

Gov Christie: Ronald Reagan had the best possible training.

Governor Christie Has Brought Unprecedented Conservative Reform To One Of The Bluest States In America

After decades of gross mismanagement and shortsighted budgeting practices, Governor Christie came into office and acted decisively to bring the state's budget back into balance and strike a path of responsibility and reform.

- **Holding Discretionary Spending Below 2008 Levels:** Governor Christie has reinforced his commitment never to return to the reckless spending and fiscal irresponsibility in Trenton that brought New Jersey to the brink of catastrophe, by holding Fiscal Year 2016 discretionary spending **\$2.3 billion** below 2008 levels.
- **Six Years With No New Taxes:** In the eight years before Governor Christie took office, taxes and fees had been increased 115 times making New Jersey the most heavily taxed state in the nation and placing an undue burden on residents and job-creators. Since then, Governor Christie has signed six consecutive balanced budgets without raising taxes once, and repeatedly vetoing tax increases passed by the legislature.
- **Sweeping Pension And Benefits Reform:** Governor Christie signed into law landmark pension and health benefit reform in June 2011, marking months of hard work, negotiation, compromise and ultimately bipartisan support. While Governor Christie made clear that more work was needed, critical savings were achieved – **over \$120 billion** in savings for New Jersey taxpayers.
- **2 Percent Property Tax Cap:** Governor Christie signed a two percent hard cap on property taxes, cutting out loopholes and putting control back in the hands of property taxpayers. *The Result:* Property taxes are rising at their slowest pace in more than two decades.
- **Interest Arbitration Reform:** Governor Christie signed into law interest arbitration reform that provides municipalities with the help they need to keep property taxes down. The reform provides a meaningful cap of two percent on arbitration awards to union employees, reining in the cost of government.

Creating Jobs And Promoting Growth

Governor Christie has taken aggressive action to promote economic growth and put New Jerseyans back to work by lowering taxes, cutting red tape and increasing investments in our state's future

- **Nearly 200,000 Private-Sector Jobs:** Since Governor Christie took office, New Jersey has created 198,000 private-sector jobs. The state has seen five consecutive years of positive private-sector job growth under Governor Christie.
- **\$2.32 Billion in Targeted, Job-Creating Business Tax Cuts:** In 2011, Governor Christie secured bipartisan passage of overdue reforms to New Jersey's tax code that had stalled in Trenton. Among the tax reforms were long-awaited changes to a single sales factor formula; income/loss netting and loss carry-forward reform; a 25% reduction in the minimum tax on S-Corporations; R&D incentives; and a phase out of the Transitional Energy Facility Assessment.
- **Bipartisan Job-Creation Legislation:** In September 2013, Governor Christie signed the bipartisan Economic Opportunity Act (EOA), a sweeping overhaul of New Jersey's Economic Incentive Programs. The EOA streamlined New Jersey's confusing array of economic incentive programs, simplified the application process and targeted incentives to better encourage investment in New Jersey's most distressed communities.
- **Over \$12 Billion In Public-Private Investment:** Through the Christie Administration's pro-growth policies, New Jersey has once again become a home for business. From Fortune 500 firms to small and medium-sized businesses, companies have committed to generating and retaining nearly **80,000 jobs**, bringing more than **\$12.6 billion** in total public-private investment to the Garden State since January 2010.

Reining In Bureaucracy And Government Overreach

Governor Christie has enacted reforms to bring never before seen levels of accountability and transparency to state government and ensure a more efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

- **Over 8,500 Fewer State Government Employees:** Governor Christie's responsible management has resulted in a more efficient and streamlined government. There are more than 8,500 fewer state government employees than when the Governor took office.
- **Cutting Burdensome And Unnecessary Red Tape:** On his first full day in office Governor Christie initiated a comprehensive review of all state government rules and regulations. His Review Commission's efforts resulted in the elimination of over 2,200 pages of onerous and unnecessary regulations and the implementation of a more rigorous rules review process to measure the costs against the benefits of each proposed new rule.
- **A More Conservative State Supreme Court:** Governor Christie followed through on his commitment to fundamentally reshape the New Jersey Supreme Court. The Governor has successfully added three new Republican justices to the Court despite facing strong opposition in the Democrat-controlled legislature. When Governor Christie took office, Democrats on the seven member Court outnumbered Republicans 4-2 with one Independent. Today, Republicans outnumber Democrats 3-2 with one Independent and one vacancy.
- **Ending New Jersey Participation In The Ineffective Energy Tax RGGI.**
Governor Christie: "[The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative] does nothing more than

tax electricity, tax our citizens, tax our businesses, with no discernable or measurable impact upon our environment. ... It doesn't make any sense environmentally or economically and the continuation of this tax makes no sense for my efforts ... to make New Jersey a more business-friendly environment and a place where private sector jobs can continue to be created.”

- **Vetoing Unnecessary And Excessive Gun Rights Restrictions:** Governor Christie will not allow political agendas to further restrict the rights of law-abiding gun owners. He has vetoed several pieces of legislation he viewed as overreaches including bills to restrict magazine sizes and add further red tape to the state's firearm ID processing. Governor Christie has also issued two pardons and one commutation to ensure fair application of New Jersey's gun laws.

Delivering On The Promise Of A Quality Education For Every Child

Governor Christie firmly believes that every child has the right to a high-quality education, regardless of their zip code, and has taken historic action to deliver on that commitment.

- **Historic Bipartisan Changes To The Nation's Oldest Tenure Law:** Marking the first extensive reform of New Jersey's tenure law in over 100 years, Governor Christie signed into law the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey (TEACHNJ) Act, a sweeping, bipartisan overhaul of the oldest tenure law in the nation.
- **Bringing Performance-Based Pay To Newark Schools:** In 2012, Governor Christie delivered on his promise of a high-quality education for every New Jersey student. For the first time in New Jersey history, teachers in Newark began to earn raises and be eligible for additional bonuses based on annual performance evaluations that include measuring the progress being made by their students.
- **Helping Families Escape Failing School Districts:** The Inter-District School Choice Program is designed to increase opportunities to escape failing school districts by providing students with the option of attending a public school outside their district of residence without cost to their parents. Enrollment has increased more than 5-fold since the law went into effect with projected enrollment of over 5,000 students.
- **Attracting The Best Charter School Operators:** Governor Christie has improved the authorizing and application process, encouraged more charter school applicants, created greater flexibility with administration and finances, and allowed districts to convert failing public schools into charters. The Christie Administration has increased the overall number of charter schools in New Jersey to 87, opening 35 since the Governor took office.
- **Making New Jersey A Research Powerhouse:** Governor Christie achieved a long-awaited overhaul of the state's higher education system that had eluded leaders in the state for more than a decade. The reforms promoted high academic achievement by creating three hubs of higher education excellence in the state and made Rutgers

University a Top-25 research institute based on the combined outside funding sources of the merged universities.

Strongly Defending The Rights Of The Unborn

As both a candidate and as Governor in one of the most heavily-Democratic states in the nation, Governor Christie has stood by his principles and strongly defended the rights of the unborn.

- **The First Pro-Life Candidate Elected Statewide Since Roe Vs. Wade:** *Governor Christie:* “And when they said it could never be done, now twice – twice, for the first time since Roe vs. Wade, New Jersey has elected a pro-life governor of New Jersey.”
- **Vetoing Funding For Planned Parenthood Every Year In Office:** Each year since taking office, Governor Christie has vetoed \$7.5 million for Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics.
- **Supporting Parental Notification For Minors Who Seek Abortions.** During his 2009 campaign for Governor, Christie called for requiring parental notification before minors could get an abortion, saying it should be “something we can agree on, Republicans and Democrats.”
- **Supporting A 24-Hour Waiting Period Before An Abortion. In 2009, Governor Christie** also supported a 24-hour waiting period, stating it “makes sense when someone's making as difficult a decision as terminating a pregnancy. And I would certainly be an advocate for that as well.”