



Diversity & Outreach

Holidays and Observances, 2022

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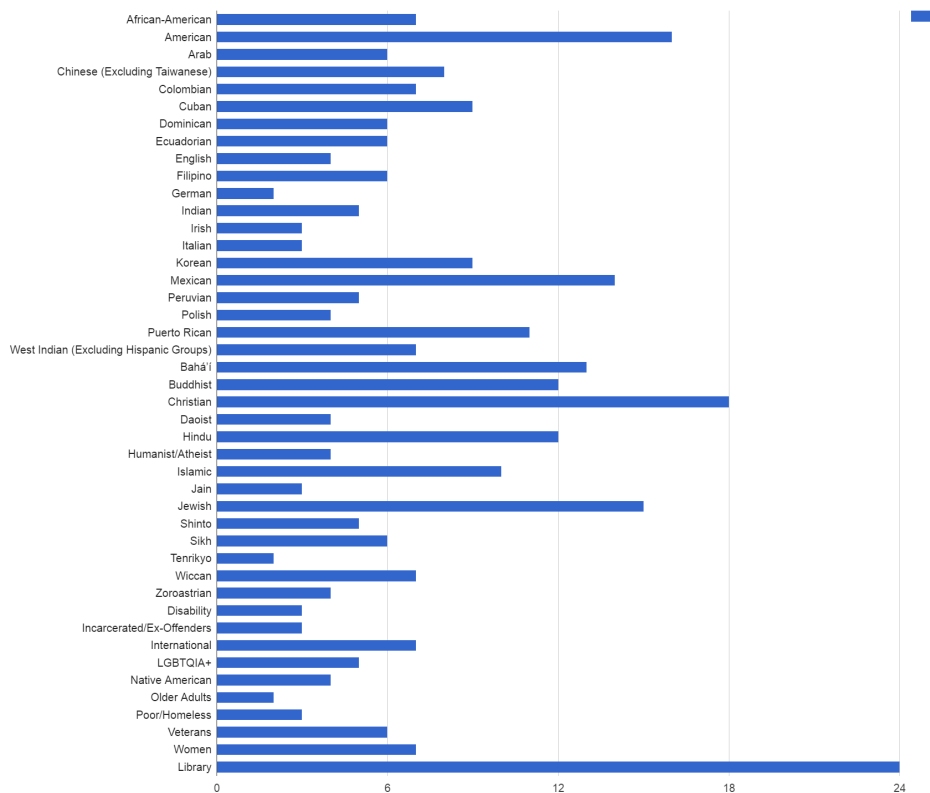
Notes on the Compilation

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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2017

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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2019

Additional Notes:

At the time of updating the calendar for 2022, not all of the 2020 Census data had been released. Instead, we looked at data from the 2019 American Community Survey to refine our list of ancestries. We kept our original cut-off of 0.85% of the NJ population as our threshold for inclusion. All of the ancestries included in past calendars stayed above the cut-off and remained on the calendar. We added six new groups: French (except for Basque due to how Census categories were set up) (1.0%), Hungarian (1.0%), Portuguese (0.9%), Russian (1.7%), Scottish (0.9%), and Salvadoran (0.85%).

In all cases, with the exception of American holidays, we listed the official dates rather than the observed dates. When a holiday is celebrated by two or more groups, those groups are listed alphabetically. As always, any corrections on dates, spellings, and anything missing are welcome.

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January 2022

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 (using Nanakshahi calendar) • Sikh
- 1/6: Epiphany/Three Kings Day • Christian
- 1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve and Day • Christian
- 1/9: Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday (using Hindu calendar) • Sikh
- 1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos • Puerto Rican
- 1/14: Makar Sankranti • Hindu
- 1/15: World Religion Day • Bahá'í
- 1/16-1/17: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
- 1/17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • African-American and American
- 1/18: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist
- 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: Birth of José Martí • Cuban

February 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

- 2/1: Lunar New Year • Chinese and Korean
- 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: Basant Panchami/Vasant Panchami • Arab (Southern Asia) and Hindu
- 2/5: Constitution Day • Mexican
- 2/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Asakusa Kannon Temple) • Shinto
- 2/14-2/15: Purim Katan • Jewish
- 2/15: Parinirvana Day • Buddhist

2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day • Women
2/16: Māgha Pūjā • Buddhist
2/21: Washington's Birthday • American
2/23-3/1: Carnaval • Mexican
2/24: Día de la Bandera • Mexican
2/25: Fiesta sa EDSA • Filipino
2/25-3/1: Ayyám-I-Ha (Intercalary Days) • Bahá'í
2/27: Darwin Day • Humanist/Atheist
2/27: Independence Day/Beginning of Carnival • Dominican
2/27-2/28: Lailat al Mi'raj • Islamic
2/28-3/1: Maha Shivaratri • Hindu

March 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

3/1: Samil-jol • Korean
3/1: Shrove Tuesday • Christian
3/2: Ash Wednesday • Christian
3/2: Read Across America • Library
3/2-3/20: Nineteen-Day Fast • Bahá'í
3/6-3/12: Teen Tech Week • Library
3/7: Clean Monday • Christian
3/8: International Women's Day • Women
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day • African-American and Women
3/11-3/20: Farvardegan • Zoroastrian
3/15: Revolution and Independence Day • Hungarian
3/16: Freedom of Information Day • Library
3/16-3/17: Purim • Jewish
3/17: St. Patrick's Day • Irish (Christian)
3/18: Holi • Hindu
3/18-3/19: Lailat al Bara'h • Islamic
3/19: Hola Mohalla • Sikh
3/20: Vernal Equinox/Ostara • Wiccan
3/21: Birth of Benito Juarez • Mexican
3/21: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination • International
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
3/25-3/27: NJ Makers Day • Library
3/31: Cesar Chavez Day • Mexican (Mexican-American)

April 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

4/2-5/1: Ramadan • Islamic
4/3-4/9: National Library Week • Library
4/5: National Library Workers Day • Library
4/6: National Bookmobile Day • Library
4/8: Day Of Silence • LGBTQIA+
4/8: Hana Matsuri • Buddhist
4/9: Bataan Day • Filipino
4/9-16: Money Smart Week® • Library
4/10: Palm Sunday • Christian
4/10: Rama Navami • Hindu
4/12: Drop Everything and Read/D.E.A.R. • Library
4/14: Holy Thursday • Christian
4/14: Mahavira Jayanti • Jain
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi • Sikh
4/14-4/16: Songkran/Pii Mai • Buddhist
4/15: Good Friday • Christian
4/15-4/23: Passover/Pesach • Jewish
4/16: Holy Saturday • Christian
4/16-4/18: Theravada New Year • Buddhist
4/17: Easter Sunday • Christian
4/17-4/23: National Volunteer Week • American
4/18: Easter Monday • Christian
4/21-5/2: Festival Of Ridván • Bahá'í
4/23: St. George's Day • English (Christian)
4/24: Eastern Orthodox Easter • Christian

4/24-4/30: Preservation Week • Library
4/25: Liberation Day • Italian
4/25: Liberty Day • Portuguese
4/25: Sham el-Nessim (Smelling the Breeze) • Arab (Egyptian)
4/27-4/28: Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day • Jewish
4/28-4/29: Lailat al-Qadr • Islamic
4/29: Hinokishin Day • Tenrikyo
4/30: Children's Day/Book Day/Día (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 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day • Arab (Many Arab States), Chinese, Colombian, Cuban, Dominican, Ecuadorian, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Peruvian, Polish, Portuguese, and Salvadoran
5/1-5/2: Spring and Labor Day Holiday • Russian
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week • Library
TBD: National Library Legislative Day/Virtual Library Legislative Day • Library
5/2-5/3: Eid Al-Fitr • Islamic
5/3: Constitution Day • Polish
5/4: Greenery Day • Tenrikyo
5/5: Cinco de Mayo • Mexican (Mexican-American)
5/5: National Day of Reason • Humanist/Atheist
5/5: Urini Nal (Children's Day) • Korean
5/8: Tán Gōng Festival • Daoist
5/8: Victory Day 1945 • French
5/8-5/9: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā • Chinese (Daoist)
5/9: Victory Day • Russian
5/15 (or 5/19): Malcolm X Day • African-American
5/16: Vesak/Buddha Day • Buddhist
5/18-5/19: Lag BaOmer • Jewish
5/19 (or 5/15, third Sunday of May): Malcolm X Day • African-American
5/20: Independence Day • Cuban

5/21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development • International
5/24: Battle of Pichincha Day • Ecuadorian
5/24: Declaration Of The Báb • Bahá'í
5/26: Ascension Day • Christian
5/29: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
5:29 (or 4/30 or 6/1 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
5/30: Memorial Day • American

June 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

6/1: (or 4/30 or 5/29 depending on sect): Zartoshtno Diso • Zoroastrian
6/1-6/3: NJLA Annual Conference • Library
6/2: Republic Day • Italian
6/4-6/6: Shavuot • Jewish
6/5: Pentecost • Christian
6/6: Whit Monday • Christian
6/10: National Day • Portuguese
6/11: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II • English
6/12: Eastern Orthodox Pentecost • Christian
6/12: Independence Day • Russian
6/12: Race Unity Day • Bahá'í
6/14: Flag Day • American
6/14: Rice Planting Festival • Shinto
6/16: Feast of Corpus Christi • Christian
6/17: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion • English (Christian)
6/19: Eastern Orthodox All Saints' Day • Christian
6/19: Juneteenth • African-American and American
6/20-6/21: Summer Solstice/Midsummer • Wiccan
6/21: World Humanist Day • Humanist/Atheist
6/24: Feast of San Juan Bautista • Puerto Rican (Christian)
6/27: Helen Keller Day • Women
6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day • Veterans

July 2022

Holidays:

7/1-7/9: Ratha Yatra • Hindu
7/4: Independence Day • American
7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb • Bahá'í
7/9-7/12: Eid Al-Adha • Islamic
7/11: Birthday of Lǚ Bān • Daoist
7/13: Dharma Day • Buddhist (Theravada)
7/13 (or 3/21 or 8/15 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
7/13-7/15 (varies by region): Obon • Buddhist (Japan)
7/14: Bastille Day • French
7/14-10/9: Vassa • Buddhist (Theravada)
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: ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) Day • Disability
7/26: Revolution Day • Cuban
7/28: Independence Day • Peruvian
7/30-7/31: Al-Hijra • Islamic
7/30-8/8: Ashura • Islamic

August 2022

Holidays:

8/1: Emancipation Day • West Indian (Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago)
8/1-8/7: Festival of El Salvador del Mundo/Fiestas Agostinas • Salvadoran
8/6: Independence Day • West Indian (Jamaica)
8/6-8/7: Tisha B'av • Jewish
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
8/12: Raksha Bandhan • Hindu
8/12: Ullambana • Buddhist
8/12: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival) • Daoist
8/13-8/15 (varies by region): Obon • Buddhist (Japan)
8/15: Assumption Day • Christian

8/15: Ferragosto • Italian
8/15: Independence Day • Indian
8/15 (or 3/21 or 7/13 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
8/15: Liberation Day • Korean
8/16-8/23: Paryushana • Jain
8/20: St. Stephen's Day • Hungarian (Christian)
8/21: Senior Citizens Day • Older Adults
8/22: Day of the Russian Federation State Flag • Russian
8/23: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition •
International
8/23: Saint Rose of Lima Day • Peruvian (Christian)
8/26: Women's Equality Day • Women
8/31: Independence Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)
8/31-9/9: Ganesh Chaturthi • Hindu

September 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

9/5: International Day of Charity • International
9/5: Labor Day • American
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre • Cuban (Christian)
9/9: Anniversary of Attica • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
9/9-9/11: Chuseok • Korean
9/10-9/12: Mid-Autumn Festival • Chinese
9/11: Monkey God Festival • Chinese
9/15: Independence Day • Salvadoran
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month • Colombian, Cuban, Dominican, Ecuadorian,
Mexican, Peruvian, Puerto Rican, and Salvadoran
9/16: Independence Day • Mexican
9/16: POW/MIA Recognition Day • Veterans
9/18-9/24: Banned Books Week • Library
9/21: International Day of Peace • International
9/21-9/22: Autumnal Equinox/Mabon • Wiccan
9/23: Grito de Lares • Puerto Rican
9/24: Republic Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)
9/25-9/27: Rosh Hashanah • Jewish

9/26-10/4: Festival of the Nine Imperial Gods • Daoist
9/26-10/5: Navaratri • Hindu
9/28: Banned Websites Awareness Day • Library

October 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

10/1-10/4: National Days • Chinese
10/2: Gandhi's Birthday • Indian
10/3: Day of German Unity • German
10/3: National Foundation Day • Korean
10/4: Double Ninth Festival • Chinese and Korean
10/4-10/5: Yom Kippur • Jewish
10/5: Republic Day • Portuguese
10/5: Vijayadashami • Hindu
10/8-10/9: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Sunni)
10/9: Hangul Day • Korean
10/9-10/16: Sukkot • Jewish
10/10: Columbus Day • American
10/10: Grito de Yara • Cuban
10/10: Indigenous Peoples' Day • Native American
10/11: International Day of the Girl Child • Women
10/11: National Coming Out Day • LGBTQIA+
10/12: Día de la Raza • Colombian, Ecuadorian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran
10/13-10/14: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Shi'a)
10/16-10/17: Shemini Atzeret • Jewish
10/16-10/22: National Friends of the Library Week • Library
10/17-10/18: Simchat Torah • Jewish
10/18, 10/19, and 10/28: Señor de los Milagros • Peruvian (Christian)
10/19: Bettara-Ichi • Shinto
10/20: Birth Of The Báb • Bahá'í
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib • Sikh
10/21-10/26: Diwali • Hindu and Jain
10/23: Republic Day • Hungarian

10/24: Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikh
10/24: United Nations Day • International
10/26: National Day of the Deployed • Veterans
10/31: Reformation Day • Christian
10/31-11/1: Samhain • Wiccan
10/31-11/2: Día de Muertos/Día de los Muertos • Mexican

November 2022

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

11/1: All Saints' Day • Christian
11/2: All Souls' Day • Christian
11/6-11/12: International Games Week • Library
11/7: Day of Accord and Conciliation • Russian
11/8: USA Election Day • American
11/11: Armistice Day • French
11/11: Cartagena Independence Day • Colombian
11/11: Independence Day • Polish
11/11: Veterans' Day • American and Veterans
11/12: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
11/12-11/20: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week • Poor/Homeless
11/13: Remembrance Sunday • English
11/15: Shichi-Go-San • Shinto
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+
11/24: Thanksgiving Day • American
11/25: Native American Heritage Day • Native American
11/26: Day Of The Covenant • Bahá'í
11/27-12/24: Advent • Christian
11/28: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha • Bahá'í
11/30: Guru Nanak Gurburab • Sikh

11/30: St. Andrew's Day • Scottish (Christian)

December 2022

Holidays:

12/1: Independence Day • Portuguese

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

12/8: Immaculate Conception Day • Christian

12/10: Human Rights Day • International

12/12: Constitution Day • Russian

12/12: Feast Day of our Lady of Guadalupe • Mexican (Christian)

12/15: Bill Of Rights Day • American

12/18-12/26: Chanukah • Jewish

12/20-12/21: Winter Solstice/Yule • Wiccan

12/21: Winter Solstice • Humanist/Atheist

12/25: Christmas • Christian

12/26: Boxing Day • English and Scottish

12/26-1/1/23: Kwanzaa • African-American

12/29: Wounded Knee Day • Native American

12/30: Rizal Day • Filipino

12/31: New Year's Eve • American

January 2023

1/1: Independence Day • West Indian (Haiti)

1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban

1/1: New Year's Day • American

1/5 (using Nanakshahi calendar): Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday • Sikh

1/6: Epiphany/Three Kings Day • Christian

1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve and Day • Christian

1/7: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist

1/9 (using Hindu calendar): Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday • Sikh

1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos • Puerto Rican

1/14: Makar Sankranti • Hindu

1/15: World Religion Day • Bahá'í

1/16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • African-American and American

1/21: Día de la Altagracia • Dominican (Christian)

TBD: NJ Point-In-Time Count • Poor/Homeless
1/22: Lunar New Year • Chinese and Korean
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

African-American

1/17: 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 (or 5/15, third Sunday of May): Malcolm X Day
6/19: Juneteenth
12/26-1/1/2023: Kwanzaa

American

1/1: New Year's Day
1/17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/1: National Freedom Day
2/21: Washington's Birthday
April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
4/17-4/23: National Volunteer Week
5/30: Memorial Day
6/14: Flag Day
6/19: Juneteenth
7/4: Independence Day
9/5: Labor Day
10/10: Columbus Day
11/8: USA Election Day
11/11: Veterans' Day
11/24: Thanksgiving Day
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day
12/31: New Year's Eve

Arab

February: Hala Festival (Kuwait)
2/5: Basant Panchami (Southern Asia)
April: Arab-American Heritage Month
4/25: 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)

2/1: Lunar New Year
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/8-5/9: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā (Daoist)
9/10-9/12: Mid-Autumn Festival
9/11: Monkey God Festival
10/1-10-4: National Days
10/4: 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
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre (Christian)
9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month
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: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
6/17: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion
(Christian)
11/13: Remembrance Sunday
12/26: Boxing Day

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

French (Excluding Basque)

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/8: Victory Day 1945
7/14: Bastille Day
11/11 Armistice Day

German

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

Hungarian

3/15: Revolution and Independence Day
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
8/20: St. Stephen's Day (Christian)
10/23: Republic Day

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
8/15: Ferragosto

Korean

2/1: Lunar New Year (Seolnal)
3/1: Samil-jol
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage
Month
5/5 Urini Nal (Children's Day)
8/15: Liberation Day
9/9-9/11: Chuseok
10/3: National Foundation Day
10/4: Double Ninth (Chung Yeung) Festival

10/9: Hangul Day

Mexican

2/2: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

2/5: Constitution Day

2/23-3/1: Carnaval

2/24: Día de la Bandera

3/21: Birth of Benito Juarez

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 Muertos/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

Portuguese

4/25: Liberty Day

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day

6/10: National Day

10/5: Republic Day

12/1: 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

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

Russian

5/1-5/2: Spring and Labor Day Holiday

5/9: Victory Day

6/12: Independence Day

8/22: Day of the Russian Federation State Flag

11/7: Day of Accord and Conciliation

12/12: Constitution Day

Salvadoran

5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day

8/1-8/7: Festival of El Salvador del Mundo/Fiestas Agostinas

9/15: Independence Day

9/15-10/15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

10/12: Día de la Raza

Scottish

11/30: St. Andrew's Day (Christian)

12/26: Boxing 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 (Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago)

8/6: Independence Day (Jamaica)

8/31: Independence Day (Trinidad and Tobago)

9/24: Republic Day (Trinidad and Tobago)

Bahá'í

1/16: 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

5/24: Declaration Of The Báb

5/29: Ascension Of Bahá'u'lláh

6/12: 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

1/18: Mahayana New Year

2/15: Parinirvana Day

2/16: Māgha Pūjā

4/8: Hana Matsuri

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

4/16-4/18: Theravada New Year

5/16: Vesak/Buddha Day

7/13: Dharma Day (Theravada)

7/13-7/15 (varies by region): Obon (Japan)

7/14-10/9: Vassa (Theravada)

8/12: Ullambana

8/13-8/15 (varies by region): Obon (Japan)

12/8: Bodhi Day

12/8: Hari-Kuyo (at Temple Horinji)

Christian

1/6: Epiphany/Three Kings Day

1/6-1/7: Eastern Orthodox Christmas Eve and Day

3/1: Shrove Tuesday

3/2: Ash Wednesday

3/7: Clean Monday

4/10: Palm Sunday

4/14: Holy Thursday

4/15: Good Friday

4/16: Holy Saturday

4/17: Easter Sunday

4/18: Easter Monday

4/24: Eastern Orthodox Easter

5/26: Ascension Day

6/5: Pentecost

6/6: Whit Monday

6/12: Eastern Orthodox Pentecost

6/16: Feast of Corpus Christi

6/19: Eastern Orthodox All Saints' Day

8/15: Assumption Day

10/31: Reformation Day

11/1: All Saints' Day

11/2: All Souls' Day

11/27-12/24: Advent

12/8: Immaculate Conception Day

12/25: Christmas

Daoist

5/8: Tán Gōng Festival

7/11: Birthday of Lǚ Bān

8/12: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival)

9/26-10/4: Festival of the Nine Imperial Gods

Hindu

1/14: Makar Sankranti
2/5: Vasant Panchami
2/28-3/1: Maha Shivaratri
3/18: Holi
4/10: Rama Navami
7/1-7/9: Ratha Yatra
8/12: Raksha Bandhan
8/31-9/9: Ganesh Chaturthi
9/26-10/5: Navaratri
10/5: Vijayadashami
10/22-10/26: Diwali

Humanist/Atheist

2/27: Darwin Day
5/5: National Day of Reason
6/21: World Humanist Day
12/21: Winter Solstice

Islamic

2/27-2/28: Lailat al Mi'raj
3/18-3/19: Lailat al Bara'h
4/2-5/1: Ramadan
4/28-4/29: Lailat al-Qadr
5/2-5/3: Eid Al-Fitr
7/9-7/12: Eid Al-Adha
7/30-7/31: Al-Hijra
7/30-8/8: Ashura
10/8-10/9: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Sunni)
10/13-10/14: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Shi'a)

Jain

4/14: Mahavira Jayanti
8/16-8/23: Paryushana
10/22-10/26: Diwali

Jewish

1/16-1/17: Tu BiShvat
1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
2/14-2/15: Purim Katan
3/16-3/17: Purim
4/15-4/23: Passover/Pesach
4/27-4/28: Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day
May: Jewish-American Heritage Month
5/18-5/19: Lag BaOmer
6/4-6/6: Shavuot
8/6-8/7: Tisha B'av
9/25-9/27: Rosh Hashanah
10/4-10/5: Yom Kippur
10/9-10/16: Sukkot
10/16-10/17: Shemini Atzeret
10/17-10/18: Simchat Torah
12/18-12/26: 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 (using Nanakshahi calendar): Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday
1/9 (using Hindu calendar): Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday
3/19: Hola Mohalla
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib
10/24: Bandi Chhor Divas
11/30: Guru Nanak Gurburab

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

9/5: International Day of Charity

9/21: International Day of Peace

10/24: United Nations Day

12/1: World Aids Day

12/10: Human Rights Day

LGBTQIA+

4/8: 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

10/10: Indigenous Peoples' Day

November: National Native American Heritage Month

11/25: 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

11/12-11/20: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Veterans

6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day

8/7: Purple Heart Day

9/16: POW/MIA Recognition Day

10/26: National Day of the Deployed

November: Military Family Month
11/11: Veterans' Day

November: Picture Book Month
11/6-11/12: International Games Week

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
3/2: Read Across America
3/6-3/12: Teen Tech Week
3/16: Freedom of Information Day
3/25-3/27: NJ Makers Day
April: NJLA Advocacy Month
April: School Library Month
4/3-4/9: National Library Week
4/5: National Library Workers Day
4/6: National Bookmobile Day
4/9-16: Money Smart Week®
4/12: Drop Everything and Read/D.E.A.R.
4/24-4/30: Preservation Week
4/30: Children's Day/Book Day/Día (El día de los niños/El día de los libros/Día)
TBD: National Library Legislative Day/Virtual Library Legislative Day
5/1-5/7: Choose Privacy Week
6/1-6/3: NJLA Annual Conference
September: Library Card Sign-up Month
9/18-9/24: Banned Books Week
9/28: Banned Websites Awareness Day
October: TeenTober
10/16-10/22: National Friends of Libraries Week

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