

1924 in the United States

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Events from the year **1924 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Calvin Coolidge (R-Massachusetts)
- Vice President: *vacant*
- Chief Justice: William Howard Taft (Ohio)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Frederick H. Gillett (R-Massachusetts)
- Senate Majority Leader: Henry Cabot Lodge (R-Massachusetts) (until November 9), vacant (starting November 9)
- Congress: 68th

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: William W. Brandon (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: George W. P. Hunt (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: Thomas Chipman McRae (Democratic)
- Governor of California: Friend Richardson (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: William Ellery Sweet (Democratic)
- Governor of Connecticut: Charles A. Templeton (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: William D. Denney (Republican)
- Governor of Florida: Cary A. Hardee (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: Clifford Walker (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: Charles C. Moore (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Len Small (Republican)
- Governor of Indiana: Warren T. McCray (Republican) (until April 30), Emmett Forrest Branch (Republican) (starting April 30)
- Governor of Iowa: Nathan E. Kendall (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: Jonathan M. Davis (Democratic)
- Governor of Kentucky: William J. Fields (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: John M. Parker (Democratic) (until May 13), Henry L. Fuqua (Democratic) (starting May 13)
- Governor of Maine: Percival Proctor Baxter (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Albert C. Ritchie (Democratic)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Channing H. Cox (Republican)
- Governor of Michigan: Alex Groesbeck (Republican)
- Governor of Minnesota: J. A. O. Preus (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi:
 - until January 18: Lee M. Russell (Democratic)
 - January 18-January 22: vacant
 - starting January 22: Henry L. Whitfield (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Arthur M. Hyde (Republican)
- Governor of Montana: Joseph M. Dixon (Republican)
- Governor of Nebraska: Charles W. Bryan (Democratic)
- Governor of Nevada: James G. Scrugham (Democratic)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Fred H. Brown (Democratic)
- Governor of New Jersey: George Sebastian Silzer (Democratic)
- Governor of New Mexico: James F. Hinkle (Democratic)
- Governor of New York: Al Smith (Democratic)
- Governor of North Carolina: Cameron Morrison (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: Ragnvald A. Nestos (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: A. Victor Donahey (Democratic)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Martin E. Trapp (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: Walter M. Pierce (Democratic)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Gifford Pinchot (Republican)
- Governor of Rhode Island: William S. Flynn (Democratic)
- Governor of South Carolina: Thomas Gordon McLeod (Democratic)
- Governor of South Dakota: William H. McMaster (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Austin Peay (Democratic)
- Governor of Texas: Pat Morris Neff (Democratic)
- Governor of Utah: Charles R. Mabey (Republican)
- Governor of Vermont: Redfield Proctor, Jr. (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: Elbert Lee Trinkle (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Louis Folwell Hart (Republican)
- Governor of West Virginia: Ephraim F. Morgan (Republican)
- Governor of Wisconsin: John J. Blaine (Republican)
- Governor of Wyoming: William B. Ross (Democratic) (until October 2), Frank E. Lucas (Republican) (starting October 2)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Charles S. McDowell (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: Clement Calhoun Young (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Robert F. Rockwell (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Hiram Bingham (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: J. Danforth Bush (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: H. C. Baldrige (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Fred Sterling (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Emmett Forrest Branch (Republican) (until April 30), James J. Nejd (Republican) (starting April 30)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: John Hammill (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Ben Sanford Paulen (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Henry Denhardt (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana:
 - until month and day unknown: Hewitt Bouanchaud (Democratic)
 - month and day unknown: Delos R. Johnson (Democratic)
 - starting month and day unknown: Oramel H. Simpson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Alvan T. Fuller (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Thomas Read (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Louis L. Collins (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Homer H. Casteel (Democratic) (until January 22), Dennis Murphree (Democratic) (starting January 22)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Hiram Lloyd (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Nelson Story, Jr. (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Fred G. Johnson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Maurice J. Sullivan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Jose A. Baca (Democratic) (until May), vacant (starting May)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: George R. Lunn (Democratic) (until end of December 31)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: William B. Cooper (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Frank H. Hyland (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: Earl D. Bloom (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: David J. Davis (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Felix A. Toupin (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: E. B. Jackson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Carl Gunderson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Eugene J. Bryan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Thomas Whitfield Davidson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Franklin S. Billings (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Junius Edgar West (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: William J. Coyle (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: George F. Comings (Republican)

Events

January–March

- February 7 – Death penalty: The first state execution using gas in the United States takes place in Nevada.
- February 12 – *Rhapsody in Blue*, by George Gershwin, is first performed in New York City at Aeolian Hall.
- February 14 – *IBM* is founded in New York State.
- February 16–February 26 – Dock strikes break out in various U.S. harbors.
- February 22 – Calvin Coolidge becomes the first President of the United States to deliver a radio broadcast from the White House.
- March 8 – The Castle Gate mine disaster kills 172 coal miners in Utah, United States.

April–June

- April 16 – American media company *Metro Goldwyn Mayer (MGM)* is founded in Los Angeles, California.
- May 3 – The Aleph Zadik Aleph, the oldest Jewish youth fraternity, is founded in Omaha, Nebraska.
- May 10 – J. Edgar Hoover is appointed head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- May 21 – University of Chicago students Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr. murder 14-year-old Bobby Franks in a thrill killing.
- June 2 – U.S. President Calvin Coolidge signs the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 into law, granting citizenship to all Native Americans born within the territorial limits of the United States.
- June 12 – Rondout Heist: Six men of the Egan's Rats gang rob a mail train in Rondout, Illinois; the robbery is later found to have been an inside job.
- June 23 – American airman Russell L. Maughan flies from New York to San Francisco in 21 hours and 48 minutes on a dawn-to-dusk flight in a Curtiss pursuit.

July–September

- September 9 – The Hanapepe Massacre occurs on Kauai, Hawaii.

October–December

- October 10 – The Alpha Delta Gamma Fraternity is founded at the Lake Shore Campus of Loyola University, Chicago.
- November 4
 - Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming is elected as the first woman governor in the United States.
 - U.S. presidential election, 1924: Republican Calvin Coolidge defeats Democrat John W. Davis and Progressive U. S. Senator Robert M. La Follette Sr.
- November 19 – In Los Angeles, California, famous silent film director Thomas H. Ince ("The Father of the Western") dies, reportedly of a heart attack, in his bed (rumors soon surface that he was shot dead by publishing tycoon William Randolph Hearst).
- November 27 – In New York City the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is held.
- December 1 – George Gershwin's *Lady Be Good* and *Fascinating Rhythm* (book by Guy Bolton and Fred Thompson, lyrics by Ira Gershwin) premiere in New York City.

Undated

- Alice Vanderbilt Morris, a wealthy heiress, founds the International Auxiliary Language Association in New York City
- U.S. bootleggers begin to use Thompson submachine guns.
- The Earth Inductor Compass is invented in New York City.

Ongoing

- Lochner era (c. 1897–c. 1937)
- U.S. occupation of Haiti (1915–1934)
- Prohibition (1919–1933)

- Roaring Twenties (1920–1929)

Births

- January 5 - Glenn Boyer, historian and author (died 2013)
- January 23 - Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator from New Jersey from 1982 to 2001 & 2003 to 2013 (died 2013)
- January 25 - Lou Groza, American football player and coach (died 2000)
- February 21 - William Hathaway, U.S. Senator from Maine from 1973 to 1979 (died 2013)
- March 12 - Helen Parrish, actress (died 1959)
- March 27 - Sarah Vaughan, African American jazz singer (died 1990)
- April 3 - Marlon Brando, actor (died 2004)
- April 13 - Jack Chick, cartoonist and publisher, best known for his evangelical fundamentalist Christian "Chick tracts" (died 2016)
- May 11
 - Helen Filarski, baseball player (died 2014)
 - Ninfa Lorenzo, businessman, founder of Ninfa's (died 2001)
- May 11 - Hansford Rowe, actor
- June 4 - Dennis Weaver, actor (died 2006)
- June 12 - George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States from 1989 to 1993, 43rd Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989. The father of the 43rd President of the United States George W. Bush
- June 25
 - Martin J. Klein, historian and physicist (died 2009)
 - Sidney Lumet, filmmaker (died 2011)
- July 15 - Jeremiah Denton, U.S. Senator from Alabama from 1981 to 1987 (died 2014)
- July 18 - Will D. Campbell, minister, author and activist (died 2013)
- July 25 - Frank Church, U.S. Senator from Idaho from 1957 to 1981 (died 1984)
- August 1 - Marcia Mae Jones, actress (died 2007)
- August 2
 - James Baldwin, author and civil rights activist (died 1987)
 - Joe Harnell, pianist and composer (died 2005)
 - Carroll O'Connor, actor, producer and director (died 2001)
- August 10 - Martha Hyer, actress (died 2014)
- September 6 - John Melcher, U.S. Senator from Montana from 1977 to 1989
- September 7 - Daniel Inouye, U.S. Senator from Hawaii from 1963 to 2012 (died 2012)
- September 8 - Wendell H. Ford, U.S. Senator from Kentucky from 1974 to 1999
- September 11 - Daniel Akaka, U.S. Senator from Hawaii from 1990 to 2013
- September 30 - Truman Capote, author (died 1984)
- October 1 - Jimmy Carter, 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981
- November 16 - Sam Farber, businessman, co-founder of OXO (died 2013)
- December 27 - James A. McClure, U.S. Senator from Idaho from 1973 to 1991 (died 2011)

Deaths

- January 4 – John Peters, baseball shortstop (born 1850)
- January 13 – Albert Abrams, quack doctor (born 1863)
- January 14 – Luther Emmett Holt, pediatrician (born 1855)
- February 1 – Maurice Prendergast, painter (born 1858)
- February 3 – Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States from 1913 to 1921 and historian (born 1856)
- February 16 – John William Kendrick, railroad executive (born 1853)

- February 17 – Henry Bacon, Beaux-Arts architect of the Lincoln Memorial (born 1866)
- March 9 – Daniel Ridgway Knight, painter (born 1839)
- April 1 – Frank Capone, gangster, shot by police (born 1895)
- April 7 – Marcus A. Smith, U.S. Senator from Arizona from 1912 to 1921 (born 1851)
- April 19 – Paul Boyton, extreme water sports pioneer (born 1848 in Ireland)
- April 14 – Louis Sullivan, architect, "father of skyscrapers" (born 1856)
- April 18 – Frank X. Leyendecker, illustrator (born 1877)
- April 23 – Bertram Goodhue, neo-gothic architect (born 1869)
- April 24 – G. Stanley Hall, psychologist (born 1844)
- April 27 – Maecenas Eason Benton, U.S. Representative from Missouri (born 1848)
- May 5 – Kate Claxton, stage actress (born 1848)
- May 10 – George Kennan, explorer (born 1845)
- May 11 – Moses Fleetwood Walker, baseball pitcher and Black nationalist (born 1856)
- May 31 – Charles Stockton, admiral (born 1845)
- July 6 – Black Benny (Williams), bass drummer (born. c.1890)
- July 14 – Isabella Stewart Gardner, art collector and philanthropist (born 1840)
- July 23 – Frank Frost Abbott, classical scholar (born 1860)
- August 7 – John Edward Bruce ("Bruce Grit"), African-American slave and historian (born 1856)
- September 1 – Samuel Baldwin Marks Young, general, first Chief of Staff of the United States Army (born 1840)
- September 15 – Frank Chance, baseball player (born 1877)
- September 25 – Lotta Crabtree, stage actress (born 1847)
- October 25 – Laura Jean Libbey, novelist (born 1862)
- October 29 – Frances Hodgson Burnett, children's novelist (born 1849 in the United Kingdom)
- November 3 – Cornelius Cole, U.S. Senator from California from 1867 to 1873 (born 1822)
- November 9 – Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. Senator from Massachusetts from 1893 to 1924 (born 1850)
- November 10 – Dean O'Banion, gangster, killed (born 1892)
- November 19 – Thomas H. Ince, silent film producer, "father of the Western" (born 1882)
- November 21 – Florence Harding, née Kling, First Lady of the United States from 1921 to 1923 as wife of Warren G. Harding, 29th President (born 1860)
- December 6 – Gene Stratton Porter, novelist and naturalist (born 1863)
- December 13 – Samuel Gompers, labor leader (born 1850)
- December 15 – William Herbert Carruth, linguist and poet (born 1859)

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- List of American films of 1924

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