Researching New Jersey State Vital Records May 1848-December 1918*
(*date changes at the end of each calendar year when all records in a calendar year are 100 years old)

Birth

Exact Date?

Yes

Before 1903

Look at published NJSA Birth Indexes for location or certificate number of record

No

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1904-1918

Look at microfilm, arranged in alphabetical order by last name within calendar year

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Find child’s age from 1905 or 1915 census

Before 1901?

Yes

Search 1901-1903 index to NJ State Birth Certificates on Ancestry (same indexes available on microfilm at NJSA).

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Contact or visit NJSA to search 1905-1918 birth certificate

If ordering from the New Jersey State Archives (NJSA) remotely, make sure to include the exact date of birth on your order form. Further questions? Contact the State Archives at 609-292-6260

NJSA has searchable birth records from January 1919 to December 1923 for in person use only. If these records are needed for any official purposes, you must contact the Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics and Registry to order at 609-292-4087.