

# Stockton Poll: Christie Widens Lead Over Buono for Governor

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** Republican Gov. Chris Christie has extended an already-large lead over his challenger, Democratic State Sen. Barbara Buono, in the gubernatorial election, according to a statewide poll released today by the Stockton Polling Institute.

The incumbent holds a 33-point advantage over Buono in the poll of 800 likely general election voters, with Christie supported by 61 percent to only 28 percent supporting his challenger. Eleven percent are undecided, support another candidate, or refuse to say whom they are voting for.

The poll results show the governor widening a 28-point lead found in a Stockton Poll in mid-  
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The governor's support runs deep, cutting across demographic factors including household income, education level, sex, age, and Hispanic ethnicity. He leads in every county except the Democratic strongholds of Hudson and Essex counties. The only exception is that black/African American voters strongly support Democrat Buono by a 4-to-1 margin.

Buono also leads 55 percent to 34 percent among Democratic voters, who outnumber Republicans in New Jersey. However, an overwhelming 93 percent of Republicans say they are voting for Christie, with only 5 percent supporting Buono. Independent/unaffiliated voters also favor Christie by a large margin, 65 percent to 18 percent.

|     | Buono | Christie |
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| Men | 22.8% |          |

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