

# Gov. Phil Murphy



## Extended Biography

Born in 1957 in Newton, MA, Phil Murphy attended Harvard University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined Goldman Sachs the year before receiving his master's degree and worked with the firm until 2006. His career at Goldman Sachs included four years in Germany and three years in Hong Kong during the 1990s, where Murphy worked on the privatization of services previously run by the Chinese government. In May 2005, Murphy was named chair of the New Jersey Benefits Task Force to address the New Jersey pension crisis. Murphy then served from 2006 to 2009 as the national finance chair of the DNC. In this position he financed Dean's "50 state strategy." Murphy was nominated by President Obama to serve as the United States Ambassador to Germany in 2009 and served until 2013. Murphy has a wife and four children and resides in Monmouth County, NJ.

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Previously: US  
Ambassador to Germany  
Elected: 2017

Education:  
Harvard Uni., B.A.;  
Uni. of Penn., M.B.A.

Family: Married  
(Tammy), 4 children

## Stance on Issues

- Proposed a plan to create a public bank to provide people with a non-Wall Street investment option
- Committed to expanding access to both early education and higher education
- Proposed a plan to convene an "Innovation Cabinet" that would work toward a common goal of getting state gov. more "customer friendly"

## Election Results

### 2017 General

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Phil Murphy (D)	Votes: 1,119,516	Percent: 55.5%
Kim Guadagno (R)	Votes: 858,735	Percent: 43%

Sources: Ballotpedia, 2017; Phil Murphy for Governor, 2017.