

1929 in the United States

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Events from the year **1929 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Calvin Coolidge (R-Massachusetts) (until March 4), Herbert Hoover (R-California) (starting March 4)
- Vice President: Charles G. Dawes (R-Illinois) (until March 4), Charles Curtis (R-Kansas) (starting March 4)
- Chief Justice: William Howard Taft (Ohio)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Nicholas Longworth (R-Ohio)
- Senate Majority Leader: Charles Curtis (R-Kansas) (until March 4), James Eli Watson (R-Indiana) (starting March 4)
- Congress: 70th (until March 4), 71st (starting March 4)

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Bibb Graves (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: George W. P. Hunt (Democratic) (until January 7), John Calhoun Phillips (Republican) (starting January 7)
- Governor of Arkansas: Harvey Parnell (Democratic)
- Governor of California: Clement C. Young (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Billy Adams (Democratic)
- Governor of Connecticut: John H. Trumbull (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: Robert P. Robinson (Republican) (until January 15), C. Douglass Buck (Republican) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Florida: John W. Martin (Democratic) (until January 8), Doyle E. Carlton (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Georgia: Lamartine G. Hardman (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: H. C. Baldrige (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Len Small (Republican) (until January 14), Louis L. Emmerson (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Indiana: Edward L. Jackson (Republican) (until January 14), Harry G. Leslie (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Iowa: John Hammill (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: Ben S. Paulen (Republican) (until January 14), Clyde M. Reed (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Kentucky: Flem D. Sampson (Republican)
- Governor of Louisiana: Huey P. Long (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: Owen Brewster (Republican) (until January 2), William Tudor Gardiner (Republican) (starting January 2)
- Governor of Maryland: Albert C. Ritchie (Democratic)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Alvan T. Fuller (Republican) (until January 3), Frank G. Allen (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Michigan: Fred W. Green (Republican)
- Governor of Minnesota: Theodore Christianson (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Theodore G. Bilbo (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Samuel Aaron Baker (Republican) (until January 14), Henry S. Caulfield (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Montana: John E. Erickson (Democratic)
- Governor of Nebraska: Adam McMullen (Republican) (until January 3), Arthur J. Weaver (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Nevada: Fred B. Balzar (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Huntley N. Spaulding (Republican) (until January 3), Charles W. Tobey (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Governor of New Jersey: A. Harry Moore (Democratic) (until January 15), Morgan Foster Larson (Republican) (starting January 15)
- Governor of New Mexico: Richard C. Dillon (Republican)
- Governor of New York: Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Governor of North Carolina: Angus Wilton McLean (Democratic) (until January 11), Oliver Max Gardner (Democratic) (starting January 11)
- Governor of North Dakota: Walter Maddock (Republican) (until January 9), George F. Shafer (Republican) (starting January 9)
- Governor of Ohio: A. Victor Donahey (Democratic) (until January 14), Myers Y. Cooper (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Henry S. Johnston (Democratic) (until March 20), William J. Holloway (Democratic) (starting March 20)
- Governor of Oregon: I. L. Patterson (Republican) (until December 22), A. W. Norblad (Republican) (starting December 22)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: John Stuchell Fisher (Republican)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Norman S. Case (Republican)
- Governor of South Carolina: John Gardiner Richards, Jr. (Democratic)
- Governor of South Dakota: William J. Bulow (Democratic)
- Governor of Tennessee: Henry Hollis Horton (Democratic)
- Governor of Texas: Dan Moody (Democratic)
- Governor of Utah: George Dern (Democratic)
- Governor of Vermont: John E. Weeks (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: Harry F. Byrd (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Roland H. Hartley (Republican)
- Governor of West Virginia: Howard M. Gore (Republican) (until March 4), William G. Conley (Republican) (starting March 4)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Fred R. Zimmerman (Republican) (until January 7), Walter J. Kohler, Sr. (Republican) (starting January 7)
- Governor of Wyoming: Frank C. Emerson (Republican)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: William C. Davis (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: William Lee Cazort (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: H. L. Carnahan (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: George Milton Corlett (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: J. Edwin Brainard (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Ernest E. Rogers (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: James H. Anderson (Republican) (until January 15), James H. Hazel (Republican) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho:
 - until January 7: O. E. Hailey (Republican)
 - January 7-September 30: W. B. Kinne (Republican)
 - September 30-October 25: vacant
 - starting October 25: O. E. Hailey (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Fred Sterling (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: F. Harold Van Orman (Republican) (until January 14), Edgar D. Bush (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Arch W. McFarlane (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: De Lanson Alson Newton Chase (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Jacob W. Graybill (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: James Breathitt, Jr. (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Paul N. Cyr (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Frank G. Allen (Republican) (until January 3), William S. Youngman (political party unknown) (starting January 3)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Luren D. Dickinson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: William I. Nolan (Republican) (until June 25), Charles Edward Adams (Republican) (starting June 25)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Bidwell Adam (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Philip Allen Bennett (Republican) (until January 14), Edward Henry Winter (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: W. S. McCormack (political party unknown) (until month and day unknown), Frank A. Hazelbacker (political party unknown) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: George A. Williams (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Morley Griswold (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico:
 - until January 1: Edward G. Sargent (Republican)
 - January 1–July: Hugh B. Woodward (Republican)
 - starting July: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: vacant (until January 1), Herbert H. Lehman (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Jacob E. Long (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Richard T. Fountain (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: vacant (until January 9), John W. Carr (Republican) (starting January 9)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: George C. Braden (Republican) (until January 14), John T. Brown (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: William J. Holloway (Democratic) (until March 21), vacant (starting March 21)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Arthur H. James (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: vacant (until month and day unknown), James G. Connelly (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Thomas Bothwell Butler (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota:
 - until month and day unknown: Hyatt E. Covey (Republican)
 - month and day unknown: Clarence E. Coyne (Republican)
 - starting month and day unknown: John T. Grigsby (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: vacant (until month and day unknown), Sam R. Bratton (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Barry Miller (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: vacant (until month and day unknown), Stanley C. Wilson (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Junius Edgar West (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: W. Lon Johnson (Republican) (until January 14), John Arthur Gellatly (Republican) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Henry A. Huber (Republican)

Events

January–March

- January 1 – California loses to the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in the 27th Rose Bowl by a score of 8-7.
- January 9 – The Seeing Eye is established with the mission to train dogs to assist the blind, in Nashville, Tennessee.
- February 11 – Eugene O'Neill's *Dynamo* premieres in New York.
- February 14 – St. Valentine's Day Massacre: Seven gangsters, rivals of Al Capone, are murdered in Chicago.^[1]
- February 26 – The Grand Teton National Park is established by Congress.
- March 2 – The longest bridge in the world, the San Francisco Bay Toll-Bridge, opens.
- March 4 – Herbert Hoover is inaugurated as the 31st President of the United States, succeeding Calvin Coolidge.
- March 16 – A part-talkie film version of *Show Boat*, based on Edna Ferber's novel rather than the musical, premieres in Palm Beach (starring Laura La Plante and Joseph Schildkraut). It is critically panned and not successful at the box office.

April–June

- May 13 – The National Crime Syndicate is founded in Atlantic City.
- May 16 – The 1st Academy Awards are presented at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, California, with *Wings* (1927 film) winning Academy Award for Best Picture. Joseph W. Farnham wins the only award ever given for Best Writing, Title Writing.
- May 17 – Al Capone and his bodyguard are arrested for concealing deadly weapons.^[2]
- May 20 – The Wickersham Commission begins its investigation of alcohol prohibition in the United States.
- June 16 – Otto E. Funk, 62, ends his marathon walk (New York City to San Francisco, 4,165 miles in 183 days).
- June 21 – An agreement brokered by U.S. Ambassador Dwight Whitney Morrow ends the Cristero War in Mexico.
- June 27 – The first public demonstration of color television is held, by H. E. Ives and his colleagues at Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City. The first images are a bouquet of roses and an American flag. A mechanical system is used to transmit 50-line color television images between New York and Washington, D.C.

July–September

- August 19 – The radio comedy show *Amos and Andy* makes its debut, starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll.
- August 31 – The Young Plan, which set the total World War I reparations owed by Germany at US\$26,350,000,000 to be paid over a period of 58½ years, is finalized.
- September 3 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) peaks at 381.17, a height it would not reach again until November 1954.

October–December

- October 11 – JC Penney opens Store #1252 in Milford, Delaware, making it a nationwide company with stores in all 48 states.
- October 24–October 29 – Wall Street Crash of 1929: Three multi-digit percentage drops wipe out more than \$30 billion from the New York Stock Exchange (10 times greater than the annual budget of the federal government).
- October 25 – Former U.S. Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall is convicted of bribery for his role in the Teapot Dome scandal, becoming the first Presidential cabinet member to go to prison for actions in office.
- November 7 – In New York City, the Museum of Modern Art opens to the public.
- November 15 – The Ambassador Bridge, connecting Detroit, Michigan, to Windsor, Ontario, opens to traffic.
- November 29 – Bernt Balchen, U.S. Admiral Richard Byrd, Captain Ashley McKinley, and Harold Gatty, become the first to fly over the South Pole.



February 26: Grand Teton National Park



March 4: Herbert Hoover becomes President

- December 3 – Great Depression: U.S. President Herbert Hoover announces to the U.S. Congress that the worst effects of the recent stock market crash are behind the nation, and that the American people have regained faith in the economy.

Ongoing

- Lochner era (c. 1897–c. 1937)
- U.S. occupation of Haiti (1915–1934)
- Prohibition (1919–1933)
- Roaring Twenties (1920–1929)
- Great Depression (1929–1933)

Births

- January 5 – Wilbert Harrison, singer-songwriter and guitarist (died 1994)
- January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr., leader in the equal rights movement (assassinated 1968)
- January 20 – Frank Kush, American football player and coach
- March 8 – Elaine Edwards, U.S. Senator from Louisiana in 1972
- March 13 – Peter Breck, actor (died 2012)
- March 15 – Cecil Taylor, composer and pianist
- May 4 – Audrey Hepburn, Belgian-born actress and humanitarian (died 1993 in Switzerland)
- July 28 – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, née Bouvier, First Lady of the United States as spouse of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy (died 1994)
- September 10 – Arnold Palmer, golfer (died 2016)
- September 20 – Anne Meara, actress, spouse of Jerry Stiller and mother of actor/comedian Ben and actress Amy Stiller
- November 12 – Grace Kelly, actress (died 1982 in Monaco)
- November 14 – Jimmy Piersall, baseball player and sportscaster
- December 2
 - Dan Jenkins, journalist and author
 - Leon Litwack, historian and author
- December 9 – John Cassavetes, actor (died 1989)
- December 20 – David H. Gambrell, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1971 to 1972

Deaths

- 6 March — Moses E. Clapp, American politician (born 1851)
- 9 June — Louis Bannison, American silent film actor^[3]
- 2 September — Paul Leni,^[4] German filmmaker (born 1885)^[4]

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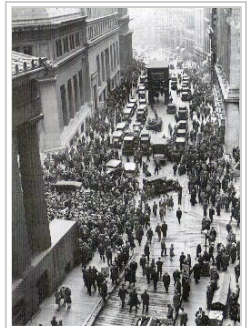
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October 24: Wall Street Crash of 1929



Boy in doorway, Mesa Verde National Park. 1929 photo by George A. Grant.

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