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## Geographical Regions for the JewishGen Lithuania Database

### Russian Empire (until 1918)

#### Gubernias and Uyezds:

Prior to WWI (1917), the area that is now Lithuania was in the Russian Empire, and was part of three *gubernias* (provinces):

[Kovno](#), [Vilna](#), and [Suwałki](#). Each *gubernia* was in turn divided into seven *uyezds* (districts). These *gubernia* and *uyezd* divisions are as follows:

- [Russian Empire \(until 1918\):](#)
  - [Kovno Gubernia](#)
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- [Inter-War Lithuania \(1918-1939\)](#)

#### Suwałki Gubernia:

Suwałki (Suwalk) Gubernia, located in southwestern Lithuania and northeastern Poland, was one of the ten gubernias of the Russian "[Kingdom of Poland](#)". Since WWI, the northern part is in Lithuania, and the southern part in Poland. In the town lists below, the modern native placenames are used, with the pre-WWI Polish town names in parenthesis.

Russian	Lithuanian	Yiddish	Polish	Notes, Major Towns
<b>Kalvaria</b> Калвария	Kalvarija	<b>קאַלוואַריע</b> Kalvaria	Kalwarya	Towns: Krasna (Krasna), Liubavas (Lubowo), Liudvinavas (Ludwinów), Alytus (Olita), Simnas (Simno), Rudamina (Urdomin).
<b>Mariampol</b> Мариамполь	Marijampolė	<b>מאַריאַמפּאָל</b> Mariampol	Marjampol	Towns: Aleksotas (Aleksota), Balbieriškis (Balwierzyszki), Garliava (Godlewo), Pilviškiai (Pilwiszki), Panemunis (Poniemoń), Prienai (Preny), Zapyškis (Sapiezyszki).

<b>Vladislavov</b> Владиславов	Kudirkos Naumiestis	<b>נישטאט־שאַקי</b> Neishtat-Shaki	Władysławów	Towns: Sudargas (Sudarg), Šakiai (Szaki).
<b>Vilkovishki</b> Вылковышки	Vilkaviškis	<b>ווילקאווישק</b> Vilkovishk	Wyłkowyszki	Towns: Kybartai (Kibarty), Virbalis (Wierzbołowo), Vištytis (Wysztyniec).
<b>Seiny</b> Сейны	Seinai	<b>סייני</b> Seini	Sejny	Today, partially in Poland. Towns: Berzniki [Pol], Kapčiamiestis (Kopciowo), Krasnopol [Pol], Lazdijai (Łódzkie), Leipalingis (Lejpany), Seirijai (Sereje), Veisiejai (Wiejsieje).
<b>Suvalki</b> Сувалки	Suvalkai	<b>סוואלוק</b> Suvalk	Suwałki	Today, in Poland. Towns: Bakalarzewo [Pol], Filipów [Pol], Jeleniewo [Pol], Puńsk [Pol], Przerost [Pol], Wiżany [Pol].
<b>Augustov</b> Аугустов	Augustavas	<b>אויגוסטאווע</b> Ogustove	Augustów	Today, in Poland. Towns: Bargłów Kościelny [Pol], Hołynka [Pol], Raczek [Pol], Sopotskin ( <i>Sopoćkinie</i> ) [Bel], Sztabin [Pol].

## Inter-war Lithuania:

After World War I, Lithuania became an independent country. Its capital was Kaunas. (Vilnius was in Poland between the wars). Independent Lithuania was divided into 23 districts (singular: *apskritis*, plural: *apskritys*), and further subdivided into sub-districts (singular: *valsčius*, plural: *valsčiai*).

The 23 districts of inter-war Lithuania were:

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| • Alytus    | • Marijampolė | • Šakiai   | • Trakai      |
| • Biržai    | • Mažeikiai   | • Seinai   | • Ukmergė     |
| • Kaunas    | • Pagėgiai *  | • Šiauliai | • Utena       |
| • Kėdainiai | • Panevėžys   | • Šilutė * | • Vilkaviškis |
| • Klaipėda  | • Raseiniai   | • Tauragė  | • Zarasai     |