## Virginia Plan/New Jersey Plan Comparison Chart

| Virginia Plan  | New Jersey Plan  |  |
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| Branches – Three: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. The legislature was more powerful, as it chose people to serve in the Executive and Judicial Branches.   | Branches – Three: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. The legislature appoints people to serve in the Executive Branch, and the Executive Branch selects the justices of the Supreme |  |
| Legislature – Two houses (bicameral).  The House of Representatives was elected by the people and the Senate was elected by the state legislatures. Both were represented proportionally (meaning the number of representatives was determined by the size of the state's population). | Court.  Legislature – One house (unicameral). States would be represented equally, so all states had the same power.   |  |
|  | Other Powers – The national government could levy taxes and import duties, regulate trade, and state laws would be subordinate to laws passed by the national legislature.             |  |
| Other Powers – The legislature could regulate interstate trade, strike down laws deemed unconstitutional, and use armed forces to enforce laws.  |  |  |
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## **The Great Compromise**

## 1790 United States Census Data

| States         | Total Population | Slave Population |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Connecticut    | 237,946          | 2,764            |
| Delaware       | 59,096           | 8,887            |
| Georgia        | 82,548           | 29,264           |
| Maryland       | 319,728          | 103,036          |
| Massachusetts  | 378,787          | 0                |
| New Hampshire  | 141,885          | 158              |
| New Jersey     | 184,139          | 11,423           |
| New York       | 340,120          | 21,324           |
| North Carolina | 393,751          | 100,572          |
| Pennsylvania   | 434,373          | 3,737            |
| Rhode Island   | 68,825           | 948              |
| South Carolina | 249,073          | 107,094          |
| Virginia       | 691,737          | 292,627          |