

Holidays and
Observances

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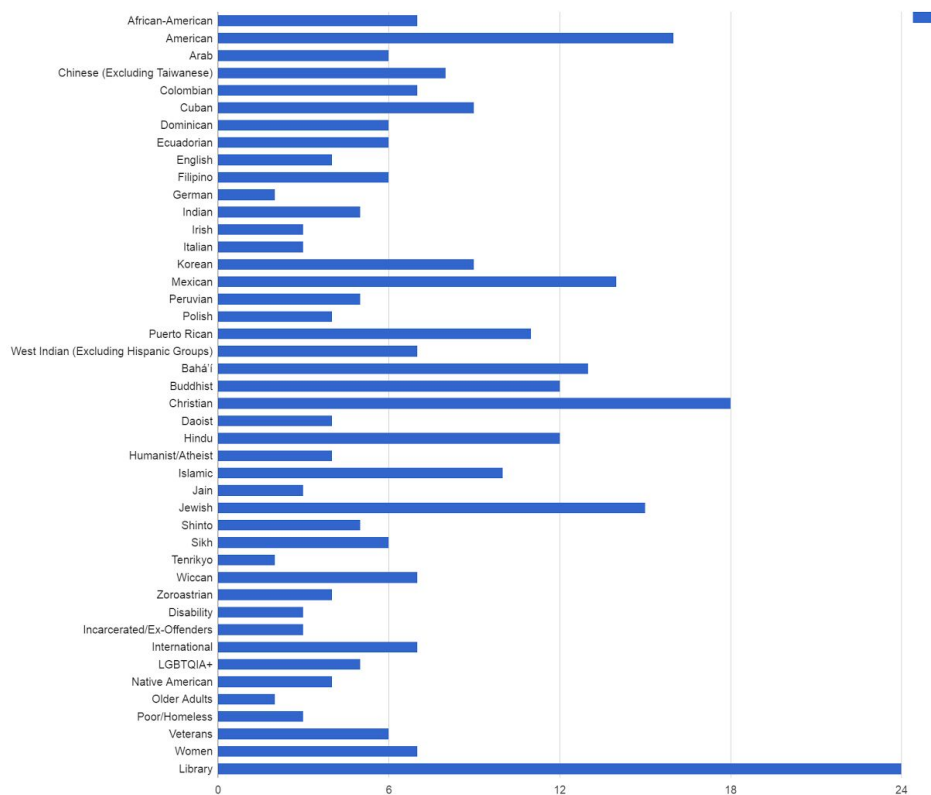
A Note on the Compilation

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 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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January 2017

Holidays:

- 1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban
- 1/1: Independence Day • West Indian (Haiti)
- 1/2: 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
- 1/12: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist
- 1/14: Makar Sankranti • Hindu
- 1/15: World Religion Day • Bahá'í
- 1/16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • American and African-American
- 1/17: Krishna Janmashtami • Hindu
- 1/21: Día de la Altagracia • Dominican (Christian)
- 1/25: 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 • Jewish
- 1/28: Lunar New Year • Chinese and Korean
- 1/28: Birth of José Martí • Cuban

February 2017

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: Basant Panchami/Vasant Panchami • Arab (Southern Asia) and Hindu
- 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
- 2/10-2/11: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
- 2/11: Māgha Pūjā • Buddhist Full moon night of third lunar month

2/12: Darwin Day • Humanist/Atheist
2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day • Women
2/15: Parinirvana Day • Buddhist
2/20: Washington's Birthday • American
2/23-2/28: Carnaval • Mexican
2/24: Día de la Bandera • Mexican
2/24-2/25: Maha Shivaratri • Hindu
2/25: Fiesta sa EDSA • Filipino
2/25-3/1: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days • Bahá'í
2/27: Independence Day/Beginning of Carnival • Dominican
2/27: Clean Monday • Christian
2/28: Shrove Tuesday • Christian

March 2017

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

3/1: Samil-jol • Korean
3/1: Ash Wednesday • Christian
3/2-3/20: Nineteen-Day Fast • Bahá'í
3/5-3/11: Teen Tech Week • Library
3/8: International Women's Day • Women
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day • Women and African-American
3/11-3/12: Purim • Jewish
3/11-3/20: Farvardegan • Zoroastrian
3/12-3/13: Holi • Hindu
3/14: Hola Mohalla • Sikh
3/16: Freedom of Information Day • Library
3/17: St. Patrick's Day • Irish (Christian)
3/20: Vernal Equinox/Ostara • Wiccan
3/21: International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination • International
3/21: Birth of Benito Juarez • Mexican
3/21: Jamshedi Noruz (New Year) • Zoroastrian
3/21 (or 7/13 or 8/15 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
3/21: Naw-Ruz (New Year) • Bahá'í
3/22: Emancipation Day • Puerto Rican

3/24-3/25: NJ Maker's Day • Library
3/31: Cesar Chavez Day • Mexican (Mexican-American)

April 2017

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

4/5: Rama Navami • Hindu
4/8: Hana Matsuri • Buddhist
4/9: Palm Sunday • Christian
4/9: Mahavira Jayanti • Jain
4/9: Bataan Day • Filipino
4/9-4/15: National Library Week • Library
4/10-4/18: Passover/Pesach • Jewish
4/11: National Library Workers Day • Library
4/11-4/14: Theravada New Year • Buddhist
4/12: National Bookmobile Day • Library
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) • Library
4/13: Holy Thursday • Christian
4/14: Good Friday • Christian
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi • Sikh
4/14-4/16: Songkran/Pii Mai • Buddhist
4/16: Easter • Christian
4/17: Sham el-Nessim (Smelling the Breeze) • Arab (Egyptian)
4/21: Day Of Silence • LGBTQIA+
4/21-5/2: Festival Of Ridván • Bahá'í
4/22-4/29: Money Smart Week® • Library
4/24-4/25: Lailat al Mi'raj • Islamic
4/23: St. George's Day • English (Christian)
4/23: National Readathon Day • Library
4/23-4/24: Yom Hashoah • Jewish
4/23-4/29: Preservation Week • Library
4/23-4/29: National Volunteer Week • American
4/24-4/26: NJLA Conference • Library

4/25: Liberation Day • Italian
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 (or 5/29 or 6/1 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
4/30-5/1: Beltane • Wiccan

May 2017

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
5/1-5/2: National Library Legislative Day/Virtual Library Legislative Day • Library
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week • Library
5/3: Tán Gōng Festival • Daoist
5/3-5/4: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā • Chinese (Daoist)
5/3: Constitution Day • Polish
5/4: Greenery Day • Tenrikyo
5/4: National Day of Reason • Humanist/Atheist
5/5 Urini Nal (Children's Day) • Korean
5/5: Cinco De Mayo • Mexican (Mexican-American)
5/10: Vesak/Buddha Day • Buddhist
5/11-5/12: Lailat al Bara'h • Islamic
5/13-5/14: Lag B'omer • Jewish
5/19: Malcolm X Day • African-American
5/20: Independence Day • Cuban
5/21: World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development • International
5/22-5/23: Declaration Of The Báb • Bahá'í
5/24: Battle of Pichincha Day • Ecuadorian
5/25: Ascension Day • Christian
5/27-6/25: Ramadan • Islamic
5/29: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
5/29: Memorial Day • American
5/29 (or 4/30 or 6/1 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian

5/30-6/1: Shavuot • Jewish

June 2017

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

6/1 (or 4/30 or 5/29 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian

6/2: Republic Day • Italian

6/4: Pentecost • Christian

6/10: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II • English

6/11: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day • Christian

6/11: Race Unity Day • Bahá'í

6/14: Flag Day • American

6/14: Rice Planting Festival • Shinto

6/15: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican) • English (Christian)

6/19: Juneteenth • African-American

6/20-6/21: Summer Solstice/Midsummer • Wiccan

6/21: World Humanist Day • Humanist/Atheist

6/21-6/22: Lailat al-Qadr • Islamic

6/24: Feast of San Juan Bautista • Puerto Rican (Christian)

6/25-6/26: Eid Al-Fitr • Islamic

6/25-7/3: Ratha Yatra • Hindu

6/27: Helen Keller Day • Women

6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day • Veterans

July 2017

Holidays:

7/4: Independence Day • American

7/6: Birthday of Lǔ Bǎn • Daoist

7/8: Dharma Day • Buddhist (Theravada)

7/8-10/5: Vassa • Buddhist (Theravada)

7/8-7/10: Obon/Ulambana • Buddhist (Japan)

7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb • Bahá'í

7/13 (or 3/21 or 8/15 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian

7/17: Muñoz-Rivera Day • Puerto Rican

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: Revolution Day • Cuban
7/26: ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) Day • Disability
7/28: Independence Day • Peruvian
7/31-8/1: Tisha B'av • Jewish

August 2017

Holidays:

8/1: Emancipation Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados)
8/6: Independence Day • West Indian (Jamaica)
8/7: Raksha Bandhan • Hindu
8/7 Battle of Boyacá • Colombian
8/7: Purple Heart Day • Veterans
8/10: Prisoners' Justice Day • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
8/10: Independence Day • Ecuadorian
8/15 (or 3/21 or 7/13 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
8/15: Assumption Day • Christian
8/15: Independence Day • Indian
8/15: Liberation Day • Korean
8/19-8/26: Paryushana • Jain
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)
8/25-9/5: Ganesh Chaturthi • Hindu
8/26: Women's Equality Day • Women
8/31: Independence Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)

September 2017

Monthly Celebrations:

National Hispanic Heritage Month • Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Colombian,
Ecuadorian, Peruvian
National Senior Center Month • Older Adults

Library Card Sign-up Month • Library

Holidays:

9/1-9/5: Eid Al-Adha • Islamic
9/4: Labor Day • American
9/5: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival) • Daoist
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre • Cuban (Christian)
9/9: Anniversary of Attica • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
9/15: POW/MIA Recognition Day • Veterans
9/16: Independence Day • Mexican
9/20-9/22: Rosh Hashanah • Jewish
9/21: International Day of Peace • International
9/21-9/22: Al-Hijra • Islamic
9/21-9/22: Autumnal Equinox/Mabon • Wiccan
9/21-9/29: Navaratri • Hindu
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: Banned Websites Awareness Day • Library
9/29-9/30: Yom Kippur • Jewish
9/30: Vijayadashami • Hindu
9/30-10/1: Ashura • Islamic

October 2017

Monthly Celebrations:

National Disability Employment Awareness Month • Disability
Filipino-American History Month • Filipino
LGBTQIA+ History Month • LGBTQIA+

Holidays:

10/1-10-3: National Days • Chinese
10/2: Gandhi's Birthday • Indian
10/3: Day of German Unity • German
10/3: National Foundation Day • Korean
10/4: Mid-Autumn Festival • Chinese
10/4-10/6: Chuseok • Korean
10/4-10/11: Sukkot • Jewish
10/5: Monkey God Festival • Chinese

10/8-10/14 (Not officially announced at the making of this calendar): Teen Read Week • Library
10/9: Hangul Day • Korean
10/9: Indigenous People's Day • Native American
10/9: Día de la Raza/Columbus Day • Colombian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Ecuadorian, and American
10/10: Grito de Yara • Cuban
10/11: National Coming Out Day • LGBTQIA+
10/11: International Day of the Girl Child • Women
10/11-10/12: Shemini Atzeret • Jewish
10/12-10/13: Simchat Torah • Jewish
10/15-10/21: National Friends of Libraries Week • Library
10/18, 10/19, and 10/28: Señor de los Milagros • Peruvian (Christian)
10/19: Bettara-Ichi • Shinto
10/19-10/23: Diwali • Hindu and Jain
10/19: Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikh
10/20: Birth Of The Báb • Bahá'í
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib • Sikh
10/20-10/28: Festival of the Nine Imperial Gods • Daoist
10/24: United Nations Day • International
10/26: National Day of the Deployed • Veterans
10/28: Double Ninth Festival • Chinese and Korean
10/31: Reformation Day • Christian
10/31-11/1: Samhain • Wiccan
10/31-11/2: Día de los Muertos • Mexican

November 2017

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
11/4: Guru Nanak Gurburab • Sikh

11/7: USA Election Day • American
11/10: Veterans' Day • American and Veterans
11/11: Cartagena Independence Day • Colombian
11/11: Independence Day • Polish
11/11-11/19: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week • Poor/Homeless
11/12: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
11/12: Remembrance Sunday • English
11/15: Shichi-Go-San • Shinto
11/18: International Games Day • Library
11/19: Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence • Puerto Rican (Christian)
11/19: Discovery of Puerto Rico Day • Puerto Rican
11/20: Transgender Day Of Remembrance • LGBTQIA+
11/20: Revolution Day • Mexican
11/23: Thanksgiving Day • American
11/24: Native American Heritage Day • Native American
11/26: Day Of The Covenant • Bahá'í
11/28: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha • Bahá'í
11/30-12/1: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Sunni)

December 2017

Holidays:

12/1: World Aids Day • International
12/1 (or 2/4 depending on location): Rosa Parks Day • African-American
12/3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities • Disability
12/3-12/24: Advent • Christian
12/5-12/6: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Shi'a)
12/8: Bodhi Day • Buddhist
12/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Temple Horinji) • Buddhist
12/10: Human Rights Day • International
12/12: Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe • Mexican (Christian)
12/11-12/20: Chanukah • Jewish
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day • American
12/20-12/21: Winter Solstice/Yule • Wiccan
12/21: Winter Solstice • Humanist/Atheist
12/25: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday • Sikh
12/25: Christmas • Christian
12/26-1/1/18: Kwanzaa • African-American
12/29: Wounded Knee Day • Native American

12/30: Rizal Day • Filipino
12/31: New Year's Eve • American

January 2018

1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban
1/1: Independence Day • West Indian (Haiti)
1/1: New Year's Day • American
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
1/15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • American and African-American
1/21: World Religion Day • Bahá'í third Sunday in January
1/21: Día de la Altagracia • Dominican (Christian)
1/22: Basant Panchami/Vasant Panchami • Arab (Southern Asia) and Hindu
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 • Jewish
1/28: Birth of José Martí • Cuban
1/30-1/31: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
1/31: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist

African-American

1/16: 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
1/16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/1: National Freedom Day
2/20: Washington's Birthday
April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
4/23-4/29: National Volunteer Week
5/29: Memorial Day
6/14: Flag Day
7/4: Independence Day
9/4: Labor Day
10/9: Columbus Day
11/7: USA Election Day
11/10: Veterans' Day
11/23: Thanksgiving Day
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day
12/31: New Year's Eve

Arab

February: Hala Festival (Kuwait)
2/1: Basant Panchami (Southern Asia)
April: Arab-American Heritage Month
4/17: 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)

1/28: Lunar New Year
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/3-5/4: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā (Daoist)
10/1-10-3: National Days
10/4: Mid-Autumn Festival
10/5: Monkey God Festival
10/28: 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
September: National Hispanic Heritage Month
10/9: 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
September: 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

September: 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

September: National Hispanic Heritage Month

10/9: Día de la Raza

English

4/23: St. George's Day (Christian)

6/10: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II

6/15: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican)

11/12: 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

Korean

1/28: Lunar New Year

3/1: Samil-jol

May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

5/5 Urini Nal (Children's Day)

8/15: Liberation Day

10/3: National Foundation Day

10/4-10/6: Chuseok

10/9: Hangul Day

10/28: Double Ninth Festival

Mexican

2/2: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

2/5: Constitution Day

2/23-2/28: 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)

September: National Hispanic Heritage Month

9/16: Independence Day

10/9: 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)

September: 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

September: National Hispanic Heritage Month

9/23: Grito de Lares

10/9: Día de la Raza/Columbus Day

11/19: Feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence (Christian)

11/19: Discovery of Puerto Rico Day

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

1/15: World Religion Day

2/25-3/1: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days

3/2-3/20: Nineteen-Day Fast

3/21: Naw-Ruz (New Year)

4/21-5/2: Festival Of Ridván

5/22-5/23: Declaration Of The Báb

5/29: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh

6/11: Race Unity Day

7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb

10/20: Birth Of The Báb

11/12: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh

11/26: Day Of The Covenant

11/28: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha

Buddhist

1/12: Mahayana New Year

2/11: Māgha Pūjā

2/15: Parinirvana Day

4/8: Hana Matsuri

4/11-4/14: Theravada New Year

4/14-4/16: Songkran/Pii Mai

5/10: Vesak/Buddha Day

7/8: Dharma Day (Theravada)

7/8-10/5: Vassa (Theravada)

7/8-7/10: Obon/Ulambana (Japan)

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
2/27: Clean Monday
2/28: Shrove Tuesday
3/1: Ash Wednesday
4/9: Palm Sunday
4/13: Holy Thursday
4/14: Good Friday
4/16: Easter
5/25: Ascension Day
6/4: Pentecost
6/11: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day
8/15: Assumption Day
10/31: Reformation Day
11/1: All Saints' Day
11/2: All Souls' Day
12/3-12/24: Advent
12/25: Christmas

Daoist

5/3: Tán Gōng Festival
7/6: Birthday of Lǚ Bān
9/5: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival)
10/20-10/28: Festival of the Nine Imperial
Gods

Hindu

1/14: Makar Sankranti
1/17: Krishna Janmashtami
2/1: Vasant Panchami
2/24-2/25: Maha Shivaratri
3/12-3/13: Holi
4/5: Rama Navami
6/25-7/3: Ratha Yatra

8/7: Raksha Bandhan
8/25-9/5: Ganesh Chaturthi
9/21-9/29: Navaratri
9/30: Vijayadashami
10/19-10/23: Diwali

Humanist/Atheist

2/12: Darwin Day
5/4: National Day of Reason
6/21: World Humanist Day
12/21: Winter Solstice

Islamic

4/24-4/25: Lailat al Mi'raj
5/11-5/12: Lailat al Bara'h
5/27-6/25: Ramadan
6/21-6/22: Lailat al-Qadr
6/25-6/26: Eid Al-Fitr
9/1-9/5: Eid Al-Adha
9/21-9/22: Al-Hijra
9/30-10/1: Ashura
11/30-12/1: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Sunni)
12/5-12/6: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Shi'a)

Jain

4/9: Mahavira Jayanti
8/19-8/26: Paryushana
10/19-10/23: Diwali

Jewish

1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance
Day
2/10-2/11: Tu BiShvat
3/11-3/12: Purim
4/10-4/18: Passover/Pesach
4/23-4/24: Yom Hashoah
May: Jewish-American Heritage Month
5/13-5/14: Lag B'omer
5/30-6/1: Shavuot

7/31-8/1: Tisha B'av
9/20-9/22: Rosh Hashanah
9/29-9/30: Yom Kippur
10/4-10/11: Sukkot
10/11-10/12: Shemini Atzeret
10/12-10/13: Simchat Torah
12/11-12/20: 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
3/14: Hola Mohalla
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi
10/19: Bandi Chhor Divas
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib
11/4: Guru Nanak Gurburab
12/25: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday

Tenrikyo

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

Wiccan

2/1-2/2: Imbolc
3/20: 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
3/21: Jamshedi Noruz (New Year)
3/21 (or 7/13 or 8/15 depending on sect):
Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra)
4/30 (or 5/29 or 6/1 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

3/21: International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination
5/21: World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development
8/23: International Day For The Remembrance Of The Slave Trade And Its Abolition
9/21: International Day of Peace
10/24: United Nations Day
12/1: World Aids Day
12/10: Human Rights Day

LGBTQIA+

4/21: Day Of Silence
June: LGBTQIA+ Pride Month
October: LGBTQIA+ History Month

10/11: National Coming Out Day
11/20: Transgender Day Of Remembrance

Native American

10/9: Indigenous People's Day November:
November: National Native American
Heritage Month
11/24: Native American Heritage Day
12/29: Wounded Knee Day

Older Adults

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

Poor/Homeless

1/25: NJ Point-In-Time Count
November: National Homeless Youth
Awareness Month
11/11-11/19: Hunger and Homelessness
Awareness Week

Veterans

6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day
8/7: Purple Heart Day
9/15: 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
3/5-3/11: Teen Tech Week
3/16: Freedom of Information Day
3/24-3/25: NJ Maker's Day
April: School Library Month
April: NJLA Advocacy Month
4/9-4/15: National Library Week
4/11: National Library Workers Day
4/12: National Bookmobile Day
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)
4/22-4/29: Money Smart Week®
4/23: National Readathon Day
4/23-4/29: Preservation Week
4/24-4/26: NJLA Conference
4/30: Children's Day/Book Day - El día de
los niños/El día de los libros (Día)
5/1-5/2: National Library Legislative
Day/Virtual Library Legislative Day
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week
September: Library Card Sign-up Month
9/24-9/30: Banned Books Week
9/27: Banned Websites Awareness Day
10/8-10/14 (Not officially announced at the
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10/15-10/21: National Friends of Libraries
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November: Picture Book Month
11/18: International Games Day

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