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NEW JERSEY: STABLE GRADES ON COVID FOR MURPHY

Most say he is doing a good job despite nursing home, small business problems

West Long Branch, NJ – Gov. Phil Murphy’s handling of the Covid pandemic continues to get largely positive reviews from New Jersey voters, despite a majority feeling his administration bears at least some responsibility for the pain experienced by small businesses and the number of Covid deaths in nursing homes in the state. The *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* finds a majority of voters support reinstating stricter Covid safety protocols, including a majority of those who remain undecided in this year’s election for governor.

Murphy’s overall job performance rating among New Jersey voters stands at 52% approve and 38% disapprove, which is down from his May rating (57% to 36%) but in line with his rating last month (54% to 36%). The governor continues to get broadly positive reviews for his handling of the Covid outbreak, with 62% saying he has done a good job compared to just 27% who say he has done a bad job. His pandemic rating was similar in August (61% to 28%) and May (65% to 28%).

“Murphy’s handling of the pandemic continues to be his strongest asset. New Jerseyans acknowledge there have been missteps over the past eighteen months, some of them very serious, but that has not noticeably weakened their overall view of his Covid performance,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

More than 8 in 10 voters (82%) say that strict restrictions and lockdowns imposed by the state during the pandemic hurt New Jersey small businesses a lot. Just over half feel it was possible to have managed the pandemic in a way that small businesses did not get hurt – 24% say this was definitely possible and 29% say it was probably possible.

Nearly all voters have heard either a lot (61%) or a little (33%) about Covid deaths that occurred in New Jersey nursing homes. Just over half feel the Murphy administration bears either a great deal (23%) or some (30%) responsibility for these deaths.

“The governor’s opponents have been trying to focus voters’ attention on what they see as major failings in his handling of Covid. We don’t see evidence in the poll, though, that knowing about these issues is putting a major dent in Murphy’s numbers. This is due in part to a sense that he was right about the broader policies on masking and social distancing. In fact, many would like to see him reinstate these protocols,” said Murray.

About 6 in 10 voters (61%) support reinstating general face mask and social distancing guidelines in New Jersey, which is virtually unchanged from 62% who felt this way last month. Over 4 in 10 voters (43%) are very concerned about a family member becoming seriously ill from Covid, which is identical to August (43%) and up slightly from May (37%).

Just over half (51%) of all New Jersey voters say measures taken by the state government to slow the spread of the virus have been appropriate. This result is up from 45% in August, but down from 58% in May. Another number that has bounced around is the percentage who feel the state has, in fact, not gone far enough. This view currently stands at 17% of the electorate, which is lower than 24% in August, but still slightly higher than 13% in May. Another 1 in 4 (28%) say the state’s Covid measures have gone too far, which is similar to prior results (25% in August and 28% in May).

In relation to this year’s gubernatorial contest, Murphy backers are decidedly in favor of safety protocols and less likely to put the blame for small business problems and nursing home deaths on the governor. Not surprisingly, supporters of GOP nominee Jack Ciattarelli feel quite differently about it.

About 1 in 4 registered voters, though, are either undecided or only leaning toward a candidate right now. Among this relatively more persuadable group, most say the pandemic could have been handled with less pain for small businesses (60%) and just over half (52%) say the Murphy administration bears at least some responsibility for the number of nursing home Covid deaths. However, a majority of this group also feels Murphy has done a good job with the pandemic overall (57%) and would support reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines (61%).

“There are probably very few truly persuadable voters left in New Jersey right now, but if anyone can be swayed it should be this group of undecideds. Their views on Covid, though, tend to align more with Murphy’s approach than Ciattarelli’s,” said Murray.

The poll also finds the state’s two U.S. senators maintain net positive job ratings among New Jersey voters. Sen. Cory Booker registers a 51% approve to 32% disapprove rating, compared to his career-high 57% approval rating in May (with 36% disapprove). However, his current net +19 point job rating is similar to his +21 rating in the spring. The big shift has been in the number who have no opinion of Booker, which has gone from an uncommonly low 6% in May to a more typical 17% in the current poll. Sen. Bob Menendez earns a 43% approve to 35% disapprove rating, which is in line with his 46% to

38% rating from May – while the number who give no rating to the state’s senior senator has risen from 16% to 22%.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from September 16 to 20, 2021 with 804 New Jersey registered voters. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

[Q1-3 previously released.]

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	May 2021	April 2020	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018
Approve	52%	54%	57%	72%	40%	42%	43%
Disapprove	38%	36%	36%	21%	41%	43%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	10%	10%	7%	7%	19%	16%	27%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(661)	(635)	(651)	(549)	(632)

[QUESTIONS 5 & 6 WERE ROTATED]

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	May 2021	April 2020	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019
Approve	43%	46%	44%	37%	40%
Disapprove	35%	38%	38%	45%	45%
(VOL) Don't know	22%	16%	18%	18%	15%
(n)	(804)	(661)	(635)	(651)	(549)

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS continued	April 2018	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Dec. 2013	April 2013	Feb. 2013
Approve	37%	41%	41%	38%	42%	49%	45%	47%	51%	49%	47%	44%	41%
Disapprove	38%	35%	31%	38%	38%	27%	30%	34%	31%	30%	27%	38%	31%
(VOL) Don't know	25%	23%	28%	23%	20%	24%	26%	19%	18%	21%	26%	18%	28%
(n)	(632)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(698)	(694)	(697)

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS continued	April 2012	Feb. 2012	Oct. 2011	Aug. 2011	May 2011	July 2010	Oct. 2008	April 2008	Jan. 2008
Approve	40%	41%	43%	38%	46%	38%	34%	41%	37%
Disapprove	25%	26%	29%	33%	28%	33%	25%	31%	25%
(VOL) Don't know	35%	33%	28%	29%	26%	29%	41%	28%	37%
(n)	(692)	(709)	(693)	(730)	(725)	(747)	(900)	(720)	(698)

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	May 2021	April 2020	Sept. 2019	Feb. 2019	April 2018	July 2017	May 2016	July 2015	May 2015	Feb. 2015	Sept. 2014	June 2014	April 2014	Feb. 2014	Dec. 2013
Approve	51%	57%	51%	45%	48%	54%	50%	53%	45%	51%	51%	42%	48%	47%	47%	37%
Disapprove	32%	36%	34%	40%	38%	31%	31%	21%	24%	21%	21%	23%	25%	23%	20%	21%
(VOL) Don't know	17%	6%	14%	16%	14%	15%	20%	27%	31%	27%	27%	35%	27%	30%	32%	43%
(n)	(804)	(661)	(635)	(651)	(549)	(632)	(758)	(703)	(453)	(441)	(712)	(680)	(717)	(690)	(690)	(698)

[Q7-21 previously released.]

22. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak – very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	May 2021	April 2020
Very concerned	43%	43%	37%	61%
Somewhat concerned	27%	25%	26%	24%
Not too concerned	17%	17%	20%	8%
Not at all concerned	12%	12%	16%	5%
(VOL) Has already happened	1%	1%	2%	1%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	1%	0%	0%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(661)	(635)

23. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	May 2021	April 2020
Good job	62%	61%	65%	80%
Bad job	27%	28%	28%	10%
(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	6%	6%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	6%	1%	3%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(661)	(635)

24. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	May 2021	April 2020
Appropriate	51%	45%	58%	65%
Gone too far	28%	25%	28%	11%
Not gone far enough	17%	24%	13%	22%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	5%	2%	1%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(661)	(635)

25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in New Jersey at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]

TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021
Strongly support	49%	45%
Somewhat support	12%	17%
Somewhat oppose	13%	14%
Strongly oppose	23%	21%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	3%
(n)	(804)	(810)

26. Did the strict restrictions and lockdowns imposed by the state government during the pandemic hurt small businesses in New Jersey a lot, a little, or not at all?

REGISTERED VOTERS	Sept. 2021
Lot	82%
Little	13%
Not at all	2%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
(n)	(804)

27. Do you think it was possible to have managed the pandemic in a way that small businesses did not get hurt – was this definitely possible, probably possible, probably not possible, or definitely not possible?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Sept. 2021
Definitely possible	24%
Probably possible	29%
Probably not possible	28%
Definitely not possible	12%
(VOL) Don't know	3%
<i>Businesses not hurt (from Q26)</i>	5%
(n)	(804)

28. How much have you heard about deaths from Covid that happened in New Jersey nursing homes – a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Sept. 2021
Lot	61%
Little	33%
Nothing at all	5%
(n)	(804)

29. How much is the Murphy administration responsible for these nursing home deaths – a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Sept. 2021
Great deal	23%
Some	30%
Not much	21%
Not at all	16%
(VOL) Don't know	9%
(n)	(804)

30. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? [If *NOT*:] Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if you can avoid it?

<i>TREND: REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	Sept. 2021	Aug. 2021	May 2021
Already received vaccine	84%	79%	66%
As soon as possible	2%	2%	5%
See how it goes	5%	5%	13%
Likely will never get vaccine	9%	10%	14%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%	2%
(n)	(804)	(810)	(661)

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from September 16 to 20, 2021 with a statewide random sample of 804 New Jersey voters drawn from a list of registered voters. This includes 225 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 579 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for party registration, age, gender, race, education, and region based on state voter registration list information and U.S. Census information (CPS 2018 supplement). Data collection support provided by Braun Research (field) and Aristotle (voter sample). For results based on the full voter sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In

addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

NJ Regions (by county)

North – Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, Warren

Central – Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset

South – Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Salem

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>	
<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>	
<i>Self-Reported Party</i>	
22% Republican	
43% Independent	
36% Democrat	
<i>49% Male</i>	
<i>51% Female</i>	
<i>23% 18-34</i>	
<i>32% 35-54</i>	
<i>46% 55+</i>	
<i>64% White, non-Hispanic</i>	
<i>13% Black</i>	
<i>14% Hispanic</i>	
<i>9% Asian/Other</i>	
<i>55% No degree</i>	
<i>45% 4 year degree</i>	

<i>MARGIN OF ERROR</i>		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
<i>REGISTERED VOTERS</i>		804	3.5%
<i>SELF-REPORTED</i>			
<i>PARTY ID</i>	<i>Republican</i>	175	7.4%
	<i>Independent</i>	331	5.4%
	<i>Democrat</i>	286	5.8%
<i>GENDER</i>			
	<i>Male</i>	400	4.9%
	<i>Female</i>	404	4.9%
<i>AGE</i>			
	<i>18-34</i>	154	7.9%
	<i>35-54</i>	248	6.2%
	<i>55+</i>	385	5.0%
<i>RACE</i>			
	<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	519	4.3%
	<i>Other</i>	248	6.2%
<i>COLLEGE GRADUATE</i>			
	<i>No degree</i>	375	5.1%
	<i>4 year degree</i>	423	4.8%
<i>CHILDREN IN HOME</i>			
	<i>Yes</i>	237	6.4%
	<i>No</i>	563	4.1%
<i>REGION</i>			
	<i>North</i>	366	5.1%
	<i>Central</i>	209	6.8%
	<i>South</i>	229	6.5%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	52%	9%	45%	86%	46%	58%	61%	46%	52%
	Disapprove	38%	85%	43%	5%	46%	31%	30%	41%	40%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	6%	12%	8%	8%	11%	9%	13%	7%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Phil Murphy is doing as governor?	Approve	45%	67%	46%	60%	44%	55%	54%	53%	47%
	Disapprove	49%	19%	43%	32%	43%	36%	34%	40%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	14%	11%	8%	12%	9%	12%	7%	10%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	43%	15%	33%	72%	40%	45%	44%	36%	48%
	Disapprove	35%	66%	41%	10%	43%	27%	26%	38%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	22%	19%	27%	18%	17%	27%	30%	26%	16%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bob Menendez is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	36%	56%	40%	46%	34%	46%	46%	44%	36%
	Disapprove	44%	18%	36%	34%	36%	35%	32%	35%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	20%	26%	24%	20%	30%	19%	21%	21%	25%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	51%	8%	44%	86%	47%	55%	53%	52%	51%
	Disapprove	32%	74%	36%	4%	41%	24%	26%	32%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know	17%	18%	20%	10%	12%	21%	21%	17%	14%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
6. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Cory Booker is doing as United States Senator?	Approve	43%	67%	48%	56%	51%	51%	57%	52%	41%
	Disapprove	41%	15%	35%	30%	31%	33%	30%	31%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know	15%	18%	18%	15%	18%	16%	13%	17%	22%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
22. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	43%	24%	39%	60%	35%	51%	34%	40%	50%
	Somewhat concerned	27%	31%	30%	21%	28%	25%	29%	30%	24%
	Not too concerned	17%	26%	17%	12%	22%	13%	23%	17%	15%
	Not at all concerned	12%	19%	13%	6%	13%	10%	14%	13%	10%
	(VOL) Has already happened	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%
[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
22. How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus outbreak - very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned, or not at all concerned?	Very concerned	37%	57%	45%	42%	38%	45%	47%	40%	40%
	Somewhat concerned	31%	19%	23%	31%	29%	25%	24%	32%	26%
	Not too concerned	19%	13%	17%	18%	17%	17%	16%	17%	20%
	Not at all concerned	11%	10%	14%	9%	15%	10%	11%	11%	13%
	(VOL) Has already happened	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
23. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	62%	22%	60%	89%	57%	67%	67%	60%	62%
	Bad job	27%	64%	29%	2%	33%	22%	20%	30%	28%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	9%	5%	5%	6%	6%	8%	5%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	4%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
23. Has Governor Murphy done a good job or bad job dealing with the coronavirus outbreak?	Good job	55%	78%	58%	68%	54%	65%	66%	62%	55%
	Bad job	35%	12%	31%	23%	34%	25%	24%	26%	33%
	(VOL) Mixed, depends	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	4%	6%	3%	6%	4%	4%	5%	5%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
24. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	51%	25%	47%	72%	48%	54%	57%	47%	52%
	Gone too far	28%	61%	31%	5%	35%	22%	24%	36%	25%
	Not gone far enough	17%	8%	17%	20%	13%	20%	16%	14%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
24. Have the measures taken by the New Jersey state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Appropriate	47%	61%	45%	59%	46%	53%	54%	51%	47%
	Gone too far	33%	16%	32%	23%	37%	24%	26%	26%	33%
	Not gone far enough	16%	18%	18%	16%	14%	17%	16%	19%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in New Jersey at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	49%	16%	41%	79%	34%	64%	40%	46%	57%
	Somewhat support	12%	13%	13%	10%	14%	9%	15%	11%	10%
	Somewhat oppose	13%	17%	16%	7%	17%	9%	16%	15%	9%
	Strongly oppose	23%	50%	25%	4%	31%	15%	25%	25%	20%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	5%	5%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
25. Do you support or oppose reinstating face mask and social distancing guidelines in New Jersey at the current time? [Do you support/oppose that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	39%	69%	49%	49%	45%	51%	51%	47%	48%
	Somewhat support	13%	9%	10%	13%	8%	13%	13%	11%	10%
	Somewhat oppose	16%	7%	11%	15%	14%	12%	9%	16%	15%
	Strongly oppose	27%	13%	26%	19%	30%	20%	23%	23%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
26. Did he strict restrictions and lockdowns imposed by the state government during the pandemic hurt small businesses in New Jersey a lot, a little, or not at all?	Lot	82%	97%	85%	70%	81%	83%	74%	83%	85%
	Little	13%	2%	11%	22%	14%	13%	19%	14%	10%
	Not at all	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%

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		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
26. Did the strict restrictions and lockdowns imposed by the state government during the pandemic hurt small businesses in New Jersey a lot, a little, or not at all?	Lot	86%	74%	86%	77%	85%	81%	80%	80%	87%
	Little	11%	19%	10%	18%	13%	13%	14%	16%	10%
	Not at all	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
27. Do you think it was possible to have managed the pandemic in a way that small businesses did not get hurt - was this definitely possible, probably possible, probably not possible, or definitely not possible?	Definitely possible	24%	51%	25%	7%	28%	21%	23%	31%	20%
	Probably possible	29%	27%	29%	27%	27%	31%	28%	30%	28%
	Probably not possible	28%	14%	26%	39%	27%	29%	30%	24%	30%
	Definitely not possible	12%	5%	13%	15%	12%	12%	11%	12%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%
	Small businesses not hurt/dont know [Q26]	5%	1%	4%	8%	5%	5%	7%	3%	5%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
27. Do you think it was possible to have managed the pandemic in a way that small businesses did not get hurt - was this definitely possible, probably possible, probably not possible, or definitely not possible?	Definitely possible	28%	16%	29%	19%	32%	21%	23%	24%	27%
	Probably possible	27%	33%	32%	24%	27%	29%	30%	26%	29%
	Probably not possible	30%	25%	23%	34%	24%	29%	27%	30%	28%
	Definitely not possible	10%	16%	9%	16%	13%	11%	11%	14%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%
	Small businesses not hurt/dont know [Q26]	3%	7%	4%	5%	2%	6%	6%	4%	3%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
28. How much have you heard about deaths from Covid that happened in New Jersey nursing homes - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	Lot	61%	66%	57%	63%	57%	66%	48%	62%	67%
	Little	33%	28%	37%	32%	37%	30%	41%	36%	28%
	Nothing at all	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	11%	2%	5%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
28. How much have you heard about deaths from Covid that happened in New Jersey nursing homes - a lot, a little, or nothing at all?	Lot	62%	58%	61%	61%	62%	61%	59%	68%	58%
	Little	34%	33%	34%	33%	33%	33%	35%	27%	36%
	Nothing at all	4%	9%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%

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		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
29. How much is the Murphy administration responsible for these nursing home deaths - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	23%	51%	24%	6%	27%	20%	16%	27%	25%
	Some	30%	24%	36%	27%	28%	31%	36%	28%	28%
	Not much	21%	15%	18%	28%	20%	22%	28%	20%	18%
	Not at all	16%	4%	14%	26%	16%	17%	13%	17%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	5%	7%	12%	8%	10%	7%	8%	11%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
29. How much is the Murphy administration responsible for these nursing home deaths - a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	Great deal	26%	16%	24%	23%	28%	22%	21%	27%	24%
	Some	32%	28%	31%	29%	26%	32%	31%	29%	30%
	Not much	20%	23%	18%	25%	20%	21%	24%	23%	15%
	Not at all	16%	18%	16%	17%	17%	16%	15%	14%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	15%	12%	6%	8%	10%	10%	8%	10%

		TOTAL	PARTY ID			GENDER		AGE		
		REG VOTR	Rep	Ind	Dem	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
30. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if	Already received	84%	73%	81%	93%	83%	84%	78%	78%	90%
	As soon as possible	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%
	See how it goes	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	8%	6%	2%
	Likely will never get	9%	18%	10%	2%	10%	7%	9%	13%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%

		RACE		COLLEGE GRAD		CHILDREN IN HOME		REGION OF STATE		
		White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth	No degree	4 yr degree	Yes	No	North	Central	South
30. Have you, yourself, received at least one dose of Covid vaccine, or not? Do you plan to get the Covid vaccine as soon as possible, will you continue to let other people get it first to see how it goes, or is it likely you will never get the vaccine if	Already received	83%	85%	79%	89%	74%	88%	84%	84%	83%
	As soon as possible	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	See how it goes	4%	6%	6%	3%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%
	Likely will never get	10%	6%	11%	5%	14%	6%	8%	9%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%