

## Poll: Chris Christie approval slides slightly

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Republican Gov. Chris Christie is still enjoying a high job approval rating from his New Jersey constituents, but the number has dipped slightly in recent months, a new poll shows.

Overall, the New Jersey governor has racked up a 68 percent job rating, according to the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll on Wednesday - but that is six percentage points less than his rating in a February.

Much of Christie's rating success goes hand in hand with his post-Sandy recovery efforts, of which 87 percent of New Jersey voters approve. What does drag him down, however, is his handling of the economy and jobs (only 42 percent approve) and his tax policy (a mere 37 percent approval). Fifty percent of voters approve on his education, budget and crime efforts.

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His decline is tied to Democratic voters, whose approval of Christie has dropped a 11 percentage points since February, with a bare majority (51 percent) approving of the Republican governor. Independents (75 percent) and Republicans (93 percent) remain steady in their approval.

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted April 3-7 on 819 registered voters in New Jersey. The margin of error is +/-3.7 percentage points.