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New Jersey poll: Obama up 15

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As expected, Barack Obama is cruising to another big win in New Jersey.

A new **Stockton Polling Institute poll** (<http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/extaffairs/content/docs/pressrel/stocktonBAM2012pressrelease.pdf>) puts his lead at 53 percent to 38 percent over Mitt Romney, making it all but certain the state will vote Democratic for president for the sixth straight election.

While the big margin is no surprise, it's another reminder of the tough blue state landscape confronting GOP Gov. Chris Christie if he decides to run for re-election in 2013.

A recent **Quinnipiac poll** (<http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-centers/polling-institute/new-jersey/release-detail?ReleaseID=1808>) gives the governor healthy approval ratings (56%-38%) but also shows Newark Mayor Cory Booker trailing Christie by just four points (46%-42%).

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