




 **Happy Birthday Illinois, Delaware, Mississippi, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, New Jersey, Iowa, and Texas!**

This month we celebrate the birthdays of **nine** states beginning with Illinois on December **3rd**, Delaware on the **7th**, Mississippi on the **10th**, Indiana on the **11th**, Pennsylvania on the **12th**, Alabama on the **14th**, New Jersey on the **18th**, Iowa on the **28th**, and finishing up on the **29th** with Texas.

 **Did you know?** Texas is the **2nd** largest state by area. Iowa was the **29th** state to join the Union.

 New Jersey is the **Garden State**.

 Alabama is the **Heart of Dixie**.

 Pennsylvania is the **Keystone State**.

 The state bird of Indiana is the **Cardinal**.

 The largest city in Mississippi is **Jackson**.

 The second largest city in Delaware is **Dover**.

 The state snack of Illinois is **Popcorn**.

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