

S.No.	Governor	Term of Office	Party	Election
1	John McKinly (1721–1796)	February 21, 1777 – September 12, 1777 (arrested and removed)	No parties	1777
2	Thomas McKean (1734–1817)	September 22, 1777 – October 20, 1777 (successor took office)	No parties	Speaker of the Assembly acting as vice-president
3	George Read (1733–1798)	October 20, 1777 – March 31, 1778 (did not run)	No parties	Speaker of the Legislative Council serving as vice-president
4	Caesar Rodney (1728–1784)	March 31, 1778 – November 6, 1781 (did not run)	No parties	1778
5	John Dickinson (1732–1808)	November 13, 1781 – January 13, 1783 (resigned)	No parties	1781
6	John Cook (1730–1789)	January 13, 1783 – February 8, 1783 (did not run)	No parties	Speaker of the Legislative Council serving as vice-president
7	Nicholas Van Dyke (1738–1789)	February 8, 1783 – October 27, 1786 (did not run)	No parties	1783 (special)
8	Thomas Collins (1732–1789)	October 27, 1786 – March 29, 1789 (died in office)	No parties	1786
9	Jehu Davis (1738–1802)	March 29, 1789 – May 30, 1789 (did not run)	No parties	Speaker of the Legislative Council serving as vice-president
10	Joshua Clayton (1744–1798)	May 30, 1789 – January 19, 1796 (term-limited)	Federalist	1789 1792

11	Gunning Bedford Sr. (1742–1797)	January 19, 1796 – September 28, 1797 (died in office)	Federalist	1795
12	Daniel Rogers (1754–1806)	September 28, 1797 – January 9, 1799 (did not run)	Federalist	Speaker of the Senate acting
13	Richard Bassett (1745–1815)	January 9, 1799 – March 3, 1801 (resigned)	Federalist	1798
14	James Sykes (1761–1822)	March 3, 1801 – January 19, 1802 (did not run)	Federalist	Speaker of the Senate acting
15	David Hall (1752–1817)	January 19, 1802 – January 15, 1805 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1801
16	Nathaniel Mitchell (1753–1814)	January 15, 1805 – January 19, 1808 (term-limited)	Federalist	1804
17	George Truitt (1756–1818)	January 19, 1808 – January 15, 1811 (term-limited)	Federalist	1807
18	Joseph Haslet (1769–1823)	January 15, 1811 – January 18, 1814 (term-limited)	Democratic- Republican	1810
19	Daniel Rodney (1764–1846)	January 18, 1814 – January 21, 1817 (term-limited)	Federalist	1813
20	John Clark (1761–1821)	January 21, 1817 – January 15, 1820 (resigned)	Federalist	1816
21	Henry Molleston (1762–1819)	Died before taking office	Federalist	1819
22	Jacob Stout (1764–1855)	January 15, 1820 – January 16, 1821 (did not run)	Federalist	Speaker of the Senate acting

23	John Collins (1776–1822)	January 16, 1821 – April 16, 1822 (died in office)	Democratic- Republican	1820 (special)
24	Caleb Rodney (1767–1840)	April 23, 1822 – January 21, 1823 (did not run)	Federalist	Speaker of the Senate acting
25	Joseph Haslet (1769–1823)	January 21, 1823 – June 20, 1823 (died in office)	Democratic- Republican	1822
26	Charles Thomas (1770–1848)	June 20, 1823 – January 20, 1824 (did not run)	Democratic- Republican	Speaker of the Senate acting
27	Samuel Paynter (1768–1845)	January 20, 1824 – January 16, 1827 (term-limited)	Federalist	1823 (special)
28	Charles Polk Jr. (1788–1857)	January 16, 1827 – January 19, 1830 (term-limited)	Federalist	1826
29	David Hazzard (1781–1864)	January 19, 1830 – January 15, 1833 (term-limited)	National Republican	1829
30	Caleb P. Bennett (1758–1836)	January 15, 1833 – May 9, 1836 (died in office)	Democratic	1832
31	Charles Polk Jr. (1788–1857)	May 9, 1836 – January 17, 1837 (did not run)	Whig	Speaker of the Senate acting
32	Cornelius P. Comegys (1780–1851)	January 17, 1837 – January 19, 1841 (term-limited)	Whig	1836
33	William B. Cooper (1771–1849)	January 19, 1841 – January 21, 1845 (term-limited)	Whig	1840

34	Thomas Stockton (1781–1846)	January 21, 1845 – March 2, 1846 (died in office)	Whig	1844
35	Joseph Maull (1781–1846)	March 2, 1846 – May 3, 1846 (died in office)	Whig	Speaker of the Senate acting
36	William Temple (1814–1863)	May 6, 1846 – January 19, 1847 (did not run)	Whig	Speaker of the Senate acting
37	William Tharp (1803–1865)	January 19, 1847 – January 21, 1851 (term-limited)	Democratic	1846 (special)
38	William H. H. Ross (1814–1887)	January 21, 1851 – January 16, 1855 (term-limited)	Democratic	1850
39	Peter F. Causey (1801–1871)	January 16, 1855 – January 18, 1859 (term-limited)	American	1854
40	William Burton (1789–1866)	January 18, 1859 – January 20, 1863 (term-limited)	Democratic	1858
41	William Cannon (1809–1865)	January 20, 1863 – March 1, 1865 (died in office)	Republican	1862
42	Gove Saulsbury (1815–1881)	March 1, 1865 – January 17, 1871 (term-limited)	Democratic	Speaker of the Senate acting 1866
43	James Ponder (1819–1897)	January 17, 1871 – January 19, 1875 (term-limited)	Democratic	1870
44	John P. Cochran (1809–1898)	January 19, 1875 – January 21, 1879 (term-limited)	Democratic	1874

45	John W. Hall (1817–1892)	January 21, 1879 – January 16, 1883 (term-limited)	Democratic	1878
46	Charles C. Stockley (1819–1901)	January 16, 1883 – January 18, 1887 (term-limited)	Democratic	1882
47	Benjamin T. Biggs (1821–1893)	January 18, 1887 – January 20, 1891 (term-limited)	Democratic	1886
48	Robert J. Reynolds (1838–1909)	January 20, 1891 – January 15, 1895 (term-limited)	Democratic	1890
49	Joshua H. Marvil (1825–1895)	January 15, 1895 – April 8, 1895 (died in office)	Republican	1894
50	William T. Watson (1849–1917)	April 8, 1895 – January 19, 1897 (did not run)	Democratic	Speaker of the Senate acting
51	Ebe W. Tunnell (1844–1917)	January 19, 1897 – January 15, 1901 (did not run)	Democratic	1896
52	John Hunn (1849–1926)	January 15, 1901 – January 17, 1905 (did not run)	Republican	1900
53	Preston Lea (1841–1916)	January 17, 1905 – January 19, 1909 (did not run)	Republican	1904
54	Simeon S. Pennewill (1867–1935)	January 19, 1909 – January 21, 1913 (did not run)	Republican	1908
55	Charles R. Miller (1857–1927)	January 21, 1913 – January 16, 1917 (did not run)	Republican	1912

56	John G. Townsend Jr. (1871–1964)	January 16, 1917 – January 18, 1921 (did not run)	Republican	1916
57	William D. Denney (1873–1953)	January 18, 1921 – January 20, 1925 (did not run)	Republican	1920
58	Robert P. Robinson (1869–1939)	January 20, 1925 – January 15, 1929 (did not run)	Republican	1924
59	C. Douglass Buck (1890–1965)	January 15, 1929 – January 19, 1937 (term-limited)	Republican	1928 1932
60	Richard McMullen (1868–1944)	January 19, 1937 – January 21, 1941 (did not run)	Democratic	1936
61	Walter W. Bacon (1880–1962)	January 21, 1941 – January 18, 1949 (term-limited)	Republican	1940 1944
62	Elbert N. Carvel (1910–2005)	January 18, 1949 – January 20, 1953 (lost election)	Democratic	1948
63	J. Caleb Boggs (1909–1993)	January 20, 1953 – December 30, 1960 (resigned)	Republican	1952 1956
64	David P. Buckson (1920–2017)	December 30, 1960 – January 17, 1961 (successor took office)	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
65	Elbert N. Carvel (1910–2005)	January 17, 1961 – January 19, 1965 (term-limited)	Democratic	1960
66	Charles L. Terry Jr. (1900–1970)	January 19, 1965 – January 21, 1969 (lost election)	Democratic	1964

67	Russell W. Peterson (1916–2011)	January 21, 1969 – January 16, 1973 (lost election)	Republican	1968
68	Sherman W. Tribbitt (1922–2010)	January 16, 1973 – January 18, 1977 (lost election)	Democratic	1972
69	Pete du Pont (1935–2021)	January 18, 1977 – January 15, 1985 (term-limited)	Republican	1976 1980
70	Mike Castle (b. 1939)	January 15, 1985 – December 31, 1992 (resigned)	Republican	1984 1988
71	Dale E. Wolf (1924–2021)	December 31, 1992 – January 19, 1993 (successor took office)	Republican	Succeeded from lieutenant governor
72	Tom Carper (b. 1947)	January 19, 1993 – January 3, 2001 (resigned)	Democratic	1992 1996
73	Ruth Ann Minner (1935–2021)	January 3, 2001 – January 20, 2009 (term-limited)	Democratic	Succeeded from lieutenant governor 2000 2004
74	Jack Markell (b. 1960)	January 20, 2009 – January 17, 2017 (term-limited)	Democratic	2008 2012
75	John Carney (b. 1956)	January 17, 2017 – Incumbent	Democratic	2016 2020

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