

# **Stockton Poll: Testa Leads in 1**

unfamiliar with him. (Note: gubernatorial debate.)

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Research Associate Alyssa Maurice. But the nationwide polarization on the subject was evident: 14% were concerned with public health and safety, and 13% were concerned with mask and vaccine mandates. Taxes (12%), property taxes (10%) and the economy (8%) followed as major issues. On mask mandates in schools, 57% supported them while 35% opposed them. The split was closer on vaccine mandates, with 51% in support and 42% opposed.

A 52% majority said they were not satisfied with the efforts of state officials to attract or create jobs in South Jersey. However, 51% were optimistic about the future of the South Jersey economy, with 40% being pessimistic.

Asked who would better handle the issue of taxes, Republicans at 54% bested the Democrats at 34%. On handling the pandemic, 44% named the Democrats to 38% for Republicans.

Full poll results are on the [Stockton Polling Institute website](#).

## **Methodology**

The poll of New Jersey adults screened as likely voters was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy September 28-October 10, 2021. Live interviewers, who are mostly Stockton University students, called cell phones and landlines from the Stockton University campus. Overall, 78 percent of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 22 percent on landline phones. A total of 407 registered voters were interviewed after being screened as likely voters on criteria including self-professed intention to vote on a scale of 1 to 10, having voted in New Je  
landline samples included a mix of voter list and random digit dialing (RDD) sample. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data for New Jersey on variables of age, race, ethnicity, education level, sex and region. The poll's margin of error is +/- 4.8 percentage points at a 95 percent confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets.

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