

Poll: Do you approve of how Chris Christie has handled Hurricane Sandy recovery?

[Gov. Christie's 'Stronger than the Storm' campaign ad](#) Gov. Chris Christie and his family are starring in tv commercials kicking off a tourism campaign that puts emphasis on the rebirth of the Jersey Shore after Hurricane Sandy.

TRENTON — Do you approve of how Gov. Chris Christie has handled New Jersey's recovery from Hurricane Sandy?

Touting the state's rebuilding efforts in the wake of the 2012 storm has been one of the Republican governor's calling cards. His poll numbers jumped in Sandy's wake, as even Democrats praised the way Christie helped with recovery. And last year, he appeared in TV ads boasting that New Jersey is "Stronger Than the Storm."

But a [Rutgers-Eagleton poll](#) released this week showed that 54 percent of voters approve of how Christie has handled rebuilding — a 15-point drop from a January survey and a 26-point decrease from November.

The survey also reveals that 36 of voters disapprove of his handling of Sandy recovery — up 10 percentage points from January — while 10 percent are unsure.

The drop comes as Christie's administration deals with scandal. Democrats have accused members of his office and inner circle of closing lanes at the George Washington Bridge last September in a case of political payback. Christie has denied any personal involvement.

At the same time, Democratic Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer has accused members of Christie's cabinet of threatening to withhold Sandy aid if she did not support a development project in the city.

Meanwhile, many residents have criticized Christie for slow disbursement of Sandy aid. The governor has largely blamed the delay on the federal government's red tape.

Where do you stand on Christie's Sandy recovery efforts? Vote in our poll.

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