

Counties of New Jersey



The Present Day Counties of New Jersey

Timeline

- Prior to 27 Aug 1664 the present day counties of Bergen & Hudson were a part of New Netherland.
- 1633 – Settlement at Pavonia; 1640 – Settlement at Vriessenael; 1642 – Settlement at Achter Col. The settlements were disbanded during Keift's War of 1643-1645. Settlements returned to Bergen in 1660.

- 27 Aug 1664 – Surrender of New Netherland to the English.
- 1674 – Formation of Province of New Jersey.
- 1679 – Bergen was a judicial district with Essex, Monmouth and Middlesex Counties in East Jersey, a proprietary colony.
- 1681 – Salem County founded. Original county in West Jersey.
- 1683 – Bergen, Essex, Monmouth and Middlesex recognized as independent counties in East Jersey.
- 1685 – Cape May County founded. Original County in West Jersey.
- 1686 – Gloucester County founded. Original County in West Jersey.
- 1688 – Somerset County created from portions of Middlesex.
- 1694 – Burlington County founded. Original County in West Jersey.
- 1714 – Hunterdon County formed from Burlington.
- 1739 – Morris County formed from Hunterdon.
- 1748 – Cumberland County formed from Salem.
- 1753 – Sussex County formed from Morris.
- 1824 – Warren County formed from Sussex
- 1837 – Passaic County formed from Bergen & Essex.
- 1837 – Atlantic County (formerly Egg Harbor Twp.) formed from eastern half of Gloucester County.
- 1838 – Mercer County formed from portions of Burlington, Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex Counties.
- 1840 – Hudson County formed from Bergen.
- 1844 – Camden County formed from Gloucester.
- 1850 – Ocean County formed from Monmouth.
- 1857- Union County formed from Essex.