

Holidays and
Observances, 2021

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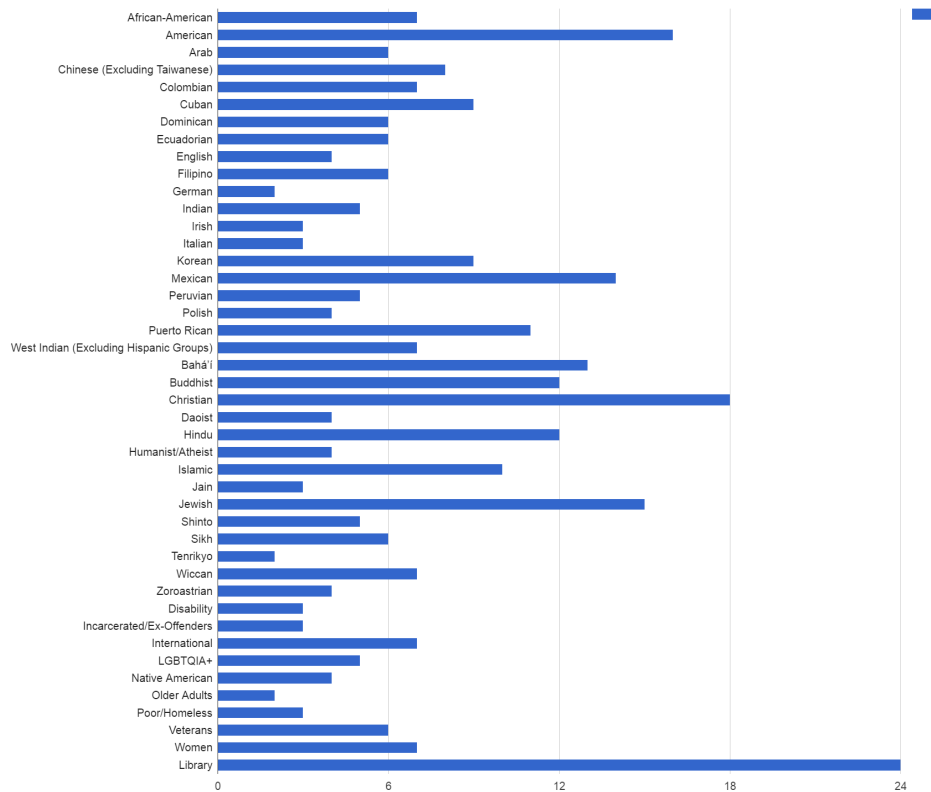
A Note on the Compilation

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 2021

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
- 1/11: Birthday of Eugenio María de Hostos • Puerto Rican
- 1/14: Makar Sankranti • Hindu
- 1/17: World Religion Day • Bahá'í third Sunday in January
- 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 • Jewish
- 1/27-1/28: Tu BiShvat • Jewish
- 1/28: Birth of José Martí • Cuban
- 1/29: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist

February 2021

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
- 2/10-2/16: Carnaval • Mexican
- 2/11: Māgha Pūjā • Buddhist Full moon night of third lunar month
- 2/12: Lunar New Year • Chinese/Korean
- 2/15: Parinirvana Day • Buddhist

2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day • Women
2/15: Washington's Birthday • American
2/16: Basant Panchami/Vasant Panchami • Arab (Southern Asia) and Hindu
2/24: Día de la Bandera • Mexican
2/25: Fiesta sa EDSA • Filipino
2/25-3/1: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days • Bahá'í
2/26-2/27: Purim • Jewish
2/27: Darwin Day • Humanist/Atheist
2/27: Independence Day/Beginning of Carnival • Dominican

March 2021

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

3/1: Samil-jol • Korean
3/2-3/20: Nineteen-Day Fast • Bahá'í
3/8: International Women's Day • Women
3/10: Harriet Tubman Day • Women and African-American
3/10-3/11: Lailat al Mi'raj • Islamic
3/11-3/12: Maha Shivaratri • Hindu
3/11-3/20: Farvardegan • Zoroastrian
3/15: Clean Monday • Christian
3/16: Freedom of Information Day • Library
3/16: Shrove Tuesday • Christian
3/17: Ash Wednesday • Christian
3/17: St. Patrick's Day • Irish (Christian)
3/20: Naw-Ruz (New Year) • Bahá'í
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
3/22: Emancipation Day • Puerto Rican
3/19-3/20: NJ Maker's Day • Library
3/27-3/28: Lailat al Bara'h • Islamic
3/27-4/4: Passover/Pesach • Jewish

3/28: Palm Sunday • Christian
3/28-3/29: Holi • Hindu
3/30: Hola Mohalla • Sikh
3/31: Cesar Chavez Day • Mexican (Mexican-American)

April 2021

Monthly Celebrations:

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

Holidays:

4/1: Holy Thursday • Christian
4/2: Good Friday • Christian
4/4: Easter • Christian
4/5: Sham el-Nessim (Smelling the Breeze) • Arab (Egyptian)
4/8: Hana Matsuri • Buddhist
4/8-4/9: Yom Hashoah • Jewish
4/9: Bataan Day • Filipino
4/9: Day Of Silence • LGBTQIA+
4/11-4/17: National Library Week • Library
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) • Library
4/12-5/11: Ramadan • Islamic
4/13: National Library Workers Day • Library
4/13-4/15: Songkran/Pii Mai • Buddhist
4/14: National Bookmobile Day • Library
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi • Sikh
4/18-4/24: National Volunteer Week • American
4/21: Rama Navami • Hindu
4/21-5/2: Festival Of Ridván • Bahá'í
4/22-4/29: Money Smart Week® • Library
4/23: National Readathon Day • Library
4/23: St. George's Day • English (Christian)
4/23-4/29: Preservation Week • Library
4/24-4/26: NJLA Conference • Library
4/25: Liberation Day • Italian
4/25: Mahavira Jayanti • Jain

4/27-4/30: Theravada New Year • Buddhist
4/29: Hinokishin Day • Tenrikyo
4/29-4/30: Lag B'omer • Jewish
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 2021

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: Constitution Day • Polish
5/4: Greenery Day • Tenrikyo
5/5: Cinco De Mayo • Mexican (Mexican-American)
5/5: Urini Nal (Children's Day) • Korean
5/6: National Day of Reason • Humanist/Atheist
5/8: Vesak/Buddha Day • Buddhist
5/8-5/9: Lailat al-Qadr • Islamic
5/12-5/13: Eid Al-Fitr • Islamic
5/13: Ascension Day • Christian
5/16-5/17: Shavuot • Jewish
5/19: Malcolm X Day • African-American
5/19: Tán Gōng Festival • Daoist
5/19-5/20: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā • Chinese (Daoist)
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
5/23: Pentecost • Christian
5/24: Battle of Pichincha Day • Ecuadorian
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: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day • Christian
5/31: Memorial Day • American

June 2021

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
6/3: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican) • English (Christian)
6/12: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II • English
6/13: Race Unity Day • Bahá'í
6/14: Flag Day • American
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
6/24: Feast of San Juan Bautista • Puerto Rican (Christian)
6/27: Helen Keller Day • Women
6/27: National PTSD Awareness Day • Veterans

July 2021

Holidays:

7/4: Independence Day • American
7/9: Martyrdom Of The Báb • Bahá'í
7/12-7/20: Ratha Yatra • Hindu
7/13 (or 3/21 or 8/15 depending on sect): Khordad Sal (Birth of Zarathustra) • Zoroastrian
7/17: Muñoz-Rivera Day • Puerto Rican
7/17-7/18: Tisha B'av • Jewish
7/18: Mandela Prisoner Rights Day • Incarcerated/Ex-Offenders
7/19-7/20: Eid Al-Adha • Islamic
7/20: Independence Day • Colombian
7/22: Birthday of Lǜ Bān • Daoist
7/22: Liberation Day • Polish

7/23-7/25: Obon/Ulambana • Buddhist (Japan)
7/23-10/20: Vassa • Buddhist (Theravada)
7/24: Dharma Day • Buddhist (Theravada)
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

August 2021

Holidays:

8/1: Emancipation Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and Barbados)
8/6: Independence Day • West Indian (Jamaica)
8/7: Battle of Boyacá • Colombian
8/7: Purple Heart Day • Veterans
8/9-8/10: Al-Hijra • Islamic
8/10: Independence Day • Ecuadorian
8/10: Prisoners' Justice Day • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
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
8/17-8/18: Ashura • Islamic
8/21: Senior Citizens Day • Older Adults
8/22: Raksha Bandhan • Hindu
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)

September 2021

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:

9/5: International Day of Charity • International
9/5-9/13: Paryushana • Jain
9/6: Labor Day • American
9/6-9/8: Rosh Hashanah • Jewish
9/8: Feast of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre • Cuban (Christian)
9/9: Anniversary of Attica • Incarcerated/Ex-Offender
9/10-9/20: Ganesh Chaturthi • Hindu
9/15-9/16: Yom Kippur • Jewish
9/16: Independence Day • Mexican
9/17: POW/MIA Recognition Day • Veterans
9/19-9/25: Banned Books Week • Library
9/20-9/27: Sukkot • Jewish
9/21: International Day of Peace • International
9/21: Mid-Autumn Festival • Chinese
9/21-9/22: Autumnal Equinox/Mabon • Wiccan
9/21-9/23: Chuseok • Korean
9/22: Monkey God Festival • Chinese
9/22: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost Festival) • Daoist
9/23: Grito de Lares • Puerto Rican
9/24: Republic Day • West Indian (Trinidad and Tobago)
9/27-9/28: Shemini Atzeret • Jewish
9/28-9/29: Simchat Torah • Jewish
9/29: Banned Websites Awareness Day • Library

October 2021

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

10/6-10/14: Festival of the Nine Imperial Gods • Daoist
 10/6-10/14: Navaratri • Hindu
 10/9: Hangul Day • Korean
 10/10: Grito de Yara • Cuban
 10/11: Día de la Raza/Columbus Day • Colombian, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Ecuadorian, and American
 10/11: Indigenous People's Day • Native American
 10/11: International Day of the Girl Child • Women
 10/11: National Coming Out Day • LGBTQIA+
 10/14: Double Ninth Festival • Chinese and Korean
 10/15: Vijayadashami • Hindu
 10/17-10/23: National Friends of Libraries Week • Library
 10/18-10/19: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Sunni)
 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
 10/23-10/24: Mawlid Al-Nabi • Islamic (Shi'a)
 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 los Muertos • Mexican

November 2021

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
 11/2: USA Election Day • American
 11/4: Bandi Chhor Divas • Sikh

11/4-11/8: Diwali • Hindu and Jain
11/6-11/14: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week • Poor/Homeless
11/10: Veterans' Day • American and Veterans
11/11: Cartagena Independence Day • Colombian
11/11: Independence Day • Polish
11/12: Birth Of Bahá'u'lláh • Bahá'í
11/14: 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)
11/19: Guru Nanak Gurpurab • Sikh
11/20: International Games Day • Library
11/20: Revolution Day • Mexican
11/20: Transgender Day Of Remembrance • LGBTQIA+
11/25: Thanksgiving Day • American
11/26: Day Of The Covenant • Bahá'í
11/26: Native American Heritage Day • Native American
11/28: Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha • Bahá'í
11/28-12/6: Chanukah • Jewish
11/28-12/19: Advent • Christian

December 2021

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
12/12: 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
12/26-1/1/18: Kwanzaa • African-American
12/29: Wounded Knee Day • Native American
12/30: Rizal Day • Filipino
12/31: New Year's Eve • American

January 2022

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

1/1: Liberation Day • Cuban

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

1/16: Mahayana New Year • Buddhist

1/16: World Religion Day • Bahá'í third Sunday in January

1/16-1/17: Tu BiShvat • Jewish

1/17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day • American and African-American

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

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: Malcolm X Day
6/19: Juneteenth
12/26-1/1/18: Kwanzaa

American

1/2: New Year's Day
1/17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/1: National Freedom Day
2/15: Washington's Birthday
April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month
4/18-4/24: National Volunteer Week
5/31: Memorial Day
6/14: Flag Day
7/4: Independence Day
9/4: Labor Day
10/11: Columbus Day
11/2: USA Election Day
11/10: Veterans' Day
11/25: Thanksgiving Day
12/15: Bill Of Rights Day
12/31: New Year's Eve

Arab

February: Hala Festival (Kuwait)
2/16: Basant Panchami (Southern Asia)
April: Arab-American Heritage Month
4/5: 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)

2/12: Lunar New Year
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/1: International Workers' Day/Labor Day
5/19-5/20: Birthday of Nǎ Zhā (Daoist)
9/21: Mid-Autumn Festival
9/22: Monkey God Festival
10/1-10-3: National Days
10/14: 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
10/11: 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
10/11: Día de la Raza

English

4/23: St. George's Day (Christian)
6/3: Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Anglican)
6/12: Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II
11/14: 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
8/15: Ferragosto

Korean

2/12: Lunar New Year
3/1: Samil-jol
May: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
5/5 Urini Nal (Children's Day)
8/15: Liberation Day
9/21-9/23: Chuseok
10/3: National Foundation Day
10/9: Hangul Day
10/14: Double Ninth Festival

Mexican

2/2: Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
2/5: Constitution Day
2/10-2/16: 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
10/11: 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
10/11: 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

1/16: World Religion Day
2/25-3/1: Ayyám-I-Ha/Intercalary Days
3/2-3/20: Nineteen-Day Fast
3/20: 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
6/13: 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

1/28: Mahayana New Year
2/11: Māgha Pūjā
2/15: Parinirvana Day
4/8: Hana Matsuri
4/13-4/15: Songkran/Pii Mai
4/27-4/30: Theravada New Year
5/8: Vesak/Buddha Day
7/24: Dharma Day (Theravada)

7/23-10/20: Vassa (Theravada)
7/23-7/25: 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
3/15: Clean Monday
3/16: Shrove Tuesday
3/17: Ash Wednesday
3/28: Palm Sunday
4/1: Holy Thursday
4/2: Good Friday
4/4: Easter
5/13: Ascension Day
5/23: Pentecost
5/30: Eastern Orthodox All Saints Day
8/15: Assumption Day
10/31: Reformation Day
11/1: All Saints' Day
11/2: All Souls' Day
11/28-12/19: Advent
12/25: Christmas

Daoist

5/19: Tán Gōng Festival
7/22: Birthday of Lǚ Bān
9/22: Zhōngyuán Jié (Hungry Ghost
Festival)
10/6-10/14: Festival of the Nine Imperial
Gods

Hindu

1/15: Makar Sankranti
2/16: Vasant Panchami
3/11-3/12: Maha Shivaratri
3/28-3/29: Holi

4/21: Rama Navami
7/11-7/19: Ratha Yatra
8/22: Raksha Bandhan
9/10-9/21: Ganesh Chaturthi
10/6-10/14: Navaratri
10/15: Vijayadashami
11/4-11/8: Diwali

Humanist/Atheist

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

Islamic

3/10-3/11: Lailat al Mi'raj
3/27-3/28: Lailat al Bara'h
4/12-5/11: Ramadan
5/8-5/9: Lailat al-Qadr
5/12-5/13: Eid Al-Fitr
7/19-7/20: Eid Al-Adha
8/9-8/10: Al-Hijra
8/17-8/18: Ashura
8/30: Krishna Janmashtami
10/18-10/19: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Sunni)
10/23-10/24: Mawlid Al-Nabi (Shi'a)

Jain

4/25: Mahavira Jayanti
9/5-9/13: Paryushana
11/4-11/8: Diwali

Jewish

1/27: International Holocaust Remembrance
Day
1/27-1/28: Tu BiShvat
2/26-2/27: Purim
3/27-4/4: Passover/Pesach
4/8-4/9: Yom Hashoah

4/29-4/20: Lag B'omer
May: Jewish-American Heritage Month
5/16-5/17: Shavuot
7/17-7/18: Tisha B'av
9/6-9/8: Rosh Hashanah
9/15-9/16: Yom Kippur
9/20-9/27: Sukkot
9/27-9/28: Shemini Atzeret
9/28-9/29: Simchat Torah
11/28-12/6: 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
3/30: Hola Mohalla
4/14: Vaisakh/Baisakhi
10/20: Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib
11/4: Bandi Chhor Divas
11/19: 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)
(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+

4/9: 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

10/11: Indigenous People's Day
November: National Native American Heritage Month
11/26: 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
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
9/17: POW/MIA Recognition Day
10/26: National Day of the Deployed
November: Military Family Month
11/10: Veterans' Day

Women

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

2/15: Susan B. Anthony Day
March: National Women's History Month

Library

February: Your Library Loves You Month
3/16: Freedom of Information Day
3/19-3/20: NJ Maker's Day
April: NJLA Advocacy Month
April: School Library Month
4/11-4/17: National Library Week
4/12: Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.)
4/13: National Library Workers Day
4/14: National Bookmobile Day
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
9/29: Banned Websites Awareness Day
10/17-10/23: National Friends of Libraries Week
November: Picture Book Month
11/20: International Games Day

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