

# Party Registrations and Primary Results Show Democratic Momentum in New Jersey

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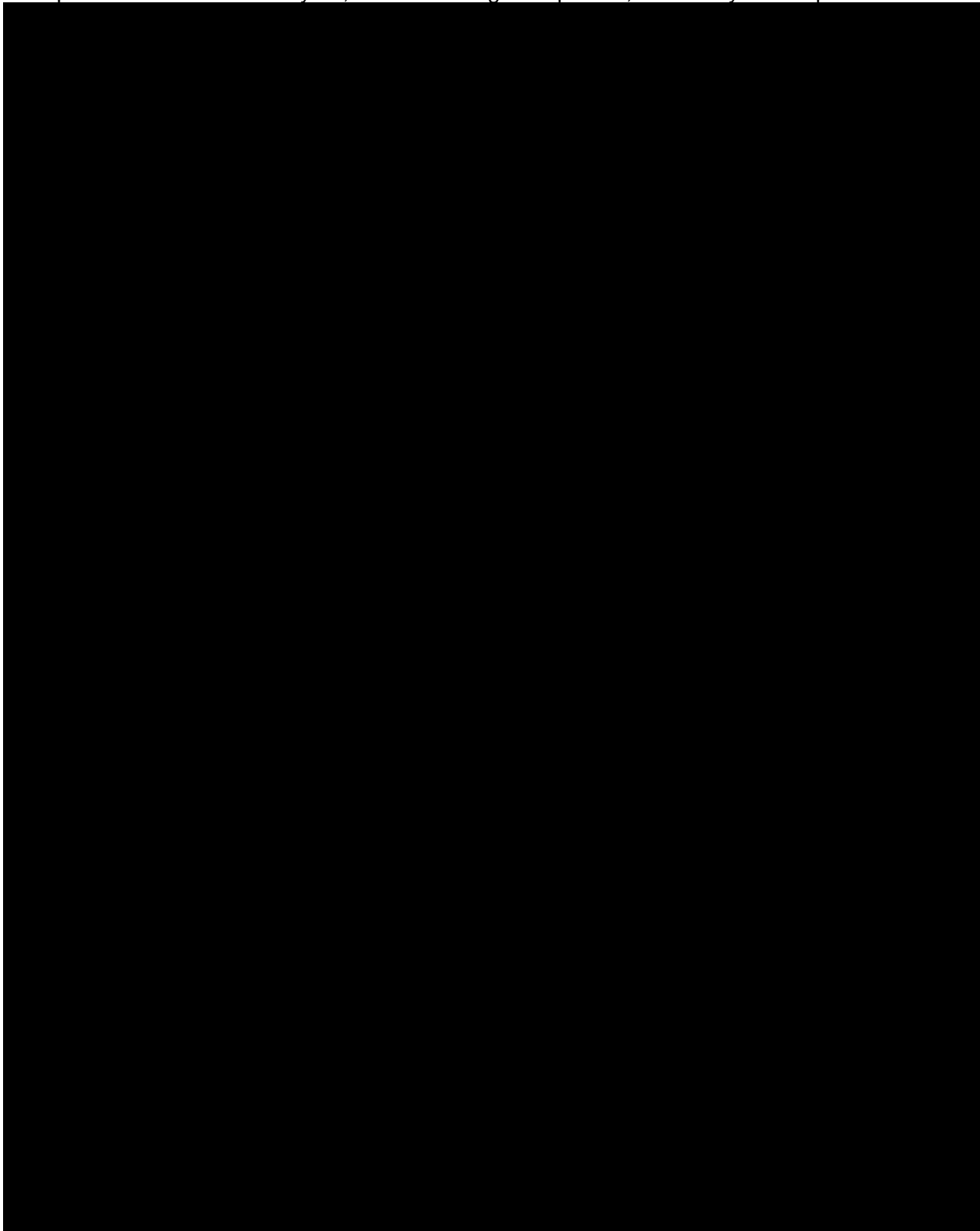
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**Galloway, N.J.** - A surge in Democratic Party registration drove huge vote totals in the July 7 primary elections and has made Democrats the largest voting bloc in New Jersey, eclipsing unaffiliated voters, according to an analysis by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University.

More Democratic than Republican votes were cast in every congressional district primary in the state, including voting for the 4<sup>th</sup> District seat long held by veteran Republican Rep. Chris Smith, according to official state election results.

increase. New Jersey's population has increased by only 1% during that time, Census Bureau records show.

The new registrations, combined with thousands of unaffiliated or independent voters declaring for a party, has largely benefited the state's Democrats. Since Aug.1, 2019, the number of independents has declined by 64,000 – including a drop of 40,000 in July for the primaries. Both



whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton. The Hughes Center can be found on [YouTube](#), and can be followed on Facebook [@StocktonHughesCenter](#), Twitter [@hughescenter](#) and Instagram [@ stockton\\_hughes\\_center](#).

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