

# Stockton's Hughes Center Research: 55 Percent of New Jerseyans Feel Income Is Falling Behind Cost of Living - Forked River Gazette

Survey research from Stockton University establishes a baseline

stalemate. Most of the survey's respondents and their family members did not experience economic hardships such as the loss of a job or deep food insecurity. However, the majority of those polled also did not enjoy economic achievements, such as the purchase of a new home or job promotion.

New Jersey survey respondents' voiced a general lack of confidence in both the U.S. and New Jersey economy. The majority of those polled (79 percent) rate U.S. economic conditions as poor or fair, while an even higher percentage (84.1 percent) believe that New Jersey's economic conditions are either poor or fair. The majority (60 percent) of residents polled predicted that today's children will be worse off financially than their parents.

Economic inequality has become an important research area because there is clear evidence demonstrating that income, wages, and wealth are highly correlated with economic inequality emerging as one of the hottest topics



