
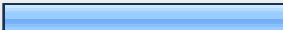
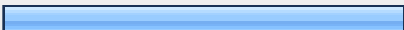




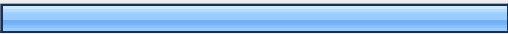

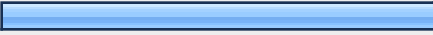




Capitol Insights April

1. What percentage of school budgets statewide will be approved on April 20?			Response Percent	Response Count
0-20%			5.7%	6
21-40%			24.8%	26
41-60%			35.2%	37
61-80%			24.8%	26
81-90%			7.6%	8
91-100%			1.9%	2
			<i>answered question</i>	105
			<i>skipped question</i>	3



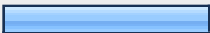
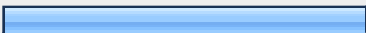
2. Governor Chris Christie has said he will not sign a budget that includes an income tax increase. Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Oliver have said that there's "no way" the legislature will send the Governor a budget without a continuation of the income tax surcharge on those earning \$400,000 or more. Which of the following outcomes do you think is most likely?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The Legislature sends Christie a bill reinstating the "millionaires" tax, a budget that spends those monies and Christie signs them both.		4.8%	5
The Legislature sends Christie the tax increase and budget and he vetoes them.		44.8%	47
The Legislature does not pass an income tax hike.		12.4%	13
The Legislature and Christie negotiate some compromise that raises some tax and Christie signs it.		38.1%	40
		<i>answered question</i>	105
		<i>skipped question</i>	3





3. Will Governor Christie nominate State Supreme Court Justice John Wallace for tenure on the Court?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.2%	59
No		43.8%	46
		<i>answered question</i>	105
		<i>skipped question</i>	3

4. Governor Christie has proposed a constitutional amendment that would impose a 2.5% cap on property tax increases. In order to amend the constitution, 3/5 of the legislators must support placing a question on the ballot or a simple majority must vote for the amendment in two successive years. When will voters get the opportunity to consider an amendment limiting property tax increases to 2.5%?

		Response Percent	Response Count
November 2010		18.9%	20
November 2011		31.1%	33
November 2012		17.9%	19
Never		32.1%	34
		<i>answered question</i>	106
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

5. The Governor and Legislative leadership have yet to agree on how to address the pending Unemployment Insurance fund shortfall. If nothing is done, NJ employers will face an automatic payroll tax increase projected to cost them as much as \$484 per employee totalling \$1 billion a year. Which of the following outcomes is most likely?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The automatic tax increase goes into effect.		7.5%	8
The Legislature accepts Gov. Christie's proposal to reduce benefits by \$50 a week and require a 1 week waiting period.		13.1%	14
The Legislature and Governor agree to a multi-year phase in of the payroll tax increase.		32.7%	35
The Legislature and Governor agree to a different solution not yet being discussed publicly.		46.7%	50
		<i>answered question</i>	107
		<i>skipped question</i>	1

6. On a scale of 1 to 10, rate the relationships between the Governor, Senate President, and Assembly Speaker with 1 being diametrically opposed, confrontational, and cold and 10 being totally in-synch, cooperative and cordial.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rating Average	Response Count
Relationship between Christie and Sweeney	0.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	6.6% (7)	8.5% (9)	20.8% (22)	23.6% (25)	23.6% (25)	14.2% (15)	1.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	5.95	106
Relationship between Christie and Oliver	1.9% (2)	6.6% (7)	23.6% (25)	31.1% (33)	21.7% (23)	9.4% (10)	5.7% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	4.15	106
Relationship between Sweeney and Oliver	0.0% (0)	1.0% (1)	2.9% (3)	16.2% (17)	24.8% (26)	17.1% (18)	21.0% (22)	14.3% (15)	2.9% (3)	0.0% (0)	5.89	105
	<i>answered question</i>											106
	<i>skipped question</i>											2

7. Using a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 represents "never" and 10 represents "absolutely certain," please rate the likelihood of the following events occurring:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rating Average	Response Count
A government shutdown on July 1, 2010 due to a budget impasse?	4.7% (5)	5.6% (6)	16.8% (18)	11.2% (12)	15.0% (16)	8.4% (9)	10.3% (11)	14.0% (15)	12.1% (13)	1.9% (2)	5.49	107
A majority of NJ school districts seeing their teachers accept a one-year wage freeze, as suggested by the Governor?	16.8% (18)	23.4% (25)	15.9% (17)	13.1% (14)	14.0% (15)	3.7% (4)	6.5% (7)	2.8% (3)	3.7% (4)	0.0% (0)	3.58	107
Gov. Christie suggesting a one-year wage freeze for police and fire department members?	3.8% (4)	11.5% (12)	17.3% (18)	12.5% (13)	16.3% (17)	7.7% (8)	9.6% (10)	12.5% (13)	8.7% (9)	0.0% (0)	5.02	104
Bergen County's "Blue Law" being repealed?	22.6% (24)	20.8% (22)	9.4% (10)	1.9% (2)	6.6% (7)	3.8% (4)	12.3% (13)	6.6% (7)	5.7% (6)	10.4% (11)	4.49	106
	answered question											107
	skipped question											1