Move out of New Jersey	65%	53%	69%	64%	47%	54%	66%	62%	53%
	Stay in New Jersey	33%	43%	28%	32%	51%	43%	32%	35%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
36. As things stand now, would you like to move out of New Jersey at some point or would you like to stay here for the rest of your life?	Move out of New Jersey	59%	55%	64%	64%	56%
	Stay in New Jersey	37%	44%	33%	33%	40%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
37. Regardless of whether you want to leave New Jersey, how likely is it that you will actually move out of the state at some point in your life - very, somewhat, not too, or not all likely?	Very likely	36%	36%	36%	45%	38%	28%	38%	35%	35%
	Somewhat likely	30%	29%	36%	25%	35%	28%	31%	27%	31%
	Not too likely	17%	17%	19%	15%	15%	20%	14%	23%	15%
	Not all likely	17%	18%	6%	13%	12%	23%	17%	15%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
37. Regardless of whether you want to leave New Jersey, how likely is it that you will actually move out of the state at some point in your life - very, somewhat, not too, or not all likely?	Very likely	43%	30%	42%	43%	26%	33%	39%	38%	34%
	Somewhat likely	29%	30%	35%	28%	28%	28%	33%	30%	29%
	Not too likely	16%	18%	13%	19%	18%	19%	13%	14%	21%
	Not all likely	12%	21%	9%	10%	28%	19%	15%	16%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%

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		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
37. Regardless of whether you want to leave New Jersey, how likely is it that you will actually move out of the state at some point in your life - very, somewhat, not too, or not all likely?	Very likely	34%	31%	42%	43%	33%
	Somewhat likely	33%	33%	27%	26%	31%
	Not too likely	11%	18%	18%	18%	16%
	Not all likely	22%	18%	12%	12%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			REGION OF STATE		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	North	Central	South
37A. [AMONG THOSE LIKELY TO MOVE:] What is the top reason why you are likely to move out of New Jersey?	Property taxes	26%	26%	22%	37%	23%	20%	22%	30%	27%
	Other taxes; income, sales	7%	7%	10%	12%	7%	4%	4%	9%	10%
	Housing costs high	7%	7%	2%	2%	5%	11%	9%	5%	6%
	Cost of living in general	19%	19%	14%	23%	20%	13%	17%	19%	21%
	Economic, job opportunity	8%	7%	14%	2%	10%	11%	7%	9%	9%
	Change of scenery	5%	5%	7%	1%	5%	9%	6%	5%	5%
	Be closer to family	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	5%
	Weather	10%	9%	21%	5%	11%	13%	10%	10%	11%
	Corruption, bad government	4%	4%	2%	8%	3%	0%	5%	2%	3%
	Congestion, overdevelopment	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%
	Environment, health	2%	3%	0%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	Schools	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%
	Crime	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%
	Bad place to raise a family	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Other	5%	5%	1%	2%	5%	7%	8%	2%	1%
No answer	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	

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		GENDER		AGE			RACE		COLLEGE GRAD	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree
37A. [AMONG THOSE LIKELY TO MOVE:] What is the top reason why you are likely to move out of New Jersey?	Property taxes	26%	25%	15%	27%	36%	32%	19%	22%	32%
	Other taxes; income, sales	7%	7%	4%	8%	9%	9%	4%	6%	8%
	Housing costs high	6%	8%	9%	8%	3%	4%	10%	8%	4%
	Cost of living in general	15%	22%	18%	21%	16%	16%	19%	20%	17%
	Economic, job opportunity	9%	7%	21%	3%	0%	5%	11%	8%	8%
	Change of scenery	7%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	6%	6%	4%
	Be closer to family	3%	3%	5%	0%	5%	5%	2%	2%	5%
	Weather	10%	11%	10%	11%	9%	8%	14%	11%	9%
	Corruption, bad government	5%	2%	1%	5%	6%	6%	1%	3%	5%
	Congestion, overdevelopment	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	Environment, health	2%	2%	0%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%
	Schools	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	Crime	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	Bad place to raise a family	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	Other	4%	6%	4%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	5%
No answer	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	

		INCOME			CHILDREN IN HOME	
		<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Yes	No
37A. [AMONG THOSE LIKELY TO MOVE:] What is the top reason why you are likely to move out of New Jersey?	Property taxes	13%	19%	36%	23%	27%
	Other taxes; income, sales	3%	5%	10%	11%	5%
	Housing costs high	13%	12%	1%	9%	6%
	Cost of living in general	23%	15%	19%	26%	15%
	Economic, job opportunity	7%	14%	6%	2%	11%
	Change of scenery	10%	6%	3%	3%	6%
	Be closer to family	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%
	Weather	6%	15%	10%	12%	9%
	Corruption, bad government	2%	5%	5%	7%	2%
	Congestion, overdevelopment	5%	1%	1%	0%	3%
	Environment, health	2%	4%	1%	0%	3%
	Schools	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Crime	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
	Bad place to raise a family	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%
	Other	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%
No answer	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	