

Identifying Elected Officials: State Level



New Jersey has 40 Legislative Districts, each of which elects three legislators: two representatives to serve in the **New Jersey General Assembly** and one senator to serve in the **New Jersey State Senate**. Their job's primary function is to introduce and vote on legislation, but they also approve the Governor's appointees, propose amendments to New Jersey's Constitution and ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Which legislative district do you live in?	
Who is your Senator?	
Who are your Assembly Members?	

The **Governor of New Jersey** is the head of the state's executive branch. The Governor's responsibilities include signing or vetoing laws passed by the legislature, appointing department heads and cabinet officials and creating a state budget. The **Lieutenant Governor** fills the role of the governor should the current governor be unable to fulfill his or her duties.

Who is the Governor?	
Who is the Lieutenant Governor?	

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Observe the makeup of each unit of state government:

General Assembly

State Senate

Your District's Delegation

What is the gender breakdown?			
What is the partisan breakdown?			
What careers or experiences are represented?			

Do you believe these officials represent your community and its interests? Why or why not? Your community can include but is not limited to: your town, neighborhood, school, age group, ethnic group, religion, or career.