

Capitol Insights May

1. On what date will Governor Christie take final action (i.e. sign or sign with additional actions that do not require the approval of the legislature) on the FY '11 state budget?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Before July 1	62.0%	67
July 1-2	20.4%	22
July 3-5	10.2%	11
July 6-8	3.7%	4
July 9-12	0.9%	1
After July 12	2.8%	3
<i>answered question</i>		108
<i>skipped question</i>		2

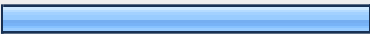
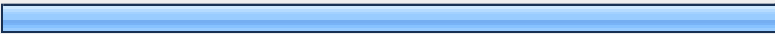
2. In the Senate, how many Democrats and how many Republicans will vote for final passage of the budget sent to Gov. Christie?

	Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
Democrats (0-23)	10.73	1,073	100
Republicans (0-17)	13.48	1,348	100
<i>answered question</i>			105
<i>skipped question</i>			5



3. In the Assembly, how many Democrats and how many Republicans will vote for final passage of the budget sent to Gov. Christie?

	Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
Democrats (0-47)	21.58	2,158	100
Republicans (0-33)	26.07	2,581	99
	<i>answered question</i>		105
	<i>skipped question</i>		5

4. As part of his property tax reform package, Gov. Christie proposed moving school board and fire district elections to November. This idea has been proposed by others in the past, but never acted upon. Will the legislature act on this legislation before July 1, 2010?

	Response Percent	Response Count	
Yes 	32.1%	35	
No 	67.9%	74	
	<i>answered question</i>		109
	<i>skipped question</i>		1

5. Gov. Christie has proposed a constitutional amendment that would impose a 2.5% cap on property tax increases. In order to appear on the November 2010 ballot, 3/5 of the legislators must vote for the question prior to August 2, 2010. Will voters see this amendment on the ballot in 2010?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	32.7%	35
No 	67.3%	72
<i>answered question</i>		107
<i>skipped question</i>		3

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

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Rating Average	Response Count
Relationship between Christie and Sweeney	0.9% (1)	7.4% (8)	27.8% (30)	14.8% (16)	23.1% (25)	13.0% (14)	10.2% (11)	1.9% (2)	0.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.46	108
Relationship between Christie and Oliver	3.8% (4)	17.9% (19)	20.8% (22)	23.6% (25)	21.7% (23)	10.4% (11)	1.9% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	3.80	106
Relationship between Sweeney and Oliver	0.0% (0)	0.9% (1)	4.7% (5)	7.5% (8)	18.7% (20)	21.5% (23)	21.5% (23)	19.6% (21)	3.7% (4)	1.9% (2)	6.28	107
<i>answered question</i>											108	
<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
Anne Patterson, Governor Christie's nominee to replace Supreme Court Justice John Wallace, actually replacing Justice Wallace in the next 22 months?	15.6% (17)	20.2% (22)	11.0% (12)	8.3% (9)	11.0% (12)	9.2% (10)	11.9% (13)	6.4% (7)	3.7% (4)	2.8% (3)	4.28	109
A government shutdown on July 1, 2010 due to a budget impasse?	14.0% (15)	23.4% (25)	18.7% (20)	9.3% (10)	12.1% (13)	0.9% (1)	9.3% (10)	5.6% (6)	5.6% (6)	0.9% (1)	3.91	107
Approval by the full Senate of school choice legislation that provides scholarships for students to attend private schools (i.e. "The Opportunity Scholarship Act")?	0.0% (0)	6.7% (7)	13.3% (14)	6.7% (7)	20.0% (21)	16.2% (17)	21.0% (22)	11.4% (12)	3.8% (4)	1.0% (1)	5.59	105
Approval by the full Assembly of school choice legislation that provides scholarships for students to attend private schools (i.e. "The Opportunity Scholarship Act")?	3.7% (4)	12.1% (13)	17.8% (19)	17.8% (19)	18.7% (20)	6.5% (7)	19.6% (21)	2.8% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (1)	4.54	107
	answered question											109
	skipped question											1