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## Latest Election Polls 2012 in New Jersey: Obama Averages Double-Digit Lead Against Romney in the Garden State

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(Photo : Reuters) Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, left, and President Barack Obama, right, speaking directly to each other during the second U.S. presidential debate Tuesday in Hempstead, New York, are in a tough fight for swing states North Carolina, Virginia and Colorado, recent polls say.

It is a state that is considered "likely" for President Barack Obama based on the [Real Clear Politics'](#) (RCP) projection of the Electoral College map but can Chris Christie make a difference?

Despite governed by a Republican governor, New Jersey polls seem to give Obama up to a double-digit lead over former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

Quinnipiac's polling data, dating from Oct. 10 to Oct. 14, showed Obama with an eight percent lead. With a margin of error of 2.7 percent, Obama received 51 percent to Romney's 43 percent.

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"It's still a blue state and the color didn't fade after the first presidential debate," said Quinnipiac University Polling Institute Director Maurice Carroll. "President Barack Obama's lead among likely voters is still in the single digits. Not overwhelming, but it's enough and doesn't seem to be changing."

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The lead for Obama continues but down from Quinnipiac's 51 percent with a poll from [Neighborhood Research](#).

The poll, dated between Oct. 10 to Oct. 14, show the president at 48 percent to Romney's 41 percent with a margin of error of 3.5 percent.

[Richard Stockton College's](#) poll gives Obama a rebound and in double-digits.

The poll, conducted between Oct. 12 and Oct. 18, show Obama with 53 percent to Romney's 38 percent. The margin of error also stands at 3.5 percent.

According to [Stockton](#), "New Jersey voters currently support President Obama for re-election while still dissatisfied with his job performance. Apparently, Governor Romney has not yet made the case he is a viable alternative to President Obama," explained Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

[SurveyUSA](#) continues to show Obama with a double-digit lead but in return comes with a higher margin of error, but not enough to change his lead in the poll.

The poll was conducted between Oct. 17 and Oct. 18 with a margin of error of 4.2 percent. Romney trails Obama by 14 percent, 54 to 40 percent.

RCP has averaged multiple polls from Oct. 4 and Oct. 18, including the four before mentioned. In the average, Obama leads with 51.4 percent to Romney's 40.4 percent, maintaining the double-digit lead.

When it comes to the Electoral College, New Jersey offers 14 votes.

The numbers could all change following this Monday's third and final presidential debate moderated by [Bob Schieffer](#), live, from the swing state for Florida.

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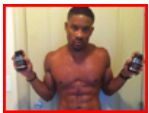
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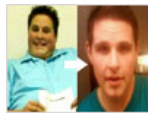
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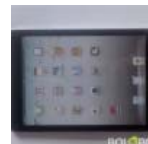
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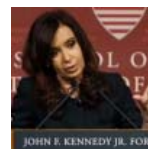
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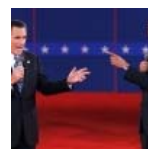
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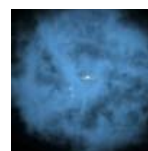
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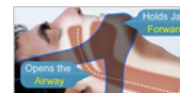


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