

RECENT CLOSE ELECTIONS IN NEW JERSEY

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Multiple counties	Legislative District 23 - Hunterdon & Warren	23rd District General Assembly (Republican)	Jun-09	Erik Peterson	11,439	11,387	52	0.228%	N.J. Secy. of State website	
Atlantic	Abescon	Council Ward 1	Nov-08	James Vizthum	987	970	17	0.869%	Atlantic Co. Clerk website	
Atlantic	Northfield	Council Ward 1	Nov-08	Brian Smith	1,011	992	19	0.949%	Atlantic Co. Clerk website	
Atlantic	Somers Point	Council Ward 1	Nov-08	Ralph Triboletti	1,182	1,161	21	0.896%	Atlantic Co. Clerk website	
Bergen	Cliffside Park	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	663	671	8	0.600%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Bergen	Closter	Borough Council	Nov-08	John Kashwick	1,726	1,723	3	0.087%	Bergen Record 11/25/08	
Bergen	Upper Saddle River	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	408	414	6	0.730%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Burlington	Southampton	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	498	508	10	0.994%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Camden	Merchantville	Borough Council	Nov-08	Patricia Fields	894	893	1	0.056%	Camden Co. Clerk website	
Camden	Pennsauken	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Bernhard Kofoet	809	803	6	0.372%	Camden Co. Clerk website; Courier-Post 5/14/09	
Camden	Stratford	Borough Council	Nov-08	Holly Tate	1,596	1,568	28	0.885%	Camden Co. Clerk website	
Cumberland	Commercial	Township Committee	Nov-08	Fletcher Jamison	872	857	15	0.868%	Cumberland Co. Clerk website	
Essex	Cedar Grove	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	1,044	1,043	1	0.048%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	1
Essex	Cedar Grove	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Frank Mandala	962	947	15	0.786%	Essex Co. Clerk website	
Essex	Nutley	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Thomas Sposato	1,641	1,635	6	0.183%	Essex Co. Clerk website	
Gloucester	Delsea Regional H.S. Dist.	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	505	503	2	0.198%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Gloucester	Greenwich	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Susan Vernacchio	511	508	3	0.294%	Gloucester Co. Times 5/7/09	

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Hudson	Hoboken	City Council (initial election)	May-09	Angel Alicea	2,534	2,513	21	0.416%	www.nj.com 5/14/09	2
Hudson	Hoboken	City Council (runoff election)	Jun-09	Dave Mello	5,648	5,560	88	0.785%	www.nj.com 6/12/09	
Hudson	Jersey City	City Council, Ward F (initial election)	May-09	Ronnie Calvin Clark	670	668	2	0.149%	Jersey Journal 5/28/09	3
Hunterdon	County-Wide	Freeholder (Republican)	Jun-09	Ron Sworen	7,148	7,116	32	0.224%	Hunterdon Co. Clerk website; Star Ledger 6/30/08	
Hunterdon	Bethlehem	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	242	246	4	0.820%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Mercer	Hightstown	Borough Council (Democrat)	Jun-09	SEE NOTE	88	88	(tie)	(tie)	Trenton Times 6/25/09	4
Middlesex	Edison	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	David Dickinson	2,612	2,578	34	0.655%	Middlesex Co. Clerk, tel. interview 7/22/09	
Middlesex	Metuchen	Borough Council	Nov-08	Justin Manley	3,656	3,640	16	0.219%	Middlesex Co. Clerk, tel. interview 7/13/09	
Middlesex	Milltown	Borough Council	Nov-08	Ron Dixon	1,842	1,834	8	0.218%	The Sentinel, 11/20/08	5
Middlesex	South Brunswick	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Elizabeth Chang	1,282	1,262	20	0.786%	Middlesex Co. Clerk, tel. interview 7/22/09	
Monmouth	County-Wide	Freeholder	Nov-08	Amy Mallet	136,697	136,351	346	0.127%	Monmouth Co. Clerk website	
Monmouth	Manalapan	Township Committee	Nov-08	Donald J. Holland	8,438	8,288	150	0.897%	Monmouth Co. Clerk website	
Monmouth	Spring Lake Heights	Borough Council	Nov-08	John Patrick Brennan	1,297	1,283	14	0.543%	Monmouth Co. Clerk website	
Morris	East Hanover	Borough Council	Nov-08	Angelo Tedesco	3,050	2,999	51	0.843%	Morris Co. Clerk, tel. interview 7/13/09	
Morris	Boonton Town	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	447	456	9	0.997%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Morris	Chester	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	423	421	2	0.237%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Morris	Long Hill	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	657	644	13	0.999%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Morris	Madison	Borough Council	Nov-08	George "Jerry" Stevenson	3,364	3,356	8	0.119%	Madison Borough Clerk, tel. interview 7/29/09	
Morris	Rockaway	Borough Council, Ward 3	Nov-08	Frank Berman	1,104	1,102	2	0.091%	Daily Record 12/2/08	
Morris	Washington	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	1,172	1,149	23	0.991%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	
Morris	Wharton	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	299	303	4	0.664%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website	

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Ocean	Barneгат	Township Committee	Nov-08	Len Morano	4,898	4,853	45	0.461%	Ocean Co. Clerk website	
Ocean	Barneгат	Township Committee (Democrat)	Jun-09	Fred Rubenstein	273	271	2	0.368%	Asbury Park Press 6/24/09	
Ocean	Brick	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	2,290	2,336	46	0.994%	Ocean Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Bloomingtondale	Council	Nov-08	Bernard Vroom	1,801	1,796	5	0.139%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Haledon	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated because of tie	144	144	(tie)	(tie)	Passaic Co. Clerk website; The Record 5/2/09	6
Passaic	Little Falls	Mayor	Nov-08	Mike DeFrancisci	2,480	2,433	47	0.957%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Passaic	Council	Nov-08	Kenneth J. Lucianin	2,943	2,919	24	0.409%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Paterson	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Eddie Gonzalez	1,310	1,300	10	0.383%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Pompton Lakes	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	460	456	4	0.437%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	Wanaque	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	465	466	1	0.107%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	West Milford	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Barbara Carter	1,524	1,501	23	0.760%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Passaic	West Paterson (Woodland Park)	Public Question-Name Change of Town	Nov-08	Question Passed	2,136	2,111	25	0.589%	Passaic Co. Clerk website	
Salem	County-Wide	Freeholder	Nov-08	Dale Cross	13,733	13,726	7	0.025%	Salem Co. Clerk website	
Salem	Salem	City Council, West Ward (Democrat)	Jun-09	Sharon Kellum	147	146	1	0.341%	Salem Co. Clerk website	
Somerset	Bedminster	Township Committee	Nov-08	Sally Rubin	2,190	2,157	33	0.759%	Home News Tribune 12/16/08	
Somerset	South Bound Brook	Borough Council	Nov-08	SEE NOTE	796	796	(tie)	(tie)	Star-Ledger 1/30/09	7

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Sussex	Frankford	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Todd MacGlashan	276	272	4	0.730%	Sussex Co. Clerk website	
Sussex	Ogdensburg	Borough Common Council	Nov-08	James Wolstenholme	589	586	3	0.255%	Sussex Co. Clerk website	
Sussex	Vernon	Township Council (Republican)	Jun-09	Michael Pier	969	961	8	0.415%	Sussex Co. Clerk website	
Union	Cranford	Township Committee	Nov-08	Mark Dugan	5,822	5,751	71	0.613%	Union Co. Clerk website	
Union	Hillside	Mayor	Jun-09	Joe Menza	1,710	1,702	8	0.234%	Star-Ledger 6/11/09	
Union	Roselle Park	Board of Ed.	Apr-09	Barney Leinberger	543	541	2	0.185%	Union Co. Clerk website	
Warren	Blairstown	Blairstown Rep. to No. Warren Regional	Apr-09	Margaret Scocozza	186	184	2	0.541%	Warren Co. Clerk website	
Warren	Frelinghuysen	Township Committee (Republican)	Jun-09	SEE NOTE	183	183	(tie)	(tie)	Warren Co. Clerk website	8
Warren	Hackettstown	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Defeated	409	417	8	0.969%	N.J. Dep't of Educ. website & Warren Co. Clerk website	
Warren	Mansfield	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	195	193	2	0.515%	Warren Co. Clerk website	
Warren	Phillipsburg	Council (Democrat)	Jun-09	Stephanie Rummerfield	272	269	3	0.555%	Warren Co. Clerk website	
Warren	Warren Hills Regional	School Budget	Apr-09	Budget Passed	692	681	11	0.801%	Warren Co. Clerk website	

- NOTES**
1. According to news reports, the final tally was 1,045 to 1,044. (Star Ledger 4/25/09).
 2. Mr. Alicea was defeated in the runoff election held June 9, 2009.
 3. Although he made it to the runoff election by 2 votes, Mr. Clark was defeated by Viola Richardson, 1354-781, in the June 9, 2009 runoff.
 4. When a primary election is tied, members of that party's county committee select the candidate who will run for election in the general election. In the Hightstown race, however, one of the tied candidates withdrew from the race, and the other candidate, Dimitri Musing, became the nominee. (Telephone interview with Hightstown Borough Clerk, 9/14/09).
 5. Another candidate finished with 1,826 votes, which is also within the 1 percent threshold used to select close elections in this study.
 6. The New Jersey Department of Education website states the budget passed, 144-143. We found the county clerk's data to be more accurate.
 7. Three candidates each received 796 votes in the November 2008 election. After litigation over the election, candidates Tamas "Tom" Ormosi faced Richard Eickhorst in a special election held January 28, 2009. Mr. Ormosi prevailed, 268-238. (Star-Ledger 1/30/09).
 8. Because this was a tied primary race, the members of the Warren County Republican Committee from Frelinghuysen Township were entitled to select the nominee, and chose Thomas Charles. (Frelinghuysen Twp. clerk telephone interviews 7/16/09 and 9/14/09).