

NEW JERSEY

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62%

of New Jersey voters favor offshore wind construction off their state's coast — a 5-point gain over 14 months, during a period in which the industry faced significant attacks from the federal executive branch. Offshore wind ranks second only to solar as the renewable energy resource New Jersey voters most want as part of the state's electricity solution.

80%

support **adding more renewables** to New Jersey's energy mix

69%

are not very confident that the NJ grid can meet demand over the next 10 years

58%

say it's very important the Federal government **honor previously permitted offshore wind projects**

NEW JERSEY VOTER SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY BY AFFILIATION

Across political affiliations, **a majority of voters support adding more renewables** to NJ's energy mix.

Democrats



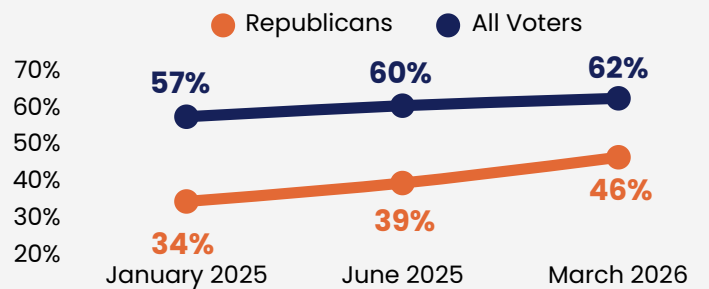
Independents



Republicans

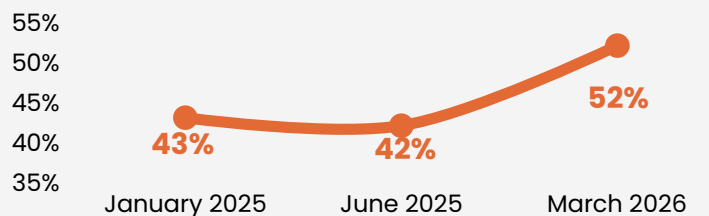


NJ VOTER SUPPORT FOR OSW CONSTRUCTION



Voter support for offshore wind construction off of NJ's coast has increased substantially since Jan 2025.

NJ GOP VOTER SUPPORT FOR OSW LEASING

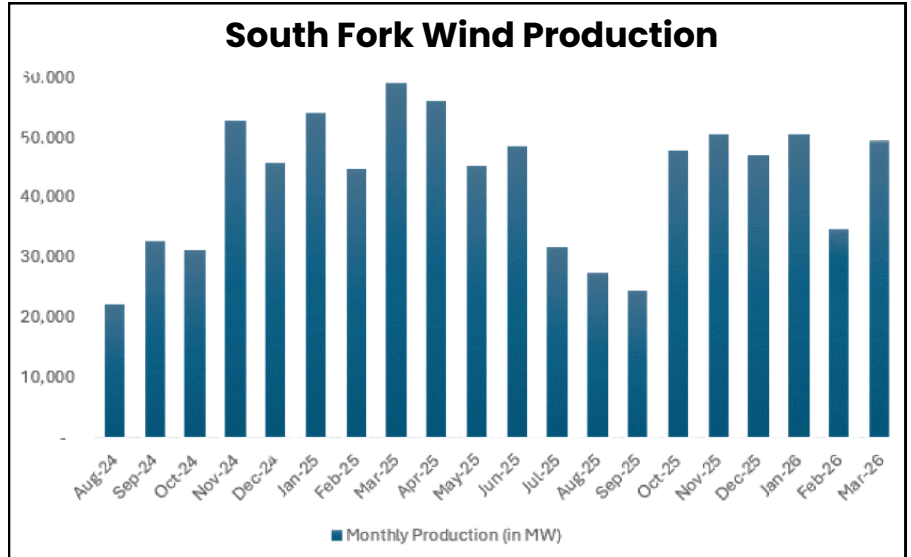


Since January 2025, New Jersey Republican voters are more likely to support the federal government auctioning more offshore wind lease areas.

NEW JERSEY CAN BENEFIT FROM RELIABLE OFFSHORE WIND POWER

The offshore wind projects already operating off the Northeast coast are delivering on their reliability promise. South Fork Wind, the nation's first utility-scale offshore wind farm, generated electricity on 99% of all days in its first full year of operation, with a capacity factor on par with New York's most efficient natural gas plants. Revolution Wind, which delivers power to New Jersey's neighboring grid, came online in 2025 with 704 megawatts of capacity. Together, the projects now operating in the region are proving that offshore wind is not intermittent in any meaningful sense, the wind off the mid-Atlantic coast blows consistently, and the turbines run reliably.

New Jersey's own grid faces real pressure. PJM, the grid operator that manages electricity across New Jersey and 12 other states, has projected a 6,517 MW power shortfall and stepped in to defend offshore wind projects in federal court, warning that multiple projects are needed to keep the grid reliable. Offshore wind is one of the only available sources capable of adding significant generating capacity to this grid at scale, and the projects closest to New Jersey's shore are demonstrating they can do the job.



Source: Long Island Power Authority South Fork Wind Farm Fact Sheet, published April 2026.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN FOOTPRINT

Across the nation:

- **2,135+** supplier contracts generated across **40** states, supporting a national supply chain
- **\$25+ billion** in total investment driven by the U.S. offshore wind industry
- **51%** of supply chain investment is flowing to Republican congressional districts, from Gulf Coast shipyards to Midwestern steel mills
- **\$1.8 billion** invested in shipyards, across 26 facilities in 15 states

WHAT NEW JERSEY VOTERS BELIEVE

60%

reject the claim that offshore wind drives up energy prices for consumers

59%

reject the claim that offshore wind affects military radar systems

*Opposition claims are broadly encountered but **not deeply held**, creating room for education.*

PJM FILED TO PROTECT OFFSHORE WIND

The PJM grid that includes New Jersey is facing a

6,517 MW

power shortfall.

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind, currently under construction, will supply

2,489 MW

Even that, the largest offshore wind project planned in the US, will fill only part of the gap. PJM warned the court that **multiple offshore wind projects are needed to keep the grid reliable**, which is why it stepped in to defend them.