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New Jersey Election Statistics, 1788-1875.

There **is** no one source for the early election statistics for New Jersey either National elections or State elections. We know who won but when it comes to the number of votes cast, the areas voting and the opponents names we cannot answer such questions without a great deal of research. There are some lists available but they do not tell the whole story. In the case of Presidential elections the problem is further complicated by the first system; the highest number of votes elects the President and the next highest number of votes elects the Vice President. Also in those days you were voting for the electors by name and sometimes they are so listed without indication as to whom their vote was pledged.

The major and practically the only source of these statistics is the newspapers of the period. A check of the newspaper index will list the papers available for a given year. (see: "The Directory of New Jersey Newspapers, 1765-1970," by Wright and Stellhorn) In most cases you will have to check the November papers for the final results, but where only names of the electors and not the parties are given you may have to go back to early fall to reports of party affiliations.

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Source: The Statistical History of the United States from Colonial Times to 1800
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1788-89; 1792; 1796; 1800; 1812. By Legislature
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Source: New Jersey Almanac 1964-65, page 266 - Presidential Elections 1788-1832.

1788 6 George Washington 1 John Adams 5 John Jay
1792 7 George Washington 7 John Adams
1796 7 John Adams 7 Thomas Pinckney
1800 7 John Adams 7 Charles C. Pinckney
1804 8 Thomas Jefferson - President 8 George Clinton - Vice President
1808 8 James Madison - President 8 George Clinton - Vice President
1812 8 DeWitt Clinton - President 8 Jared Ingersoll - Vice President
1816 8 James Monroe - President 8 Daniel D. Tompkins - Vice President
1820 8 James Monroe - President 8 Daniel D. Tompkins - Vice President
1824 8 Andrew Jackson - President 8 John C. Calhoun - Vice President
1828 8 John Quincy Adams - President 8 Richard Rush - Vice President
1832 8 Andrew Jackson - President 8 Martin Van Buren - Vice President

Presidential Elections in New Jersey, 1788-1832, from N.J. Newspapers.

1788-1792-1796 No information found in the newspapers.
1800 The Centinel of Freedom, 4 November 1800.
The Federalist and New-Jersey State Gazette, 4 November 1800.
1804 The True American, 26 November 1804.
1808 The Trenton Federalist, 17 October 1808; 21 November 1808.
The True American, 19 December 1808.
1812 The True American, 2 October 1812; 14 December 1812.
The Trenton Federalist, 23 November 1812.
1816 The True American, 7 October 1816.
The Trenton Federalist, 25 November 1816.
1820 The True American, 28 October 1820; 18 November 1820.
1824 The Trenton Federalist, 25 Oct. 1824; 1 Nov. 1824; 15 Nov. 1824
1828 The Trenton Federalist, 20 Oct. 1828; 17 Nov. 1828; 1 Dec. 1828
1832 The Emporium and True American, 20 October 1832; 27 October 1832
3 November 1832; 24 November 1832.

The Centinel of Freedom, Newark, 4 November 1800, page 3.

The house went into joint meeting yesterday for the purpose of appointing Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States. The following is a correct statement of the votes for each candidate in nomination.

<u>Federal Ticket</u>		<u>Republican Ticket</u>	
Isaac Smith	38	Henry Southard	15
Richard Stockton	36	Moore Furman	14
Thomas Sinnickson	36	James Mott	14
Dr. S.S. Smith	35	Gen. W. Helms	14
Josiah L. Howell	35	John Cobb	13
Mat. Williamson Jr.	35	Samuel Hay	13
William Griffith	34	Wm. Woodhall	10

The Federalist and New-Jersey Gazette, 4 November 1800, page 3.

Legislature of New Jersey, Thursday, October 30.

The following gentlemen were then appointed Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States for the State of New-Jersey, by a very large majority, vis.

Isaac Smith, Esq. of Hunterdon
Thomas Sinnickson, Esq. of Salem
Richard Stockton, Esq. of Somerset
Joshua L. Howell, Esq. of Gloucester
Matthias Williamson, Esq. of Essex
Rev. Dr. Samuel Stanhope Smith of Middlesex
William Griffith, Esq. of Burlington

The True American, Trenton, 26 November 1804, page 3.

Result of the New Jersey Election, Republican Electoral Ticket

Phineas Manning	13119
Alexander Carmichael	13109
Thomas Newbold	13100
Solomon Freligh	13095
William Rossell	13094
Jacob Hufty	13066
Adijah Smith	13062
Moore Furman	13039

No other Republican candidate had more than 6 votes. It appears that no Federal Ticket for Electors was formed - the highest federal candidate having but 19 votes.

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 17 October 1808, page 3.

The following gentleman compose the FEDERAL Ticket for Electors.

Jonathan Elmer, Esq.
Thomas Sinnickson, Esq.
Gen. John Black
Col. Jonathan Rhea
John Outwater, Esq.
Evi Adams, Esq.
Wm. Lloyd, Esq.
Peter I. Stryker, Esq.

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 21 November 1808, page 3.

Another choice of Electors. On Friday last, the Legislature, in Joint Meeting, went into a formal choice of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States. The persons recently run upon the democratic ticket were appointed without opposition. Thus the people see what a farce the election of Electors has been to them. The Electors are all Madison men, of any thing.

The True American, Trenton, 19 December 1808, page 3.

Electoral Votes for New Jersey

President Madison 8; Pinckney; Clinton.
Vice-President Clinton 8; King; Monroe; Madison.

The True American, Trenton, 2 October 1812, page 3

Whig Convention - For Electors of President and Vice-President

Lewis Moore of Bergen
Wm. M'Cullough of Sussex
Abrm. Shaver of Sussex
Benj. Bennet of Monmouth
Joseph Budd of Burlington
Edward Yard of Hunterdon
Abijah Davis of Cumberland
Jehu Townsend of Cape-May

The True American, Trenton, 2 October, 1812, page 2.

Republican Convention - For Electors

Lewis Moore of Bergen
Wm. M'Cullough of Sussex
Abraham Shaver of Sussex

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 25 November, 1816, page 3.

The following persons were elected...Electors of President and Vice-President at the late election in New Jersey.

Lewis Moore	5409	John Crowell	5433
Aaron Kitchell	5352	Charles Ogden	5441
David Welsh	5432	David Garrison	5408
Aaron Vansyckle	5388	William Rosell	5310

The True American, Trenton, 28 October, 1820, page 3.

Convention of Republican Delegates - For Electors of President and Vice-President.

David Mills, of Morris
John Wilson, of Essex
John Crowell, of Middlesex
Samuel L. Southard, of Hunterdon
Aaron Vansyckel, of Hunterdon
Joseph Budd, of Burlington
Isiah Shinn, of Salem
John L. Smith, of Cape-May

The True American, 18 November, 1820, page 3.

The Election of Members to Congress and electors of President and Vice-President which took place in this state, on the 7th and 8th inst. has resulted in the success of the Republican Convention Ticket. To the Electoral Ticket there was no opposition.

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 25 October, 1824, page 3.

Jackson Ticket for Electors

Peter Wilson of Bergen
James Parker of Middlesex
Daniel Vliet of Sussex
Isaac G. Farlee of Hunterdon
Jos. W. Scott of Somerset
John Beatty, jun. of Burlington
Joseph Kille of Salem
John Buck of Cumberland

Democratic Caucus

John Buck of Cumberland
Joseph Kille of Salem
Joseph Rodgers of Gloucester
Peter B. Shafer of Sussex
Robert B. Canfield of Essex
James Cook of Middlesex

Jacob Kline of Somerset
Isaac G. Farlee of Hunterdon

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 1 November, 1824, page 3.

The following Ticket of Electors was agreed upon and is recommended by the advocates of John Quincy Adams for President, who seceded from the democratic Caucus held in Trenton on the 19th ult., viz..

John Dodd of Essex
Jesse Upson of Morris
John M. Sherrerd of Sussex
Robert M'Neely of Hunterdon
James T. Dunn of Middlesex
Philip F. Howell of Burlington
Jacob Glover of Gloucester
David Dubois of Salem

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 15 November, 1824, page 3.

Electoral Election in New Jersey

Jackson Ticket

Vliet 9215
Parker 9226
Wilson 9218
Kline* 10063
Cook* 10112
Farley* 10283
Kille* 10247
Buck* 10288

Adams Ticket

Upson 8187
Dubois 8101
Howell 8114
Glover 8155
Sherrerd 8235
Dunn 8209
M'Neely 8212
Dodd 8139

Those (*) were also run upon the Crawford or Convention Ticket. The other candidates on the Convention Ticket were Campfield 1198, Shafer 1234, Rogers 1236.

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 20 October, 1828, page 3.

Adams Electoral Ticket for New Jersey

Abraham Brown of Burlington
Timothy Elmer of Cumberland
John J. Ely of Monmouth
Theodore Frelinghuysen of Essex
Gabriel Hoff of Hunterdon
Aaron Leaming of Cape May
Alexander White of Warren
Christian Zabriskie of Bergen

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 20 October, 1828, page 3. (Cont'd)

Jackson Electoral Ticket for New Jersey

William N. Shinn of Burlington
William M'Cullough of Warren
Robert H. M'Carter of Sussex
George Maxwell of Hunterdon
William I. Conover of Monmouth
Cresse Townsend of Cape May
Joseph Kille of Salem
Abraham Godwin Essex

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 17 November, 1828, page 3.

The following statement, gathered from the several newspapers printed in the state of the result of the late Electoral Election in the several counties in New-Jersey, will be found nearly correct.

Majorities

Administration		Jackson	
Cape May	305	Sussex	154
Cumberland	125	Warren	667
Salem	260	Morris	6
Essex	1133	Hunterdon	393
Somerset	94		2577
Monmouth	88		
Burlington	1214		
Middlesex	598		
Gloucester	457		
Bergen	107		
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	<u>2577</u>		
Adams Majority	1804		

The Trenton Federalist, Trenton, 1 December, 1828, page 3.

The following according to the official returns is the result of the late Election in New Jersey for Presidential Electors.

Administration		Jackson	
Frelinghuysen	23758	M'Cullough	21809
Leaming	23757	M'Carter	21951
Hoff	23760	Maxwell	21950
White	23626	Conover	21703
Ely	23761	Townsend	21947
Brown	23764	Kille	21946
Elmer	23757	Godwin	21950
Zabriskie	23754	Shinn	21951

Emporium and True American, Trenton, 20 October, 1832, page 3.

The Nationals held their Convention in this city on Tuesday last, and after great difficulty nominated the following ticket - For Clay Electors.

Cornelius C. Zabriskie of Bergen
Daniel Holsman of Essex
Archibald Robertson of Warren
Oliver W. Odgen of Hunterdon
Alexander McDowell of Middlesex
James Matlack of Gloucester
Joseph Heritage of Salem
Morris Beaseley of Cape May
(Henry Clay and John Sergeant.)

The Emporium and True American, Trenton, 27 October, 1832, page 3.

Democratic State Convention - Nominations for Electors of President and Vice-President.

Peter I. Terhune of Bergen
William Munro of Morris
Daniel Vliet of Warren
Aaron Vansyckle of Hunterdon
John M. Perrine of Monmouth
Joseph Rogers of Gloucester
James Newell of Salem
William L. Stites of Cape May
(Andrew Jackson and Martin Van Buren)

The Emporium and True American, Trenton, 3 November, 1832, page 3.

Anti-Masonic Ticket - For Electors

John Rutherford
John Dow
Joseph Northrup
Abraham Britton
Jacob Melick
John H. Voorhees
George F. Fort
Thomas Ware

This electoral ticket if it succeeds, will vote for William Wirt for President, and Amos Ellmaker, for Vice-President.

The Emporium and True American, Trenton, 24 November, 1832, page 3.

Official Returns

	No. of votes	Anti-Masonic Electors	Jackson	Clay
Bergen	3366	37	1792	1537
Essex	6552	265	2457	3830
Sussex	3193	18	2422	753
Morris	3756	14	1805	1937
Warren	2423	49	1675	699
Somerset	2483	10	1296	1177
Middlesex	3538	14	1793	1831
Hunterdon	4392	12	2522	1858
Burlington	4787	8	1848	2931
Monmouth	4561	22	2422	2117
Gloucester	3455	5	1609	1841
Salem	2169	12	943	1214
Cumberland	2331	14	1135	1182
Cape May	<u>732</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>486</u>
	47729	480	23856	23393