Rutgers-Eagleton Poll: Christie’s Popularity At Home Dips To New Low

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (CBSNewYork/AP) — More registered voters surveyed in New Jersey are dissatisfied than ever with Gov. Chris Christie.

A Rutgers-Eagleton Poll released Thursday as Christie participates in the first Republican presidential primary debate shows just 30 percent of the registered voters polled have a favorable opinion of the governor.

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Fifty-nine percent have an unfavorable opinion, down 11 points since April. Christie’s overall job approval hit a new low at 37 percent compared to 59 percent who disapprove of how he’s doing his job.

“The numbers do not look good for Governor Christie,” Ashley Koning, assistant director of the Rutgers-Eagleton poll, told WCBS 880’s Jim Smith. “He’s now hit a bunch of new all time lows.”

Koning said New Jersey Republicans are siding with Donald Trump for the nomination.

“I don’t think it goes well when your own voters in your own state are turning against you, picking other candidates and having low favorability in job approval ratings,” she said.

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Votes who dislike the governor cite his character, attitude and image. Those who like Christie praise his honesty and straightforwardness.

The statewide poll of 757 registered voters has a sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

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