

Stockton's Hughes Center Research: 55 Percent of New Jerseyans Feel Their Income Is Falling Behind the Cost of Living

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Galloway, NJ - Survey research from Stockton University establishes a baseline on New Jersey residents' attitudes on income inequality, with 55 percent saying they feel their income is "falling behind the cost of living," and nearly 37 percent suggesting their income is "just keeping pace" with the economy.

Key findings from the survey of 802 New Jerseyans statewide include that nearly 70 percent believe the U.S. economy is still in a recession, while only 20 percent believe that economic conditions in New Jersey are good (14 percent) or excellent (6 percent).

"While there has been much analysis regarding New Jersey's economic health, this study allows New Jerseyans to voice how they have been affected by these economic conditions," said Kelly Sloane, Public Policy researcher for Stockton University's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. Sloane wrote the report, "Views on Economic Inequa

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About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (stockton.edu/hughescenter) at Stockton University serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey, and promotes the civic life of New Jersey through engagement, education and research. The Center is named for William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton. The Hughes Center can be found at [facebook.com/StocktonHughesCenter](https://www.facebook.com/StocktonHughesCenter) and can be followed on [Twitter@hughescenter](https://twitter.com/hughescenter).

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