

1930 in the United States

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Events from the year **1930 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Herbert Hoover (R-California)
- Vice President: Charles Curtis (R-Kansas)
- Chief Justice: William Howard Taft (Ohio) (until February 3), Charles Evans Hughes (New York) (starting February 13)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Nicholas Longworth (R-Ohio)
- Senate Majority Leader: James Eli Watson (R-Indiana)
- Congress: 71st

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Bibb Graves (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: John Calhoun Phillips (Republican)
- 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: C. Douglass Buck (Republican)
- Governor of Florida: Doyle E. Carlton (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: Lamartine G. Hardman (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: H. C. Baldrige (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Louis L. Emmerson (Republican)
- Governor of Indiana: Harry G. Leslie (Republican)
- Governor of Iowa: John Hammill (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: Clyde M. Reed (Republican)
- Governor of Kentucky: Flem D. Sampson (Republican)
- Governor of Louisiana: Huey P. Long (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: William Tudor Gardiner (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Albert C. Ritchie (Democratic)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Frank G. Allen (Republican)
- Governor of Michigan: Fred W. Green (Republican)
- Governor of Minnesota: Theodore Christianson (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Theodore G. Bilbo (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Henry S. Caulfield (Republican)
- Governor of Montana: John E. Erickson (Democratic)
- Governor of Nebraska: Arthur J. Weaver (Republican)
- Governor of Nevada: Fred B. Balzar (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Charles W. Tobey (Republican)
- Governor of New Jersey: Morgan Foster Larson (Republican)
- Governor of New Mexico: Richard C. Dillon (Republican)
- Governor of New York: Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democratic)
- Governor of North Carolina: Oliver Max Gardner (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota: George F. Shafer (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: Myers Y. Cooper (Republican)
- Governor of Oklahoma: William J. Holloway (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: A. W. Norblad (Republican)
- 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) (until January 15), John Garland Pollard (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Washington: Roland H. Hartley (Republican)
- Governor of West Virginia: William G. Conley (Republican)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Walter J. Kohler, Sr. (Republican)
- 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: Ernest E. Rogers (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: James H. Hazel (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: O. E. Hailey (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Fred Sterling (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Edgar D. Bush (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Arch W. McFarlane (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Jacob W. Graybill (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: James Breathitt, Jr. (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Paul N. Cyr (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: William S. Youngman (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Luren D. Dickinson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Charles Edward Adams (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Bidwell Adam (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Edward Henry Winter (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Frank A. Hazelbacker (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: George A. Williams (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Morley Griswold (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: Herbert H. Lehman (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Richard T. Fountain (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: John W. Carr (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: John T. Brown (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Arthur H. James (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: James G. Connelly (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Thomas Bothwell Butler (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: John T. Grigsby (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Sam R. Bratton (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Barry Miller (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Stanley C. Wilson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Junius Edgar West (Democratic) (until January 15), James H. Price (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: John Arthur Gellatly (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Henry A. Huber (Republican)

Events

January–March

- January 6
 - The first diesel engine automobile trip is completed (Indianapolis, Indiana, to New York City).
 - The first literary character licensing agreement is signed by A. A. Milne, granting Stephen Slesinger U.S. and Canadian merchandising rights to the Winnie-the-Pooh works.
- January 13 – The Mickey Mouse comic strip makes its first appearance.
- February 18
 - Elm Farm Ollie becomes the first cow to fly in an airplane, and also the first cow to be milked in an airplane.
 - While studying photographs taken in January, Clyde Tombaugh confirms the existence of Pluto, a heavenly body considered a planet until 2006, when the term "planet" was officially defined. Pluto is now considered a dwarf planet.
- March 6 – The first frozen foods of Clarence Birdseye go on sale in Springfield, Massachusetts.

- March 31 – The Motion Pictures Production Code is instituted, imposing strict guidelines on the treatment of sex, crime, religion and violence in motion pictures for the next 40 years.

April–June

- April 6 – Jimmy Dewar invents Hostess Twinkies.^[1]
- April 21 – A fire in the Ohio Penitentiary near Columbus kills 320 people.
- April 22 – The United Kingdom, Japan and the United States sign the London Naval Treaty regulating submarine warfare and limiting shipbuilding.
- April 28 – The first night game in organized baseball history takes place in Independence, Kansas.
- May 10 – The National Pan-Hellenic Council is founded in Washington, D.C..
- May 15 – Aboard a Boeing tri-motor, Ellen Church becomes the first airline stewardess (the flight was from Oakland, California, to Chicago, Illinois).
- May 20 – The Chrysler Building is completed, becoming the world's first man-made structure taller than 1,000 feet (305 m).
- May 30 – Sergei Eisenstein arrives in Hollywood to work for Paramount Pictures; they part ways by October.
- June 9 – *Chicago Tribune* journalist Jake Lingle is shot in Chicago, Illinois. Newspapers promise \$55,000 reward for information. Lingle is later found to have had contacts with organized crime.
- June 14 – An act of Congress establishes the Federal Bureau of Narcotics as a replacement for the Narcotics Division of the Prohibition Unit.
- June 17 – U.S. President Herbert Hoover signs the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act into law.



May 20: Chrysler Building completed

July–September

- July 4 – Nation of Islam founded by Wallace Fard Muhammad in Detroit.
- July 26 – Charles Creighton and James Hargis leave New York City for Los Angeles on a roundtrip journey, driving 11,555 km using only a reverse gear; the trip lasts the next 42 days.
- July 30 – New York City station W2XBS is put in charge of NBC broadcast engineers.
- July 31 – The radio drama *The Shadow* airs for the first time.
- August 6 – Judge Joseph Force Crater steps into a taxi in New York City and disappears.
- August 7 – Lynching of Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith in Marion, Indiana. They are hanged; James Cameron survives. This will be the last recorded lynching of African Americans in the Northern United States.
- August 9 – Cartoon character Betty Boop premieres in the animated film *Dizzy Dishes*.
- September 8 – 3M introduces Scotch Tape.

October–December

- December 2 – Great Depression: U.S. President Herbert Hoover goes before Congress and asks for a US\$150 million public works program to help generate jobs and stimulate the economy.

- December 7 – W1XAV in Boston, Massachusetts, broadcasts video from the CBS radio orchestra program, *The Fox Trappers*. The broadcast also includes the first television commercial in the United States, an advertisement for I.J. Fox Furriers, who sponsored the radio show.

Undated

- A Jake paralysis outbreak occurs in United States.
- W9XAP in Chicago, Illinois, broadcasts the U.S. senatorial election returns, which is the first time a senatorial race, with non-stop vote tallies, is ever televised.
- 1930–1931 – Crazy Horse’s lifelong friend, He Dog, is interviewed by journalist Eleanor Hinman and Nebraska writer Mari Sandoz.
- A record drought in the eastern part of the nation^[2] sees Upper Tract, West Virginia record only 9.50 inches (241.3 mm) of precipitation for the year – the record lowest for a calendar year in the US east of the Mississippi.^[3] Averaged over the contiguous US the twelve months from July 1930 to June 1931 remains the driest such period on record.^[4]

Ongoing

- Lochner era (c. 1897 – c. 1937)
- U.S. occupation of Haiti (1915–1934)
- Prohibition (1919–1933)
- Great Depression (1929–1933)
- Dust Bowl (1930–1936)

Births

- January 20 - Buzz Aldrin, astronaut, Lunar Module Pilot on Apollo 11 and the second person to walk on the Moon
- January 23 - Benjamin Tatar, actor (d. 2012)
- January 30
 - Gene Hackman, actor and novelist
 - Samuel Byck, attempted to hijack an airplane to assassinate President Richard Nixon (died 1974)
- February 5 – Noah Weinberg American-born Israeli rabbi, founder of Aish HaTorah (d. 2009 in Israel)
- February 10 – Robert Wagner, actor
- February 15 – Sara Jane Moore, attempted assassin of President Gerald Ford
- February 17 – Roger Craig, baseball player, coach and manager
- February 22
 - James McGarrell, figurative painter
 - Marni Nixon, vocalist (d. 2016)
- February 24
 - Joan Diener, musical theater actress and singer (d. 2006)
 - Barbara Jo Lawrence, actress and model (d. 2013)
 - Anita Steckel, feminist artist (d. 2012)

- March 9 – Ornette Coleman, jazz saxophonist (d. 2015)
- March 17 – James Irwin, astronaut (d. 1991)
- March 18 – Adam Maida, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit from 1990 to 2009
- March 20 – Willie Thrower, football player (d. 2002)
- March 22
 - Pat Robertson, televangelist
 - Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist
- April 3 – Lawton Chiles, U.S. Senator from Florida from 1971 to 1989 (d. 1998)
- April 11 – Nicholas F. Brady, U.S. Senator from New Jersey in 1982 and Secretary of the Treasury from 1988 to 1993
- April 21 – Donald J. Tyson, businessman (d. 2011)
- May 11 – William Honan, journalist and author (d. 2014)
- May 12 – Tom Umphlett, baseball player and manager (d. 2012)
- May 13 – Mike Gravel, U.S. Senator from Alaska from 1969 to 1981
- May 30 – Clint Eastwood, actor, filmmaker, musician, and political figure
- June 2
 - Pete Conrad, astronaut (d. 1999)
 - Bob Lillis, baseball player, coach, and manager
- July 30 – Gus Triandos, baseball player (Baltimore Orioles) (d. 2013)
- August 5 – Neil Armstrong, astronaut, mission commander on Apollo 11 and the first person to walk on the Moon (d. 2012)
- August 8 – Joan Mondale, wife of Walter Mondale, Second Lady of the United States (died 2014)
- September 7 – Sonny Rollins, jazz saxophonist
- September 16 – Anne Francis, actress (d. 2011)
- September 23 – Ray Charles, soul musician (d. 2004)
- September 25 – Shel Silverstein, American poet, singer-songwriter, cartoonist, screenwriter, and author of children's books (d. 1999)
- October 10 – Adlai Stevenson III, U.S. Senator from Illinois from 1970 to 1981
- October 24 – Big Bopper, disc jockey, singer and songwriter (d. 1959)
- November 7 – Rudy Boschwitz, U.S. Senator from Minnesota from 1978 to 1991
- November 13 – Fred R. Harris, U.S. Senator from Oklahoma from 1964 to 1973
- November 16 – Paul Foytack, baseball player
- November 23 – Bill Brock, U.S. Senator from Tennessee from 1971 to 1977
- December 31 – Odetta (Holmes) African American singer and civil rights activist (d. 2008)

Deaths

- January 24 – Rebecca Latimer Felton, U.S. Senator from Georgia in 1922 (b. 1835)
- February 14 – Fred Dubois, U.S. Senator from Idaho from 1891 to 1897 and from 1901 to 1907 (b. 1851)
- March 8 – William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States from 1909 to 1913 and 10th Chief Justice of the United States from 1921 to 1930 (b. 1857)
- July 2 – Anders Randolph, silent film actor (b. 1870 in Denmark)
- September 21 – John T. Dorrance, chemist (b. 1873)

- September 24 – William A. MacCorkle, lawyer, Governor of West Virginia (b. 1857)
- September 28 – Daniel Guggenheim, mining magnate and philanthropist (b. 1856)
- October 2 – Gordon Stewart Northcott, serial killer (executed; b. 1906)
- December 9 – Rube Foster, Negro league baseball player (b. 1879)
- December 16 – Herman Lamm, bank robber (suicide; b. 1890 in Germany)

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