

**Murphy retains double-digit lead in N.J.**

more likely to control property taxes than Murphy, at 39-33 percent. Guadagno had only a 2-point edge on property taxes, a major issue in her campaign, in the first Stockton poll. And as in the first poll, property taxes is identified as the election's top issue, by 29 percent, followed by taxes in general at 17 percent.

Which candidate would be better at:	Guadagno	Murphy	Not sure
Creating jobs in New Jersey	29%	43%	21%
Controlling property taxes	39%	33%	19%
Managing the state budget	34%	44%	18%
Helping Atlantic City succeed	22%	36%	30%

Hughes Center researcher John Froomjian, who manages the Stockton Polling Institute, said that past Stockton polls have overestimated support for ballot questions. This may be because significant numbers of voters stop voting as they go further down the ballot, or they may miss the questions. The population who actually votes may be different than the sample measured in the poll, Froomjian said.

To see the full results click [here](#).

### **Methodology**

The poll was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Live interviewers on the Stockton University campus called both landlines and cell phones from Oct. 18-24, 2017. The poll was conducted with 525 adults who are likely voters in New Jersey. The poll's margin of error is +/- 4.3 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets. Data are weighted based on United States Census Bureau demographics for the State of New Jersey population.