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## Connecticut Governor: Rell by 22%+

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Suspense-wise, the gubernatorial race in Connecticut is proving the mirror image of the pitched battle for U.S. Senate here.

In the Senate contest, it is uncertain that Senator Joe Lieberman will even recapture the [Democratic nomination](#), let alone [recapture his seat in the fall](#). But popular Republican Governor Jodi Rell is maintaining a comfortable lead of more than twenty percentage points over both Democrats vying for her job. Governor Rell took over the post two years ago, when then-Governor John Rowland resigned over a corruption scandal, and she is now seeking the office in her own right.



Governor Jodi Rell

Rell currently leads Stamford Mayor Dan Malloy 56% to 31%, and leads New Haven Mayor John DeStefano 54% to 32%. She draws about 35% support from Democrats in each match-up. She attracts support from about two thirds of those who would vote for Lieberman, and two fifths of those who would vote for Lamont (who with the support of anti-war Democrats is trying to wrest the nomination from Lieberman).

The Governor's support has declined by a few points since June, but that slippage is trivial compared to the collapse of support for the incumbent Senator.

Rell is viewed favorably by 70% of all voters, including 84% of Republicans and 57% of Democrats. Her job approval ratings are similarly high.

DeStefano is viewed favorably by 46%, Malloy by 41%. Almost a fifth of likely voters aren't ready to give an opinion of DeStefano, a number that climbs to 27% in Malloy's case—pretty high numbers this late in a statewide contest.

Governor Rell's path to reelection might get a little bumpier once the Democratic nominee is chosen in early August. But, as we've previously noted, so far the only bad news for her is that the election isn't here yet.

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