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Kim Guadagno. Kevin B. Sanders for Observer

Kim Guadagno and Phil Murphy have doubled their lead over their rival with less than two weeks to go before the June 6 primary in the governor's race, according to a [Stockton University poll](#) released Thursday.

Murphy, the former U.S. ambassador to Germany who has spent millions on his campaign, led the Democratic field with 34 percent support from likely voters, the poll found. His closest rival was former

U.S. Treasury Undersecretary Jim Johnson, who got 10 percent.

Both men are first-time candidates for public office who made their names outside New Jersey, but the poll showed them ahead of Assemblyman John Wisniewski and state Sen. Ra Leoniak, two former chairmen of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee.

Wisniewski, however, got 9 percent support and is in a statistical tie with Johnson.

Guadagno, the lieutenant governor for the last seven years under Gov. Chris Christie, led the Republican field with 37