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## New Jersey.USA

# Poll: N.J. voters want gay marriage on the ballot so they can vote 'yes'

Staff Reports

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. – A new poll finds that a majority of [New Jersey](#) voters say they want the opportunity to vote on same-sex marriage, and given the choice, they'd vote yes.



A proposal to place the question of same-sex marriage on the fall ballot also gets broad support; voters want a chance to decide by a 68 percent to 25 percent margin, according to the [Rutgers-Eagleton Poll](#) released Monday.



If the issue reaches the ballot, voters seem overwhelmingly in favor — given the opportunity, 62 percent of New Jersey voters say they would vote yes on the question, 30 percent would vote no, while 8 percent are unsure.

Support for same-sex marriage is at its highest level ever recorded in a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll (62 percent in favor, 30 percent opposed).

The poll found that 75 percent of those who support putting the measure on the ballot favor same-sex marriage. Twenty percent would veto the measure.

The data represents the highest level of support for [marriage equality](#) ever recorded in a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll.

“While Democratic leaders have called same-sex marriage a civil right that should not be subject to a vote, the evidence is that voters would readily align New Jersey with other states that have already legalized same-sex marriage,” said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at [University](#).

“It may simply be time to move that way for those who want the issue resolved,” he said.

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