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NEW JERSEY: GOVERNOR'S RATING STATIC

Mixed reviews on handling of Newark water crisis

West Long Branch, NJ – Not much has changed in New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy's ratings since the *Monmouth University Poll* last checked at the beginning of the year. He earns a split decision on his job performance and is seen as being more concerned with his own political future rather than running the state. Public opinion tends to be more negative than positive about the impact of Murphy's agenda on property tax payers and the middle class. The governor gets mixed reviews on his handling of the Newark water crisis, although most Garden State residents don't have an opinion or are unaware of the issue.

Currently, 41% of New Jerseyans approve of the job Murphy is doing as governor and 38% disapprove. These results are statistically similar to the 43% approve and 40% disapprove rating he earned in February 2019. In April 2018, shortly after he took office, his approval rating was similar at 44%, while his disapproval rating was lower at 28%.

Murphy's rating continues to be less positive than his two immediate predecessors at approximately the same point in their terms. An [August 2011](#) Monmouth poll gave then-Gov. Chris Christie a 48% approve to 42% disapprove rating and one taken in [October 2011](#) gave the Republican an even better 54% approve and 38% disapprove rating. Christie's predecessor, Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine, received a 46% approve and 32% disapprove rating in [September 2007](#). Murphy's standing at this point is about the same as former Democratic Gov. Jim McGreevey, who received a 38% approve and 40% disapprove rating in a [September 2003](#) Eagleton poll.

Just over 1-in-5 New Jerseyans (21%) have no opinion of how Murphy is doing 20 months into his term, which is similar to his two Democratic predecessors (Corzine 22% and McGreevey 22%) but higher than for Christie at the same point (9%). Murphy currently earns a positive 71% approve and 11%

disapprove rating among Democrats, but gets a negative 28% approve and 49% disapprove rating among independents, and a 16% approve and 67% disapprove rating among Republicans.

“Murphy’s approval rating has been stuck at a nearly even split this year. Recent events, such as the Newark water crisis, have not helped cast him in the best light. But the bigger issue seems to be that he is simply flying under the radar for most New Jerseyans,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The governor gets more negative than positive reviews for his handling of the recent drinking water crisis in Newark, but most of the state registers no opinion. Just 10% approve of Murphy’s handling of the lead contamination issue in the state’s largest city while 28% disapprove. However, 41% have no opinion of how he has handled this problem and 21% have not heard anything about this issue. Even among his fellow Democrats statewide, Murphy’s actions earn a net negative assessment (18% approve and 27% disapprove, with 37% having no opinion). Among New Jerseyans who have heard a lot about the Newark crisis – a group that represents just under half of all state residents – Murphy gets a decidedly more negative 19% approve and 41% disapprove rating for his handling of the problem, with 41% having no opinion. Among residents of the state’s urban core counties of Essex and Hudson – those who live closest to Newark and are the most aware of the problem – Murphy’s handling of the matter earns a 12% approve and 44% disapprove rating with just 29% offering no opinion.

“The fact that this crisis happened in the part of New Jersey where Murphy’s strongest partisan base lives has not helped the governor’s overall standing,” said Murray.

Just over 1-in-10 New Jerseyans (12%) say Murphy has achieved major accomplishments so far and 42% say he has minor accomplishments. Another 36% say he has no real accomplishments and 10% offer no opinion. Democrats (21% major and 55% minor) are more likely than either independents (8% major and 39% minor) or Republicans (4% major and 28% minor) to say that the governor has some accomplishments in his term. This view is similar to how McGreevey was seen at the same point in his term (11% major, 45% minor, 32% none, 12% no opinion in September 2003) and how Corzine was seen toward the end of his term (13% major, 49% minor, 34% none, 4% no opinion in July 2009). Murphy’s immediate predecessor, Christie, was seen as having accomplished more major agenda items at this point in his term (24% major, 40% minor, 34% none, 3% no opinion in August 2011).

“At this point in his term, Christie had made a big splash with pension reform and his approval ratings were clearly on the rise. Murphy does not have anything similarly flashy that has made New Jerseyans sit up and take notice. However, Christie may be the exception rather than the rule for New Jersey governors,” said Murray.

New Jerseyans tend to feel that Murphy is more concerned with his own political future (49%) than he is with governing the state (33%). Another 4% say he is concerned with both equally and 15%

are unsure where his focus lies. These results are very similar to public opinion earlier this year, when 46% said Murphy was more focused on his future and 33% said he was more focused on the state. This perception was evenly divided in April 2018, though, at 39% more concerned with his own future and 40% more concerned with governing the state.

The poll also found that the governor's relationship with his own party's legislative leadership is seen as slightly more negative now than it was earlier this year, but a majority of the public still isn't paying attention. Currently, 14% say Murphy has a good relationship with top Democrats in the legislature, which is down from 20% in February. On the other hand, 28% say he has a bad relationship with these leaders, which is up from 19% earlier this year. Still, 53% say they have not heard anything about this relationship which is similar to 54% who were unaware in February. Currently, the state legislature as a whole receives a 33% approve and 42% disapprove rating from New Jersey residents, which is similar to prior results for the legislature since Murphy took office.

"This Trenton battle continues to be mainly political insider stuff, but the impression of a toxic relationship between the state's chief executive and its legislative leadership does appear to be slowly seeping into the public," said Murray.

Murphy continues to get mixed reviews for how he has helped New Jerseyans across the economic spectrum. While 25% say his policies have helped the poor, a similar 21% say they have actually hurt this group and 32% say they have had no impact. Murphy's policies have been seen as slightly more positive for wealthy residents – 27% say this group has been helped and 14% say it has been hurt, with 31% saying there has been no impact. The governor gets more negative reviews for his impact on middle class New Jerseyans – 17% of the public say helped and 31% say hurt, with 36% saying no impact.

The number who say Murphy's policies have hurt all three of these income groups has actually gone down by 7 to 8 points since February. This change has mainly been due to some Republicans shifting from the "hurt" category to "no impact." The number of state residents who say Murphy's policies have helped the poor and middle class has remained stable (down just 1 to 2 points for these groups), but the number who say he has helped wealthy residents has gone up by 5 points.

"These shifts are small and need to be taken with a grain of salt, but it seems that Republicans have become less worried about Murphy's economic policies while Democrats feel that the wealthy are the group making gains. This runs counter to the 'liberal lion' image the governor is trying to foster. It could be problematic for his brand if this trend is confirmed in future polls," said Murray.

The poll also finds that few New Jerseyans feel property tax payers have benefitted from Murphy's time as governor at 10% helped and 39% hurt, with 33% saying no impact. Opinion is mixed for transit riders – 16% say they have been helped by Murphy's policies, 18% say they have been hurt,

and 29% offer no opinion. The poll also finds a split decision for the administration’s impact on businesses in the state – 23% helped, 26% hurt, and 26% no impact. For each of these three groups, the percentage who say “helped” has gone up by 2 to 4 points while the number who say “hurt” has declined by 7 to 9 points.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 12 to 16, 2019 with 713 New Jersey adults. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.7 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.)

[Q1 held for future release.]

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Approve	41%	43%	44%
Disapprove	38%	40%	28%
(VOL) No opinion	21%	17%	28%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Approve	40%	42%	43%
Disapprove	41%	43%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	19%	16%	27%
(n)	(651)	(549)	(632)

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?

TREND: <i>All adults</i>	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Approve	33%	37%	36%
Disapprove	42%	42%	39%
(VOL) No opinion	25%	21%	24%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

TREND: <i>Registered voters</i>	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Jan. 2014
Approve	32%	35%	34%	23%	29%	32%	33%	37%	35%	36%	38%	38%	47%
Disapprove	45%	45%	42%	62%	53%	51%	48%	46%	46%	48%	46%	47%	35%
(VOL) No opinion	22%	20%	24%	15%	19%	17%	19%	17%	19%	17%	15%	14%	18%
(n)	(651)	(549)	(632)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(470)

TREND: <i>Registered voters continued</i>	Dec. 2013	Sept. 2013	April 2013	Feb. 2013	Dec. 2012	Sept. 2012	July 2012	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	Feb. 2011	Sept. 2010	July 2010	April 2010	Feb. 2010
Approve	44%	38%	41%	40%	69%	55%	53%	50%	55%	55%	50%	46%	49%	44%	45%	42%	31%
Disapprove	38%	36%	42%	35%	22%	36%	35%	38%	37%	37%	41%	49%	41%	40%	43%	44%	15%
(VOL) No opinion	19%	27%	17%	25%	9%	10%	12%	12%	9%	8%	8%	5%	9%	16%	12%	13%	53%
(n)	(698)	(674)	(694)	(697)	(726)	(715)	(678)	(692)	(709)	(693)	(730)	(725)	(718)	(726)	(747)	(719)	(716)

TREND: <i>Registered voters continued</i>	July 2009	Feb. 2009	Sept. 2008	July 2008	April 2008	March 2008	Oct. 2007	Feb. 2007
Approve	31%	23%	29%	27%	28%	25%	32%	34%
Disapprove	48%	55%	50%	47%	55%	53%	43%	42%
(VOL) No opinion	22%	22%	21%	26%	17%	22%	25%	23%
(n)	(792)	(721)	(709)	(889)	(720)	(719)	(688)	(681)

[Q4-6 held for future release.]

7. Do you think Phil Murphy is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED]

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Governing the state of NJ	33%	33%	40%
His own political future	49%	46%	39%
(VOL) Both equally	4%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	15%	16%	18%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

8. As far as you know, do Governor Murphy and the Democratic leaders in the legislature have a good or bad working relationship, or haven't you heard anything about this?

	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019
Good relationship	14%	20%
Bad relationship	28%	19%
Not heard anything	53%	54%
(VOL) Don't know	6%	7%
(n)	(713)	(604)

9. Thinking about Phil Murphy's term as governor so far, would you say that he has major accomplishments, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments to point to?

	Sept. 2019
Major accomplishments	12%
Minor accomplishments	42%
No real accomplishments	36%
(VOL) Don't know	10%
(n)	(713)

10. I'd like to get your opinion on how Governor Murphy's policies have affected different groups of New Jerseyans. Have his policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on [READ ITEM]? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED] [Note: In April 2018, poll question asked "how Governor Murphy's policies will affect different groups..."]

Middle class residents

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	17%	18%	26%
Hurt	31%	39%	41%
No impact	36%	27%	17%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	2%	1%	2%
(VOL) Don't know	14%	15%	14%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

Poor residents

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	25%	27%	38%
Hurt	21%	28%	29%
No impact	32%	27%	14%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	1%	1%	2%
(VOL) Don't know	21%	18%	17%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

Wealthy residents

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	27%	22%	24%
Hurt	14%	21%	29%
No impact	31%	30%	30%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	1%	1%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	27%	26%	17%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

Property tax payers

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	10%	6%	17%
Hurt	39%	48%	51%
No impact	33%	29%	14%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	1%	1%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	17%	16%	17%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

Transit riders

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	16%	14%	28%
Hurt	18%	25%	19%
No impact	29%	23%	18%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	1%	1%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	35%	37%	34%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

Businesses

TREND:	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Helped	23%	20%	30%
Hurt	26%	33%	33%
No impact	26%	24%	15%
(VOL) Both helped and hurt	1%	1%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	24%	21%	21%
(n)	(713)	(604)	(703)

11. How much have you heard about the drinking water problem in the city of Newark – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

	Sept. 2019
A lot	46%
A little	33%
Nothing at all	21%
(n)	(713)

11A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Murphy has handled this problem, or do you have no opinion?

	Sept. 2019
Approve	10%
Disapprove	28%
No opinion	41%
Not heard (from Q11)	21%
(n)	(713)

[Q12-41 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 12 to 16, 2019 with a random sample of 713 New Jersey adults age 18 and older, in English. This includes 359 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 354 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. Final sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information. 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 3.7 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.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>Self-Reported</i>	
<i>20% Republican</i>	
<i>45% Independent</i>	
<i>35% Democrat</i>	
<i>48% Male</i>	
<i>52% Female</i>	
<i>29% 18-34</i>	
<i>36% 35-54</i>	
<i>35% 55+</i>	
<i>59% White</i>	
<i>13% Black</i>	
<i>17% Hispanic</i>	
<i>11% Asian/Other</i>	
<i>64% No degree</i>	
<i>36% 4 year degree</i>	

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		713	3.7%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	651	3.9%
	No	62	12.5%
SELF-REPORTED	Republican	142	8.2%
PARTY ID	Independent	293	5.7%
	Democrat	254	6.2%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	201	6.9%
	Moderate	295	5.7%
	Conservative	196	7.0%
GENDER	Male	344	5.3%
	Female	369	5.1%
AGE	18-34	148	8.1%
	35-54	271	6.0%
	55+	285	5.8%
RACE	White non-Hispanic	481	4.5%
	Other	207	6.8%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	324	5.5%
	4 year degree	387	5.0%
INCOME	<\$50K	132	8.5%
	\$50 to <100K	215	6.7%
	\$100K+	315	5.5%
REGION	North	350	5.2%
	Central	168	7.6%
	South	181	7.3%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	41%	40%	43%	16%	28%	71%	37%	44%	44%	47%
	Disapprove	38%	41%	21%	67%	49%	11%	43%	34%	24%	39%
	[VOL] Dont Know	21%	19%	35%	16%	23%	17%	20%	22%	32%	14%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	32%	33%	52%	37%	47%	48%	35%	45%	45%
	Disapprove	49%	48%	26%	41%	35%	30%	44%	39%	33%
	[VOL] Dont Know	19%	19%	22%	23%	18%	22%	21%	17%	21%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	38%	36%
	Disapprove	46%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	17%	23%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	33%	32%	38%	18%	24%	53%	32%	34%	39%	36%
	Disapprove	42%	45%	18%	60%	48%	27%	43%	41%	26%	46%
	[VOL] Dont Know	25%	22%	44%	22%	28%	20%	24%	26%	34%	18%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	26%	27%	42%	31%	36%	36%	34%	34%	34%
	Disapprove	49%	47%	34%	41%	43%	32%	45%	46%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	25%	26%	24%	28%	21%	32%	21%	20%	25%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the state legislature is doing?	Approve	30%	33%
	Disapprove	48%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	23%	26%

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		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
7. Do you think Phil Murphy is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	Governing the state	33%	34%	29%	16%	27%	53%	36%	30%	32%	36%
	His own political future	49%	50%	38%	63%	56%	31%	48%	49%	43%	50%
	(VOL) Both equally	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	15%	13%	28%	19%	14%	12%	11%	17%	18%	10%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME		
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. Do you think Phil Murphy is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	Governing the state	31%	27%	42%	28%	42%	36%	30%	36%
	His own political future	50%	55%	40%	53%	41%	44%	56%	48%
	(VOL) Both equally	2%	1%	7%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	16%	11%	16%	13%	16%	10%	12%

		REGION OF STATE		
		North	Central	South
7. Do you think Phil Murphy is more concerned with governing the state of New Jersey or more concerned about his own political future?	Governing the state	35%	36%	27%
	His own political future	47%	50%	51%
	(VOL) Both equally	4%	4%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	11%	18%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
8. As far as you know, do Governor Murphy and the Democratic leaders in the legislature have a good or bad working relationship, or havent you heard anything about this?	Good relationship	14%	14%	8%	9%	12%	19%	15%	12%	10%	18%
	Bad relationship	28%	30%	13%	29%	34%	21%	34%	21%	24%	25%
	Not heard anything	53%	51%	66%	54%	51%	56%	43%	62%	60%	52%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	5%	13%	9%	3%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North
8. As far as you know, do Governor Murphy and the Democratic leaders in the legislature have a good or bad working relationship, or havent you heard anything about this?	Good relationship	13%	11%	17%	12%	17%	14%	15%	14%	15%
	Bad relationship	33%	31%	23%	26%	30%	25%	30%	27%	25%
	Not heard anything	48%	52%	55%	55%	48%	56%	50%	52%	54%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%

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		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
8. As far as you know, do Governor Murphy and the Democratic leaders in the legislature have a good or bad working relationship, or havent you heard anything about this?	Good relationship	17%	8%
	Bad relationship	33%	28%
	Not heard anything	44%	56%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	7%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
9. Thinking about Phil Murphys term as governor so far, would you say that he has major accomplishments, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments to point to?	Major accomplishments	12%	11%	14%	4%	8%	21%	11%	12%	11%
	Minor accomplishments	42%	44%	34%	28%	39%	55%	39%	46%	54%
	No real accomplishments	36%	38%	22%	58%	45%	12%	41%	31%	19%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	7%	30%	9%	8%	12%	9%	11%	16%

		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
9. Thinking about Phil Murphys term as governor so far, would you say that he has major accomplishments, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments to point to?	Major accomplishments	14%	10%	6%	20%	12%	11%	21%	10%
	Minor accomplishments	43%	33%	41%	46%	40%	47%	38%	41%
	No real accomplishments	37%	47%	44%	24%	36%	36%	28%	41%
	[VOL] Dont Know	6%	9%	9%	10%	12%	6%	13%	9%

		INCOME	REGION OF STATE		
		\$100K+	North	Central	South
9. Thinking about Phil Murphys term as governor so far, would you say that he has major accomplishments, minor accomplishments, or no real accomplishments to point to?	Major accomplishments	8%	12%	12%	11%
	Minor accomplishments	52%	47%	46%	31%
	No real accomplishments	34%	30%	37%	47%
	[VOL] Dont Know	5%	11%	5%	11%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10A. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Middle class residents?	Helped	17%	17%	12%	10%	8%	32%	17%	16%	20%
	Hurt	31%	32%	25%	45%	38%	16%	37%	27%	18%
	No impact	36%	36%	34%	31%	36%	38%	32%	39%	37%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	4%
	[VOL] Dont Know	14%	13%	25%	12%	15%	14%	12%	17%	21%

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		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10A. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Middle class residents?	Helped	18%	12%	15%	19%	16%	18%	17%	19%
	Hurt	38%	36%	36%	25%	33%	29%	26%	31%
	No impact	33%	38%	34%	37%	33%	41%	38%	37%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	10%	14%	13%	17%	16%	11%	16%	10%

		INCOME	REGION OF STATE		
		\$100K+	North	Central	South
10A. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Middle class residents?	Helped	15%	18%	16%	15%
	Hurt	34%	28%	36%	36%
	No impact	36%	38%	34%	32%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	3%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	13%	14%	13%	16%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10B. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Poor residents?	Helped	25%	26%	19%	21%	19%	35%	29%	21%	24%
	Hurt	21%	21%	16%	27%	23%	16%	22%	20%	20%
	No impact	32%	32%	29%	29%	34%	32%	28%	35%	31%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	21%	19%	35%	23%	22%	17%	19%	24%	23%

		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10B. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Poor residents?	Helped	28%	23%	24%	27%	23%	28%	20%	27%
	Hurt	23%	19%	23%	17%	22%	18%	13%	22%
	No impact	29%	35%	28%	37%	30%	34%	44%	30%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	19%	23%	24%	18%	23%	19%	23%	19%

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		\$100K+	North	Central	South
10B. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Poor residents?	Helped	28%	24%	27%	28%
	Hurt	23%	22%	19%	20%
	No impact	28%	32%	37%	25%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	20%	21%	17%	26%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10C. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Wealthy residents?	Helped	27%	27%	29%	20%	26%	33%	21%	33%	30%
	Hurt	14%	15%	6%	29%	14%	6%	20%	9%	8%
	No impact	31%	31%	36%	26%	31%	35%	32%	30%	29%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	27%	26%	28%	25%	26%	25%	25%	28%	31%

		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10C. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Wealthy residents?	Helped	29%	23%	26%	29%	30%	21%	34%	27%
	Hurt	17%	15%	18%	7%	12%	18%	7%	10%
	No impact	29%	37%	29%	34%	29%	36%	29%	34%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	25%	24%	26%	28%	28%	24%	30%	26%

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10C. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Wealthy residents?	Helped	22%	29%	24%	24%
	Hurt	21%	13%	16%	16%
	No impact	34%	30%	37%	27%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	0%	2%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Dont Know	22%	26%	22%	34%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10D. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Property tax payers?	Helped	10%	9%	19%	5%	5%	19%	11%	10%	15%
	Hurt	39%	42%	22%	55%	44%	27%	40%	38%	27%
	No impact	33%	35%	22%	28%	32%	37%	31%	35%	30%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	17%	14%	36%	12%	17%	16%	16%	17%	27%

		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10D. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Property tax payers?	Helped	12%	6%	7%	17%	12%	7%	15%	12%
	Hurt	48%	40%	43%	34%	38%	42%	30%	45%
	No impact	28%	41%	34%	32%	31%	36%	36%	28%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	12%	13%	16%	18%	18%	14%	19%	15%

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10D. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Property tax payers?	Helped	7%	14%	7%	9%
	Hurt	42%	38%	38%	45%
	No impact	35%	31%	37%	33%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	0%	1%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Dont Know	16%	17%	17%	13%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10E. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Transit riders?	Helped	16%	15%	24%	5%	10%	30%	18%	15%	16%
	Hurt	18%	18%	18%	19%	21%	13%	17%	19%	18%
	No impact	29%	30%	22%	32%	32%	26%	30%	29%	32%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	35%	35%	35%	43%	35%	30%	33%	36%	30%

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		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10E. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Transit riders?	Helped	17%	16%	12%	24%	17%	15%	19%	18%
	Hurt	22%	13%	20%	16%	17%	19%	15%	20%
	No impact	24%	32%	26%	35%	28%	32%	32%	26%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	36%	38%	41%	25%	36%	32%	33%	35%

		INCOME	REGION OF STATE		
		\$100K+	North	Central	South
10E. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Transit riders?	Helped	15%	19%	13%	11%
	Hurt	19%	19%	24%	10%
	No impact	30%	31%	32%	27%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	2%	3%	0%	0%
	[VOL] Dont Know	34%	29%	30%	52%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
10F. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Businesses?	Helped	23%	23%	27%	13%	18%	35%	22%	24%	31%
	Hurt	26%	27%	18%	43%	30%	12%	32%	20%	15%
	No impact	26%	26%	28%	21%	28%	27%	26%	26%	26%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	1%	2%	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont Know	24%	24%	25%	23%	22%	26%	19%	29%	27%

		AGE		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME	
		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
10F. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Businesses?	Helped	25%	15%	18%	31%	24%	22%	32%	25%
	Hurt	30%	29%	32%	17%	25%	27%	17%	27%
	No impact	23%	29%	25%	27%	24%	29%	23%	24%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%
	[VOL] Dont Know	20%	26%	24%	24%	26%	20%	27%	22%

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		\$100K+	North	Central	South
10F. Have Gov Murphys policies helped, hurt, or had no impact on - Businesses?	Helped	18%	26%	22%	19%
	Hurt	32%	22%	29%	30%
	No impact	30%	24%	31%	24%
	(VOL) Both help and hurt	1%	2%	0%	1%
	[VOL] Dont Know	20%	25%	18%	26%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE	
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54
11. How much have you heard about the drinking water problem in the city of Newark - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	46%	50%	21%	45%	44%	52%	41%	51%	30%	49%
	A little	33%	31%	42%	34%	35%	30%	35%	30%	43%	31%
	Nothing at all	21%	19%	37%	21%	22%	18%	24%	19%	28%	20%

		AGE	RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		INCOME			REGION OF STATE
		55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	North
11. How much have you heard about the drinking water problem in the city of Newark - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	57%	44%	49%	44%	49%	47%	46%	47%	60%
	A little	26%	35%	29%	33%	33%	34%	32%	33%	26%
	Nothing at all	17%	21%	22%	23%	18%	18%	22%	20%	14%

		REGION OF STATE	
		Central	South
11. How much have you heard about the drinking water problem in the city of Newark - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	A lot	42%	26%
	A little	38%	38%
	Nothing at all	20%	36%

		TOTAL	REG VOTER		PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34
11A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Murphy has handled this problem, or do you have no opinion?	Approve	10%	11%	3%	7%	7%	18%	9%	11%	6%
	Disapprove	28%	30%	10%	27%	30%	27%	24%	31%	30%
	No opinion	41%	39%	50%	45%	42%	37%	43%	38%	37%
	[Q11] Not aware of problem	21%	19%	37%	21%	22%	18%	24%	19%	28%

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		35-54	55+	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	<\$50K	\$50-100K
11A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Murphy has handled this problem, or do you have no opinion?	Approve	11%	14%	8%	14%	10%	11%	12%	13%
	Disapprove	31%	22%	27%	29%	25%	32%	28%	27%
	No opinion	39%	47%	44%	36%	42%	38%	41%	39%
	[Q11] Not aware of problem	20%	17%	21%	22%	23%	18%	18%	22%

		INCOME	REGION OF STATE		
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11A. Do you approve or disapprove of how Governor Murphy has handled this problem, or do you have no opinion?	Approve	9%	14%	7%	8%
	Disapprove	28%	33%	29%	18%
	No opinion	44%	40%	44%	38%
	[Q11] Not aware of problem	20%	14%	20%	36%