

## RECENT CLOSE ELECTIONS IN NEW JERSEY (sorted by county)

COUNTY	MUNICIPALITY OR JURISDICTION	OFFICE SOUGHT OR PUBLIC QUESTION	DATE OF ELECTION	WINNER'S NAME OR QUESTION OUTCOME	WINNING CANDIDATE'S VOTES	DEFEATED CANDIDATE'S VOTES	MARGIN OF VICTORY (#)	MARGIN OF VICTORY (%)	SOURCE	NOTES
Atlantic	Atl. County	Freeholder	Nov-06	Frank Giordano	31,184	30,852	332	0.535%	A.C. Press 11/18/06	
Bergen	Rochelle Park	School budget	Apr-07	budget defeated	191	193	2	0.521%	Bergen Record 4/19/07, New Jersey Dep't of Educ. Website	
Bergen	Bogota	Borough Council	Nov-07	Anne Marie Mitchell	852	851	1	0.059%	Bergen Record 12/14/07, Bergen Co. Clerk Website	
Bergen	Ridgefield	Board of Education	Apr-08	(tied-see note)	452	452	(tie)	(tie)	Bergen Record 5/8/08	12
Bergen	Rochelle Park	School budget	Apr-08	budget passed	257	255	2	0.391%	NJ Dept. of Educ. Website	
Burlington	Moorestown	Twp. Council	Nov-06	Seth Broder	3,928	3,890	38	0.486%	Moorestown Municipal Clerk, Courier Post 11/8/06 & 11/16/06	
Burlington	Mt. Laurel	Twp. Council	Nov-06	Peter McCaffrey	6,891	6,878	13	0.094%	Courier Post 1/9/07	
Burlington	New Hanover	Twp. Committee	Nov-07	(tied-see note)	170	170	(tie)	(tie)	Courier Post 11/20/07	10
Camden	Winslow (Ward #2)	Twp. Committee (party nomination)	Jun-08	(see note)	226	225	1	0.222%	Courier Post 8/10/08	15
Cumberland	Fairfield	Twp. Committee	Nov-07	Patrick Conahey	555	546	9	0.817%	A.C. Press 12/22/07, Cumberland Co. Election Website	
Essex	W. Essex Reg. Sch. Dist.	Board of Education	Apr-07	Marie Rosenberg	382	380	2	0.262%	Star Ledger 4/20/07, Essex Co. Clerk Website	
Essex	Bloomfield	Twp. Council (party nomination)	Jun-07	Patricia Barker	1,231	1,227	4	0.163%	Star Ledger 6/9/07 & 8/2/07, Essex Co. Clerk Website	
Essex	28th Leg. Dist.	Assembly member (party nomination)	Jun-07	Cleopatra Tucker	5,885	5,775	110	0.943%	Star Ledger 6/7/07; 8/2/07	9
Gloucester	Woodbury Hts.	Borough Council	Nov-07	Susan Degnen	466	462	4	0.431%	Gloucester Co. Bd. of Elec.; Courier Post 11/20/07	
Hudson	Hoboken	Council	May-07	Dawn Zimmer	893	885	8	0.450%	Jersey Journal 6/28/07 & 11/8/07	8
Hunterdon	Flemington	Borough Council	Nov-06	(see note)	529	528	1	0.095%	Courier News 2/16/07	1
Mercer	Lawrence	Twp. Council	Nov-07	Robert Bostock	3,182	3,160	22	0.347%	Times of Trenton 11/7/07	
Middlesex	East Brunswick	Twp. Council	Nov-06	Edward Luster	6,426	6,407	19	0.148%	Star Ledger 11/9/06	
Middlesex	South River	Borough Council	Nov-06	Anthony Razzano	1,599	1,598	1	0.031%	Star Ledger 12/20/06	
Middlesex	South River	Board of Education	Apr-07	Donna Rafano	654	648	6	0.461%	Star Ledger 4/24/07	
Middlesex	Metuchen	Borough Council	Nov-07	William Waldron	1,913	1,894	19	0.499%	Star Ledger 11/7/07	

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Monmouth	Oceanport	Borough Council	Nov-06	John Ibex	1,199	1,197	2	0.083%	Asbury Park Press 11/29/06	
Monmouth	Red Bank	Borough Council	Nov-06	Michael DuPont	1,599	1,576	23	0.724%	Asbury Park Press 11/16/06	
Monmouth	12th Leg. District	Assembly member	Nov-07	Declan O'Scanlon & Caroline Casagrande	24,493	24,352	141	0.289%	NJ Div. of Elections website	
Monmouth	Matawan	Mayor	Nov-07	(tied-see note)	947	947	(tie)	(tie)	Asbury Park Press 11/29/07	11
Monmouth	Monmouth Co.	Freeholder	Nov-07	Robert Clifton	62,276	61,895	381	0.307%	Asbury Park Press 11/10/07	
Monmouth	Sea Bright	Mayor	Nov-07	Maria Fernandes	272	269	3	0.555%	Asbury Park Press 11/22/07, 12/4/07 & 6/11/08	
Morris	Morris Twp.	Twp. Cmte.	Nov-06	(see note)	4,217	4,216	1	0.012%	Star Ledger 12/5/06	2
Morris	Wharton	School budget	Apr-07	(tied-budget therefore defeated)	264	264	(tie)	(tie)	Star Ledger 4/26/07	
Morris	Denville	Mayor (party nomination)	Jun-07	Ted Hussa	1,246	1,237	9	0.362%	Daily Record 6/8/07	
Morris	W. Morris Reg. Dist.	Board of Educ. (Washington Twp. seat)	Apr-08	Jeff Emery	922	917	5	0.272%	Daily Record 5/2/08	
Morris	W. Morris Reg. Dist.	Board of Educ. (Mendham Twp. seat)	Apr-08	(tied-see note)	459	459	(tie)	(tie)	Daily Record 6/18/08	13
Ocean	Barnegat	Twp. Cmte.	Nov-06	Al Cirulli	2,961	2,945	16	0.271%	Ocean Co. Observer 12/28/06	
Ocean	Lavallette	Mayor	Nov-06	(see note)	586	581	5	0.428%	Asbury Park Press 12/14/06	3
Ocean	S. Toms River	Borough Council	Nov-06	Carla Kearney	360	359	1	0.139%	Asbury Park Press 12/14/06	4
Ocean	Tuckerton	Mayor	Nov-06	Lee Eggert	438	433	5	0.574%	A. C. Press 11/18/06	
Ocean	Pt. Pleasant Beach	School budget	Apr-08	budget defeated	413	419	6	0.721%	NJ Dept. of Educ. Website	
Passaic	Bloomingtondale	Mayor	Nov-06	William Steenstra	1,375	1,358	17	0.622%	Daily Record 11/28/06, Passaic Co. Clerk Website	
Passaic	Clifton	Board of Education	Apr-07	Norman Tahan	2,007	2,000	7	0.175%	Herald News 5/3/07, Passaic Co. Clerk Website	
Passaic	Haledon	Board of Education	Apr-07	Crystal Rolon	168	167	1	0.299%	Bergen Record 4/26/07 & Herald News 6/1/07	5
Passaic	Manchester Reg. H.S.	Board of Education (Haledon Seat)	Apr-07	(tied-see note)	169	169	(tie)	(tie)	Herald News 6/1/07	6
Passaic	West Milford	Mayor	Nov-07	Bettina Bieri	2,980	2,925	55	0.931%	Bergen Record 11/21/07	
Passaic	West Milford	Twp. Council	Nov-07	Robert Nolan	2,846	2,806	40	0.708%	Bergen Record 11/21/07	
Passaic	Haledon	School budget	Apr-08	budget passed	121	119	2	0.833%	Herald News 5/13/08	14
Somerset	Raritan	Borough Council	Nov-06	Joe Licht	939	936	3	0.160%	Courier News 11/11/06, Somerset Co. Bd. of Elec. Website	
Somerset	Somerset Hills Reg. Bd. of Ed.	Board of Education	Apr-07	(tied-see note)	531	531	(tie)	(tie)	Courier News 5/3/07	7
Somerset	Bernardsville	Borough Council	Nov-07	Edward McDowell	980	975	5	0.256%	Star Ledger 11/9/07	
Somerset	Bound Brook	Borough Council	Nov-07	Ben Auletta	816	807	9	0.555%	Star Ledger 12/4/07, Somerset Co. Clerk Website	
Somerset	Somerset Hills Reg. Bd. of Ed.	Board of Education	Apr-08	Linda Kragie	486	484	2	0.206%	Star Ledger 4/18/08	
Sussex	Andover	Twp. Committee (party nomination)	Jun-08	(tied-see note)	331	331	(tie)	(tie)	Star Ledger 6/25/08	16
Union	Hillside (Ward # 3)	Council	May-07	John Kulish	219	215	4	0.922%	Star Ledger 5/9/07	

See methodology section for additional information about how how information in the tables were computed.										

## NOTES

1. A court set aside the November 2006 election, which was decided by a single vote. In a second election held February 15, 2007, at a cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000, Mark Legato defeated Julie Luster, 343-313. (Courier News 2/16/07).
2. In March 2007, the one-vote victory by Joseph Calvanelli was set aside by a judge, who ordered a new election. The initially defeated candidate, Jeffrey Grayzel, won the new election by a vote of 2,227 to 1,786 (Star Ledger 3/12/07 & 5/2/07). The new election cost Morris Township over \$50,000. (Star Ledger 4/23/08).
3. A court set aside the November 2006 election, which was decided by five votes. In a March 13, 2007 election, Walter LaCicero defeated John Ardito, 567-506. (Asbury Park Press 3/14/07).
4. A court set aside the November 2006 election, which was decided by a single vote. In a special election held March 13, 2007, Carol Kearney defeated Karen Paden, 325-178. (Asbury Park Press 3/14/07).
5. Election-night results showed the race was tied, but after a court hearing, Ms. Rolon was declared the victor by one vote. (Passaic Co. Clerk Website; Herald News 6/1/07).
6. After the tied election, Mounir Almaita defeated Jeffrey Fischer, 198-149, in a special election held June 26, 2007. (Bergen Record 6/28/07).
7. In a special election held June 12, 2007, John Dorr defeated Geneane Sullivan by a vote of 490-478. The special election to resolve the tie cost \$6,000 (Courier News 6/15/07)
8. A contest to Ms. Zimmer's narrow win ensued. She and her rival agreed to set aside the disputed election and hold another vote, which occurred during the November 6, 2007 election. In that election, Ms. Zimmer defeated Christopher Campos, 1070-956. (Jersey Journal, 11/8/07).
8. A recount later showed that Ms. Tucker expanded her initial margin of victory to 130 votes. (Star Ledger 8/2/07; Essex Co. Clerk Website).
9. To resolve the tie, a special election was held January 22, 2008. Dennis Roohr defeated Sharon Atkinson, 191-176. (Courier Post 1/23/08).
10. After the tied election, Paul Buccellato defeated Mary Aufseeser by a margin of 1043-993 in a special election held January 15, 2008 (Asbury Park Press 1/16/08). The new election cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. (Asbury Park Press 2/11/08).
11. After an election contest, the courts ordered a new election, which occurred June 24, 2008. Deborah Fugnitti defeated Sung Michael Koh in the election, 614-563. (Bergen Record 6/25/08).
12. After the tied election, James Button defeated Samuel Fairchild, 557-485, in a June 17, 2008 special election. The new election cost over \$5,000. (Daily Record 6/18/08).
13. Prior to a recount, the budget vote was tied, 118-118 (Passaic Co. Clerk Website). A hand tally of votes, however, revealed four additional votes that were initially missed. The hand count of these votes provided the margin of victory. (Herald News 5/13/08).
14. Russell Bates held a one-vote lead over his challenger, but a judge ordered a new election due to irregularities. In the special election, held September 16, 2008 at a cost of around \$12,000, Mr. Bates defeated Nick LoSasso, 681-440. (Courier Post 8/10/08 ; Camden Co. Clerk Website).
15. After the tied election, the municipal party committee voted 7-4 to award the nomination to Phil Boyce who had tied Ben Bensley in the election. (Star Ledger 7/23/08).