Stockton Polling Institute

Trust in Institutions
Sep. 27-Oct. 1, 2024
Partisan Comparisons

	2021	2024
	Statewide (N=647)	**Statewide (N=630)**
Agreed strongly or somewhat that the 2020 election for United States president was fair and secure	64%	63%
Disagreed strongly or somewhat that the 2020 election for United States president was fair and secure	34%	33%

	2021		2024	
	Democrats (N=232)	**Republicans (N=138)**	**Democrats (N=218)**	**Republicans (N=157)**
Agreed strongly or somewhat that the 2020 election for United States president was fair and secure	97%	20%	96%	25%
Disagreed strongly or somewhat that the 2020 election for United States president was fair and secure	3%	76%	4%	70%

Other measures of institutional distrust from the Oct. 2024 poll:

	Democrats (N=218)	**Republicans (N=157)**
Trust in Elections		
At least somewhat confident votes will be accurately cast and counted in 2024	96%	38%
Little to no confidence that votes will be accurately cast and counted in the 2024 election	4%	59%
Trust in Media		
At least somewhat confident that journalists will report news related to the election fairly and accurately.	79%	15%
Little to no confidence that journalists will report news related to the election fairly and accurately.	20%	82%

Methodology

The poll of New Jersey registered voters was conducted by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy from Sep. 27-Oct. 1, 2024. Stockton University students texted cell phones with invitations to take the survey online and Opinion Services supplemented the dialing portion of the fieldwork, which consisted of cell and landline telephone calls. Overall, 93% of interviews were conducted on cell phones and 7% on landline phones. In terms of mode, 63% were reached via dialing and 37% were reached via text-to-web. A random sample of 630 New Jersey registered voters were interviewed. Both cell and landline samples consisted of random digit dialing (RDD) and voter list sample from MSG. Data are weighted based on U.S. Census Bureau ACS 2023 data for the citizen voting age population in New Jersey on variables of age, race, education level, and sex. The poll's margin of error is +/- 3.9 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. MOE is higher for subsets. Sampling error does not account for other potential sources of bias in polls such as measurement error or non-response.

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy 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 the late 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 on YouTube @StocktonHughesCenter, and can be followed on Facebook @StocktonHughesCenter and X @hughescenter.