

Holidays and
Observances, 2020

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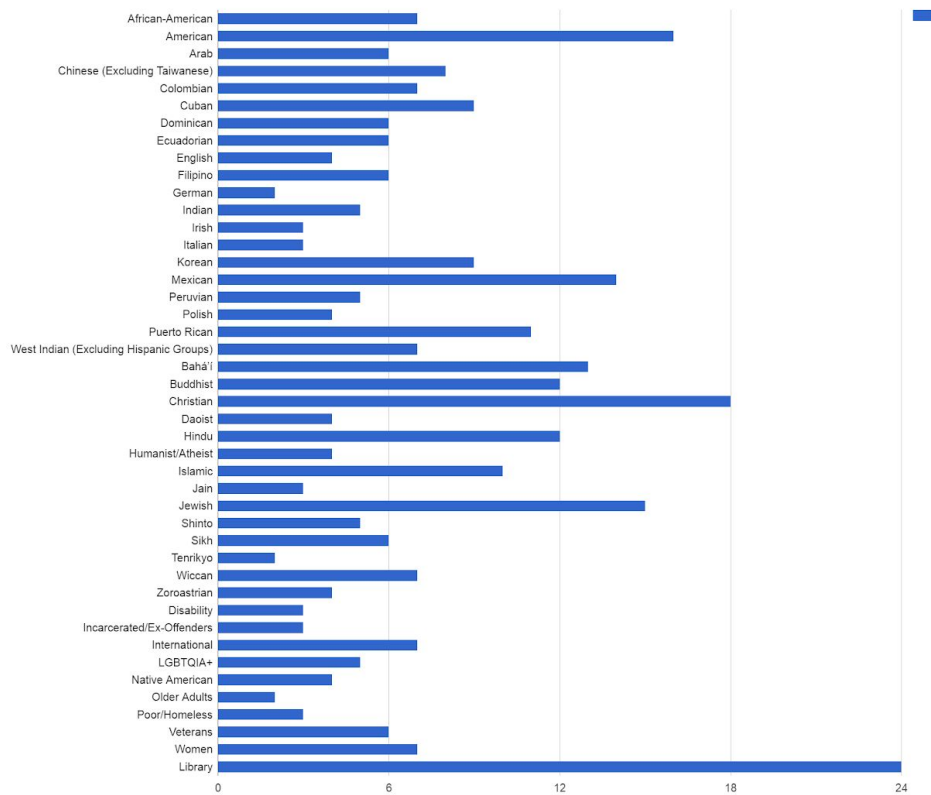
A Note on the Compilation

This listing of holidays and observances is intended to represent New Jersey's diverse population, yet not have so much information that it's unwieldy. It needed to be inclusive, yet practical. As such, determinations needed to be made on whose holidays and observances were put on the calendar, and whose were not.

With regards to people's ancestry, groups that made up 0.85% of the New Jersey population (approximately 75,000 people) and higher, according to Census data, were chosen. Ultimately, the cut-off needed to be made somewhere, and while a round 1.0% seemed a good fit at first, there were too many ancestries with slightly less than that. 0.85% was significantly higher than any of the next population percentages, and so it made a satisfactory threshold. There are 20 ancestries with populations above 75,000, and in total they make up 58.6% of the New Jersey population.

In terms of New Jersey's religious landscape, the population is 67% Christian, 18% Unaffiliated ("Nones"), and 12% Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu. These six religious affiliations, which add up to 97% of the NJ population, were chosen for the calendar. 2% of the state is made up of other religions and faiths, but good data on those is lacking. Some of the other religions noted by Pew as sizable were included for good measure. An additional 1% of the state did not know which religion they adhered to. Thus, at the very least, the calendar covers at least 97% of the state in terms of religion.

Lastly, for significant socio-economic groups, traditionally underrepresented groups as identified by the Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services (ODLOS) were chosen. A breakdown of the holidays and observances for each of these groups is as follows:



The calendar is also intended to be multifunctional. For those using it to plan meetings and events to avoid the days, this list is intended as a guideline only; to make those planners aware of those days and they may decide which to plan around. For use in planning programs, services, or displays, the second section of the calendar is broken down by religion, ancestry, and socio-economic group, which libraries may select depending on their demographics.

The calendar is not an endorsement of any religion over another or any political stance. The amount of holidays per group is largely based on the availability of reliable information. A culture or religion not appearing here does not mean it was considered unimportant. Again, there was a struggle in balancing inclusivity and practicality, however, if your group is missing, it can be added upon request. Further, a holiday not being included does not mean it was considered

unimportant either. Decisions on which days to include were based only on the sources available, and there were no experts on hand. Any corrections on dates, spellings, and anything missing are welcome.

Lastly, there are some miscellaneous points to mention. For holidays and observances that have multiple spellings, generally one was chosen at random. Whether a name appears in English or its native language is random. The order of holidays on the same day is also random. Religious holidays specific to one nation are listed under ancestry and not religion. Holidays and observances with alternative dates, or those appearing twice in a single year due to calendar calculations, are counted only once in the overall statistics. Chinese and West Indian holidays and observances exclude Taiwanese and Hispanic groups, respectively, due to how Census categories were set up. Those with Taiwanese ancestry did not make our cut-off of 0.85% and Hispanic ancestries of the West Indies were counted separately.

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Additional Notes: Many Islamic holidays are tentative due to the fact that they rely heavily on moon sightings, and the phases of the moon cannot be predicted with 100% accuracy. Jewish holidays begin at sunset and Zoroastrian holidays last from sunrise to sunrise and so while they may be 24 hours long, they include two dates (or three dates for 48 hour holidays and so on). Holidays and observances occurring on the same date have been listed alphabetically. While the

dates listed in this calendar have been researched heavily, there is a possibility that they may be incorrect. Often various sources disagreed on the dates, and so we considered the dates listed in Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary and calendars made by the particular cultural or religious groups to be the most authoritative. Any corrections on dates, spellings, and anything missing are welcome.

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January 2020

Holidays:

- 1/1: Independence Day • West Indian (Haiti)
- 1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban
- 1/1: New Year's Day • American
- 1/5: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday • Sikh
- 1/6: Epiphany • Christian
- 1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve and Day • Christian
- 1/10: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist
- 1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos • Puerto Rican
- 1/15: Makar Sankranti • Hindu
- 1/19: World Religion Day • Bahá'í
- 1/20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • American and African-American
- 1/21: Día de la Altagracia • Dominican (Christian)
- 1/22~1/31: NJ Point-In-Time Count • Poor/Homeless
- 1/25: Lunar New Year • Chinese and Korean
- 1/26: Juan Pablo Duarte Day • Dominican
- 1/26: Republic Day • Indian
- 1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day • International
- 1/28: Birth of José Martí • Cuban
- 1/29: Basant Panchami/Vasant Panchami • Arab (Southern Asia) and Hindu

February 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

- Black History Month • African-American
- Hala Festival • Arab (Kuwait)
- Your Library Loves You Month • Library

Holidays:

- 2/1: National Freedom Day • American
- 2/1-2/2: Imbolc • Wiccan
- 2/2: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo • Mexican
- 2/4 (or 12/1 depending on location): Rosa Parks Day • African-American
- 2/5: Constitution Day • Mexican
- 2/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Asakusa Kannon Temple) • Shinto
- 2/9-2/10: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
- 2/12: Darwin Day • Humanist/Atheist
- 2/15: Parinirvana Day • Buddhist

2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day • Women
2/17: Presidents Day • American
2/19-2/25: Carnaval • Mexican
2/20: World Day of Social Justice • International
2/21-2/22: Maha Shivaratri • Hindu
2/24: Día de la Bandera • Mexican
2/25: Fiesta sa EDSA • Filipino
2/25: Shrove Tuesday • Christian
2/26: Ash Wednesday • Christian
2/26-2/29: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days • Bahá'í
2/27: Independence Day/Beginning of Carnival • Dominican

March 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

Irish-American Heritage Month • Irish
National Women's History Month • Women

Holidays:

3/1: Samil-jol • Korean
3/1-3/19: Nineteen-Day Fast • Bahá'í
3/2: Clean Monday • Christian
3/8: International Women's Day • Women
3/9: Māgha Pūjā • Buddhist
3/9-3/10: Holi • Hindu
3/9-3/10: Purim • Jewish
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day • Women and African-American
3/10: Hola Mohalla • Sikh
3/11-3/20: Farvardegan • Zoroastrian
3/16: Freedom of Information Day • Library
3/17: St. Patrick's Day • Irish (Christian)
3/19: Vernal Equinox/Ostara • Wiccan
3/19-3/20 (or 7/17-7/18 or 8/21-8/22 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
3/20-3/21: Jamshedi Noruz (New Year) • Zoroastrian
3/20: Naw-Ruz (New Year) • Bahá'í
3/20-3/21: NJ Maker's Day • Library
3/21: Birth of Benito Juarez • Mexican

3/21: International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination • International
3/22: Emancipation Day • Puerto Rican
3/31: Cesar Chavez Day • Mexican (Mexican-American)

April 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

Arab-American Heritage Month • Arab
Sexual Assault Awareness Month • American
School Library Month • Library
NJLA Advocacy Month • Library
Genocide Awareness Month • International

Holidays:

4/2: Rama Navami • Hindu
4/4-4/11: Money Smart Week® • Library
4/5: Palm Sunday • Christian
4/6: Mahavira Jayanti • Jain
4/7-4/9: Theravada New Year • Buddhist
4/8: Hana Matsuri • Buddhist
4/8-4/9: Lailat al Bara'h • Islamic
4/8-4/16: Passover/Pesach • Jewish
4/9: Bataan Day • Filipino
4/9: Holy Thursday • Christian
4/10: Good Friday • Christian
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) • Library
4/12: Easter • Christian
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi • Sikh
4/12-4/14: Songkran/Pii Mai • Buddhist
4/19: Eastern Orthodox Easter • Christian
4/19-4/25: National Library Week • Library
4/19-4/25: National Volunteer Week • American
4/20-5/1: Festival Of Ridván • Bahá'í
4/20: Sham el-Nessim (Smelling the Breeze) • Arab (Egyptian)
4/20-4/21: Yom Hashoah • Jewish
April (Not officially announced at the making of this calendar): Day Of Silence • LGBTQIA+
4/21: National Library Workers Day • Library
4/21-4/22: Lailat al Mi'raj • Islamic
4/22: National Bookmobile Day • Library

4/23: St. George's Day • English (Christian)
4/23-5/23: Ramadan • Islamic
4/24: Armenian Martyrs' Day • International
4/25: Liberation Day • Italian
4/26-5/2: Preservation Week • Library
4/29: Hinokishin Day • Tenrikyo
4/30: Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día) • Library
4/30-5/1 (or 5/29-5/30 or 6/1-6/2 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
4/30-5/1: Beltane • Wiccan
4/30-5/1: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā • Chinese (Daoist)

May 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month • Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Arab
Haitian Heritage Month • West Indian (Haiti)
Jewish-American Heritage Month • Jewish

Holidays:

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day • Mexican, Cuban, Dominican, Peruvian, Colombian, Ecuadorian, Indian, Polish, Arab (Many Arab States), Irish, German, Italian, Filipino, and Chinese
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week • Library
5/3: Constitution Day • Polish
5/3: Tán Gōng Festival • Daoist
5/3: World Press Freedom Day • International
5/4: Greenery Day • Tenrikyo
5/5: Cinco De Mayo • Mexican (Mexican-American)
5/5: Urini Nal (Children's Day) • Korean
5/7: National Day of Reason • Humanist/Atheist
5/7: Vesak/Buddha Day • Buddhist
5/11-5/12: Lag B'omer • Jewish
5/15-5/16: Lailat al-Qadr • Islamic (Shi'a)
5/19: Malcolm X Day • African-American
5/19-5/20: Lailat al-Qadr • Islamic (Sunni)
5/20: Independence Day • Cuban
5/21: Ascension Day • Christian

5/21: World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development • International
5/22-5/23: Declaration Of The Báb • Bahá'í
5/23-5/24: Eid Al-Fitr • Islamic
5/24: Battle of Pichincha Day • Ecuadorian
5/25: Memorial Day • American
5/27-5/29: NJLA Conference • Library
5/29-5/30: Shavuot • Jewish
5/28: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
5/29-5/30 (or 4/30-5/1 or 6/1-6/2 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
5/31: Pentecost • Christian

June 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

Caribbean-American Heritage Month • Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, and West Indian
LGBTQIA+ Pride Month • LGBTQIA+

Holidays:

6/1-6/2 (or 4/30-5/1 or 5/29-5/30 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
6/2: Republic Day • Italian
6/5: World Environment Day • International
6/7: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day • Christian
6/11: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican) • English (Christian)
6/12: Anne Frank Day • Jewish
6/12: Loving Day • American
6/13: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II • English
6/14: Flag Day • American
6/14: Race Unity Day • Bahá'í
6/14: Rice Planting Festival • Shinto
6/19: Juneteenth • African-American
6/20-6/21: Summer Solstice/Midsummer • Wiccan
6/21: World Humanist Day • Humanist/Atheist
6/23-7/1: Ratha Yatra • Hindu
6/24: Feast of San Juan Bautista • Puerto Rican (Christian)
6/27: Helen Keller Day • Women
6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day • Veterans

July 2020

Holidays:

- 7/3: Birthday of Lǚ Bān • Daoist
- 7/4: Independence Day • American
- 7/5: Dharma Day • Buddhist (Theravada)
- 7/13-7/15 (or 8/13-8/15 depending on the region): Obon/Ulambana • Buddhist (Japan)
- 7/7-10/2: Vassa • Buddhist (Theravada)
- 7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb • Bahá'í
- 7/17: Muñoz-Rivera Day • Puerto Rican
- 7/17-7/18 (or 3/19-3/20 or 8/21-8/22 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
- 7/18: Mandela Prisoner Rights Day • Incarcerated/Ex-Offenders
- 7/20: Independence Day • Colombian
- 7/22: Liberation Day • Polish
- 7/24: Simón Bolívar Day • Colombian and Ecuadorian
- 7/25: Constitution Day • Puerto Rican
- 7/26: ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) Day • Disability
- 7/26: Revolution Day • Cuban
- 7/28: Independence Day • Peruvian
- 7/29-7/30: Tisha B'av • Jewish
- 7/30-8/3: Eid Al-Adha • Islamic

August 2020

Holidays:

- 8/1: Emancipation Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados)
- 8/3: Raksha Bandhan • Hindu
- 8/6: Independence Day • West Indian (Jamaica)
- 8/7 Battle of Boyacá • Colombian
- 8/7: Purple Heart Day • Veterans
- 8/10: Independence Day • Ecuadorian
- 8/10: Prisoners' Justice Day • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
- 8/11: Krishna Janmashtami • Hindu
- 8/13-8/15 (or 7/13-7/15 depending on the region): Obon/Ulambana • Buddhist (Japan)
- 8/15: Assumption Day • Christian
- 8/15: Independence Day • Indian
- 8/21-8/22 (or 3/19-3/20 or 7/17-7/18 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
- 8/15: Liberation Day • Korean

8/16-8/23: Paryushana • Jain
8/19-8/20: Al-Hijra • Islamic
8/20: Muharram • Islamic
8/21: Senior Citizens Day • Older Adults
8/23: International Day For The Remembrance Of The Slave Trade And Its Abolition •
International
8/23: Saint Rose of Lima Day • Peruvian (Christian)
8/22: Ganesh Chaturthi • Hindu
8/26: Women's Equality Day • Women
8/28-8/29: Ashura • Islamic
8/31: Independence Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)

September 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

National Senior Center Month • Older Adults
Library Card Sign-up Month • Library

Holidays:

9/2: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival) • Daoist
9/5: International Day of Charity • International
9/7: Labor Day • American
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre • Cuban (Christian)
9/8: International Literacy Day • International
9/9: Anniversary of Attica • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month • Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican,
Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian
9/16: Independence Day • Mexican
9/18: POW/MIA Recognition Day • Veterans
9/18-9/20: Rosh Hashanah • Jewish
9/21: International Day of Peace • International
9/21-9/22: Autumnal Equinox/Mabon • Wiccan
9/23: Bi Visibility Day • LGBTQIA+
9/23: Grito de Lares • Puerto Rican
9/24: Republic Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)
9/24-9/30: Banned Books Week • Library
9/27-9/28: Yom Kippur • Jewish
9/30: Banned Websites Awareness Day • Library
9/30-10/2: Chuseok • Korean

October 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

Filipino-American History Month • Filipino
LGBTQIA+ History Month • LGBTQIA+
National Bullying Prevention Month • American
National Disability Employment Awareness Month • Disability
Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month • Italian
TeenTober • Library

Holidays:

10/1: Mid-Autumn Festival • Chinese
10/1-10/3: National Days • Chinese
10/2: Monkey God Festival • Chinese
10/2: Gandhi's Birthday • Indian
10/2: International Day of Non-Violence • International
10/3-10/9: Sukkot • Jewish
10/3: Day of German Unity • German
10/3: National Foundation Day • Korean
10/9: Hangul Day • Korean
10/9-10/10: Shemini Atzeret • Jewish
10/10: Grito de Yara • Cuban
10/10: World Homeless Day • Poor/Homeless
10/10-10/11: Simchat Torah • Jewish
10/11: International Day of the Girl Child • Women
10/11: National Coming Out Day • LGBTQIA+
10/12: Día de la Raza/Columbus Day • Colombian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Ecuadorian, and American
10/12: Indigenous People's Day • Native American
10/17-10/25: Festival of the Nine Imperial Gods • Daoist
10/17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty • International
10/17-10/25: Navaratri • Hindu
10/18: Birth Of The Báb • Bahá'í
10/18, 10/19, and 10/28: Señor de los Milagros • Peruvian (Christian)
10/18-10/24: National Friends of Libraries Week • Library
10/19: Bettara-Ichi • Shinto
10/19: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib • Sikh
10/24: United Nations Day • International

10/25: Double Ninth Festival • Chinese and Korean
10/25: Dussehra • Hindu
10/25: Vijayadashami • Hindu
10/26: National Day of the Deployed • Veterans
10/29-10/30: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Sunni)
10/31: Reformation Day • Christian
10/31-11/1: Samhain • Wiccan
10/31-11/2: Día de los Muertos • Mexican

November 2020

Monthly Celebrations:

National Native American Heritage Month • Native American
Tori-no-ichi • Shinto
National Homeless Youth Awareness Month • Poor/Homeless
Military Family Month • Veterans
Picture Book Month • Library

Holidays:

11/1: All Saints' Day • Christian
11/2: All Souls' Day • Christian
11/3: USA Election Day • American
11/3-12/4: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Shi'a)
11/8: Remembrance Sunday • English
11/9-11/10: Kristallnacht • Jewish
11/9-11/16: Transgender Awareness Week • LGBTQIA+
11/10: Veterans' Day • American and Veterans
11/11: Cartagena Independence Day • Colombian
11/11: Independence Day • Polish
11/14: Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikh
11/14-11/18: Diwali • Hindu and Jain
11/14-11/22: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week • Poor/Homeless
11/15: Shichi-Go-San • Shinto
11/16: International Day for Tolerance • International
11/16-11/20: American Education Week • American
11/19: Discovery of Puerto Rico Day • Puerto Rican
11/19: Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence • Puerto Rican (Christian)
11/20: Revolution Day • Mexican

11/20: Transgender Day Of Remembrance • LGBTQIA+
11/21: International Games Day • Library
11/26: Day Of The Covenant • Bahá'í
11/26: Thanksgiving Day • American
11/27: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha • Bahá'í
11/27: Native American Heritage Day • Native American
11/29-12/24: Advent • Christian
11/30: Guru Nanak Gurpurab • Sikh

December 2020

Holidays:

12/1 (or 2/4 depending on location): Rosa Parks Day • African-American
12/1: World Aids Day • International
12/3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities • Disability
12/8: Bodhi Day • Buddhist
12/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Temple Horinji) • Buddhist
12/10: Human Rights Day • International
12/10-12/18: Chanukah • Jewish
12/12: Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe • Mexican (Christian)
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day • American
12/20-12/21: Winter Solstice/Yule • Wiccan
12/21: Winter Solstice • Humanist/Atheist
12/25: Christmas • Christian
12/26/20-1/1/21: Kwanzaa • African-American
12/29: Wounded Knee Day • Native American
12/30: Rizal Day • Filipino
12/31: New Year's Eve • American

January 2021

1/1: Independence Day • West Indian (Haiti)
1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban
1/1: New Year's Day • American
1/5: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday • Sikh
1/6: Epiphany • Christian
1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve and Day • Christian
1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos • Puerto Rican

1/14: Makar Sankranti • Hindu
1/17: World Religion Day • Bahá'í
1/18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • American and African-American
1/21: Día de la Altagracia • Dominican (Christian)
1/22~1/31: NJ Point-In-Time Count • Poor/Homeless
1/26: Juan Pablo Duarte Day • Dominican
1/26: Republic Day • Indian
1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day • International
1/27-1/28: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
1/28: Birth of José Martí • Cuban
1/29: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist

African-American

1/20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February: Black History Month
2/4 (or 12/1 depending on location): Rosa Parks Day
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day
5/19: Malcolm X Day
6/19: Juneteenth
12/26-1/1/18: Kwanzaa

American

1/2: New Year's Day
1/20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/1: National Freedom Day
2/17: Presidents Day
April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
4/19-4/25: National Volunteer Week
5/25: Memorial Day
6/12: Loving Day
6/14: Flag Day
7/4: Independence Day
9/7: Labor Day
10/12: Columbus Day
11/3: USA Election Day
11/10: Veterans' Day
11/16-11/20: American Education Week
11/26: Thanksgiving Day
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day
12/31: New Year's Eve

Arab

1/29: Basant Panchami (Southern Asia)
February: Hala Festival (Kuwait)
April: Arab-American Heritage Month
4/20: Sham el-Nessim (Smelling the Breeze) (Egyptian)
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day (Many Arab States)

Chinese (Excluding Taiwanese)

1/25: Lunar New Year
4/30-5/1: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā (Daoist)
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
10/1: Mid-Autumn Festival
10/1-10-3: National Days
10/2: Monkey God Festival
10/25: Double Ninth Festival

Colombian

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
7/20: Independence Day
7/24: Simón Bolívar Day
8/7: Battle of Boyacá
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
10/12: Día de la Raza
11/11: Cartagena Independence Day

Cuban

1/1: Liberation Day
1/28: Birth of José Martí
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/20: Independence Day
June: Caribbean-American Heritage Month
7/26: Revolution Day
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre (Christian)
10/10: Grito de Yara

Dominican

1/21: Día de la Altagracia (Christian)
1/26: Juan Pablo Duarte Day
2/27: Independence Day/Beginning of Carnival
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
June: Caribbean-American Heritage Month
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

Ecuadorian

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/24: Battle of Pichincha Day
7/24: Simón Bolívar Day
8/10: Independence Day
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
10/12: Día de la Raza

English

4/23: St. George's Day (Christian)
6/11: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican)
6/13: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
11/8: Remembrance Sunday

Filipino

2/25: Fiesta sa EDSA
4/9: Bataan Day
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
October: Filipino-American History Month
12/30: Rizal Day

German

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
10/3: Day of German Unity

Indian

1/26: Republic Day
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
8/15: Independence Day
10/2: Gandhi's Birthday

Irish

March: Irish-American Heritage Month
3/17: St. Patrick's Day (Christian)
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day

Italian

4/25: Liberation Day
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
6/2: Republic Day
October: Italian-American Heritage and Culture Month

Korean

1/25: Lunar New Year
3/1: Samil-jol
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/5: Urini Nal (Children's Day)
8/15: Liberation Day
9/30-10/2: Chuseok • Korean
10/3: National Foundation Day
10/9: Hangul Day
10/25: Double Ninth Festival

Mexican

2/2: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
2/5: Constitution Day
2/19-2/25: Carnaval
2/24: Día de la Bandera
3/21: Birth of Benito Juárez

3/31: Cesar Chavez Day
(Mexican-American)
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/5: Cinco De Mayo (Mexican-American)
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage
Month
9/16: Independence Day
10/12: Día de la Raza
10/31-11/2: Día de los Muertos
11/20: Revolution Day
12/12: Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe
(Christian)

Peruvian

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
7/28: Independence Day
8/23: Saint Rose of Lima Day (Christian)
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage
Month
10/18, 10/19, and 10/28: Señor de los
Milagros (Christian)

Polish

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/3: Constitution Day
7/22: Liberation Day
11/11: Independence Day

Puerto Rican

1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos
3/22: Emancipation Day
June: Caribbean-American Heritage Month
6/24: Feast of San Juan Bautista (Christian)
7/17: Muñoz-Rivera Day
7/25: Constitution Day
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage
Month
9/23: Grito de Lares
10/12: Día de la Raza/Columbus Day

11/19: Discovery of Puerto Rico Day
11/19: Feast of Our Lady of Divine
Providence (Christian)

West Indian (Excluding Hispanic Groups)

1/1: Independence Day (Haiti)
May: Haitian Heritage Month (Haiti)
June: Caribbean-American Heritage Month
8/1: Emancipation Day (Trinidad and
Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados)
8/6: Independence Day (Jamaica)
8/31: Independence Day (Trinidad and
Tobago)
9/24: Republic Day (Trinidad and Tobago)

Bahá'í

1/19: World Religion Day
3/20: Naw-Ruz (New Year)
2/26-2/29: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days
3/1-3/19: Nineteen-Day Fast
4/20-5/1: Festival Of Ridván
5/22-5/23: Declaration Of The Báb
5/28: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh
6/14: Race Unity Day
7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb
10/18: Birth Of The Báb
10/19: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh
11/26: Day Of The Covenant
11/27: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

Buddhist

1/10: Mahayana New Year
2/15: Parinirvana Day
3/9: Māgha Pūjā
4/7-4/9: Theravada New Year
4/8: Hana Matsuri
4/12-4/14: Songkran/Pii Mai
5/7: Vesak/Buddha Day

7/5: Dharma Day (Theravada)
7/13-7/15 (or 8/13-8/15): Obon/Ulambana
(Japan)
7/7-10/2: Vassa (Theravada)
12/8: Bodhi Day
12/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Temple Horinji)

Christian

1/6: Epiphany
1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve
and Day
2/25: Shrove Tuesday
2/26: Ash Wednesday
3/2: Clean Monday
4/5: Palm Sunday
4/9: Holy Thursday
4/10: Good Friday
4/12: Easter
4/19: Eastern Orthodox Easter
5/21: Ascension Day
5/31: Pentecost
6/7: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day
8/15: Assumption Day
10/31: Reformation Day
11/1: All Saints' Day
11/2: All Souls' Day
11/29-12/24: Advent
12/25: Christmas

Daoist

5/3: Tán Gōng Festival
7/3: Birthday of Lǚ Bān
9/2: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival)
10/17-10/25: Festival of the Nine Imperial
Gods

Hindu

1/15: Makar Sankranti
1/29: Vasant Panchami

2/21-2/22: Maha Shivaratri
3/9-3/10: Holi
4/2: Rama Navami
6/23-7/1: Ratha Yatra
8/3: Raksha Bandhan
8/11: Krishna Janmashtami
8/22: Ganesh Chaturthi
10/17-10/25: Navaratri
10/25: Dussehra
10/25: Vijayadashami
11/14-11/18: Diwali

Humanist/Atheist

2/12: Darwin Day
5/7: National Day of Reason
6/21: World Humanist Day
12/21: Winter Solstice

Islamic

4/8-4/9: Lailat al Bara'h
4/21-4/22: Lailat al Mi'raj
5/15-5/16: Lailat al-Qadr (Shi'a)
5/19-5/20: Lailat al-Qadr (Sunni)
4/23-5/23: Ramadan
5/23-5/24: Eid Al-Fitr
7/30-8/3: Eid Al-Adha
8/19-8/20: Al-Hijra
8/20: Muharram
8/28-8/29: Ashura
10/29-10/30: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Sunni)
11/3-12/4: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Shi'a)

Jain

4/6: Mahavira Jayanti
8/16-8/23: Paryushana
11/14-11/18: Diwali

Jewish

2/9-2/10: Tu BiShvat
3/9-3/10: Purim
4/8-4/16: Passover/Pesach
4/20-4/21: Yom Hashoah
May: Jewish-American Heritage Month
5/11-5/12: Lag B'omer
5/29-5/30: Shavuot
6/12: Anne Frank Day
7/29-7/30: Tisha B'av
9/18-9/20: Rosh Hashanah
9/27-9/28: Yom Kippur
10/3-10/9: Sukkot
10/9-10/10: Shemini Atzeret
10/10-10/11: Simchat Torah
11/9-11/10: Kristallnacht
12/10-12/18: Chanukah

Shinto

2/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Asakusa Kannon Temple)
6/14: Rice Planting Festival
10/19: Bettara-Ichi
November: Tori-no-ichi
11/15: Shichi-Go-San

Sikh

1/5: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday
3/10: Hola Mohalla
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib
11/14: Bandi Chhor Divas
11/30: Guru Nanak GURPURAB

Tenrikyo

4/29: Hinokishin Day
5/4: Greenery Day

Wiccan

2/1-2/2: Imbolc
3/19: Vernal Equinox/Ostara
4/30-5/1: Beltane
6/20-6/21: Summer Solstice/Midsummer
9/21-9/22: Autumnal Equinox/Mabon
10/31-11/1: Samhain
12/20-12/21: Winter Solstice/Yule

Zoroastrian

3/11-3/20: Farvardegan
3/20-3/21: Jamshedi Noruz (New Year)
3/19-3/20 (or 7/17-7/18 or 8/21-8/22 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra)
4/30-5/1 (or 5/29-5/30 or 6/1-6/2 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso

Disability

7/26: ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) Day
October: National Disability Employment Awareness Month
12/3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Incarcerated/Ex-Offenders

7/18: Mandela Prisoner Rights Day
8/10: Prisoners' Justice Day
9/9: Anniversary of Attica

International

1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
2/20: World Day Of Social Justice
3/21: International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination
April: Genocide Awareness Month

4/24: Armenian Martyrs' Day
5/3: World Press Freedom Day
5/21: World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development
6/5: World Environment Day (WED)
8/23: International Day For The Remembrance Of The Slave Trade And Its Abolition
9/5: International Day of Charity
9/21: International Day of Peace
9/23: International Literacy Day
October: National Bullying Prevention Month
10/2: International Day of Non-Violence
10/17: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
11/16: International Day for Tolerance
11/16 -11/20: American Education Week
10/24: United Nations Day
12/1: World Aids Day
12/10: Human Rights Day

LGBTQIA+

April (Not officially announced at the making of this calendar): Day Of Silence
June: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
9/23: Bi Visibility Day
October: LGBTQIA+ History Month
10/11: National Coming Out Day
11/20: Transgender Day Of Remembrance

Native American

10/12: Indigenous People's Day
November: National Native American Heritage Month
11/27: Native American Heritage Day
12/29: Wounded Knee Day

Older Adults

8/21: Senior Citizens Day
September: National Senior Center Month

Poor/Homeless

1/22-1/31: NJ Point-In-Time Count
10/10: World Homeless Day
November: National Homeless Youth Awareness Month
11/14-11/22: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Veterans

6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day
8/7: Purple Heart Day
9/18: POW/MIA Recognition Day
10/26: National Day of the Deployed
November: Military Family Month
11/10: Veterans' Day

Women

2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day
March: National Women's History Month
3/8: International Women's Day
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day
6/27: Helen Keller Day
8/26: Women's Equality Day
10/11: International Day of the Girl Child

Library

February: Your Library Loves You Month
3/16: Freedom of Information Day
3/20-3/21: NJ Maker's Day
April: School Library Month
April: NJLA Advocacy Month
4/4-4/11: Money Smart Week®
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)
4/19-4/25: National Library Week

4/21: National Library Workers Day
4/22: National Bookmobile Day
4/26-5/2: Preservation Week
4/30: Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día)
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week
5/27-5/29: NJLA Conference
September: Library Card Sign-up Month
9/24-9/30: Banned Books Week
9/30: Banned Websites Awareness Day
October: TeenTober
10/18-10/24: National Friends of Libraries Week
November: Picture Book Month
11/21: International Games Day

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