

Poll: Pocketbook issues concern voters most this election season

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Nearly one in four voters say employment is the most important issue facing the state this election season, according

And while jobs topped the list of issues, it was followed closely by property taxes, which was identified by 18 percent as a top issue and 9 percent said it's the economy. Education trailed behind the so-called "pocketbook

And while voters are most concerned about jobs, more than one in three respondents to the poll (39 percent) said prices have increased over the past three years, and 41 percent said they have increased "a little." Only 3 percent said property taxes have gone down, while 1. three years.

Still, 60 percent of respondents say the state is going in the right direction, while 27 percent believe the state has gotten

That assessment is consistent with support by 58 percent for Republican Gov. Chris Christie's re-election, with 30 percent for the Democratic challenger.

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