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# NEW JERSEY

## Three Branches of Government

Executive: *Gov. Christopher Christie (R)*  
*Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno (R)*

Legislature: *Senate 24 D; 16 R*  
-Stephen Sweeney, Senate President D-3  
-Thomas Kean, Jr. Republican Leader R-2

Judiciary: *Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice*  
*6 Associate Justices*



**The State House in Trenton, New Jersey**

# NJ State Departments and Agencies

## Executive Branch (Cabinet)

### Department of Human Services

→ Commissioner: Jennifer Velez

#### Divisions and Offices

→ Division of Medical Assistance Services

→ Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

### Treasury

→ Treasurer: Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff

### Department of Public Safety and Security

### Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma

# NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE

## NJ State Senate

40 Members

24 Democrats  
16 Republicans

Sen. Pres. Stephen Sweeney D- 3  
Maj. Leader Loretta Weinberg D-37

Repub. Leader Thomas Kean, Jr. R-21  
Dpty. Repub. Leader Diane Allen R-7

## NJ Assembly

80 Members

48 Democrats  
32 Republicans

Speaker Vincent Prieto D-32  
Maj. Leader Lou Greenwald D-6

Repub. Leader Jon Bramnick R-21  
Dpty. Leader Dave Rible R-30

# NJ Legislature

## Office of Legislative Services

Gov. Richard J. Codey D-28

### Senate Committees

[Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens](#)

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### Assembly Committees

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