

# 1935 in the United States

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Events from the year **1935 in the United States**.

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## Incumbents

### Federal Government

- President: Franklin D. Roosevelt (D-New York)
- Vice President: John Nance Garner (D-Texas)
- Chief Justice: Charles Evans Hughes (New York)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Joseph W. Byrns, Sr. (D-Tennessee)
- Senate Majority Leader: Joseph Taylor Robinson (D-Arkansas)
- Congress: 73rd (until January 3), 74th (starting January 3)

## Governors and Lieutenant Governors

### Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Benjamin M. Miller (Democratic) (until January 14), Bibb Graves (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Arizona: Benjamin Baker Moeur (Democratic)
- Governor of Arkansas: Junius Marion Futrell (Democratic)
- Governor of California: Frank Merriam (Republican)
- Governor of Colorado: Edwin C. Johnson (Democratic)
- Governor of Connecticut: Wilbur Lucius Cross (Democratic)
- Governor of Delaware: C. Douglass Buck (Republican)
- Governor of Florida: David Sholtz (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: Eugene Talmadge (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: C. Ben Ross (Democratic)
- Governor of Illinois: Henry Horner (Democratic)
- Governor of Indiana: Paul V. McNutt (Democratic)
- Governor of Iowa: Clyde L. Herring (Democratic)
- Governor of Kansas: Alfred M. Landon (Republican)
- Governor of Kentucky: Ruby Laffoon (Democratic) (until December 10), Happy Chandler (Democratic) (starting December 10)
- Governor of Louisiana: Oscar K. Allen (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine: Louis J. Brann (Democratic)
- Governor of Maryland: Albert C. Ritchie (Democratic) (until January 9), Harry W. Nice (Republican) (starting January 9)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Joseph B. Ely (Democratic) (until January 3), James Michael Curley (Democratic) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Michigan: William Comstock (Democratic) (until January 1), Frank Fitzgerald (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of Minnesota: Floyd B. Olson (Farmer–Labor)
- Governor of Mississippi: Martin Sennett Conner (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Guy Brasfield Park (Democratic)
- Governor of Montana: Frank Henry Cooney (Democratic) (until December 15), Elmer Holt (Democratic) (starting December 15)
- Governor of Nebraska: Charles W. Bryan (Democratic) (until January 3), Robert Leroy Cochran (Democratic) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Nevada: Morley Griswold (Republican) (until January 7), Richard Kirman, Sr. (Democratic) (starting January 7)
- Governor of New Hampshire: John Gilbert Winant (Republican) (until January 3), Styles Bridges (Republican) (starting January 3)
- Governor of New Jersey:
  - until January 3: A. Harry Moore (Democratic)
  - January 3–January 8: Clifford Ross Powell (Republican)
  - starting January 8: Harold G. Hoffman (Republican)
- Governor of New Mexico: Andrew W. Hockenhull (Democratic) (until January 1), Clyde Tingley (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Governor of New York: Herbert H. Lehman (Democratic)
- Governor of North Carolina: John C. B. Ehringhaus (Democratic)
- Governor of North Dakota:
  - until January 7: Ole H. Olson (Republican)
  - January 7–February 2: Thomas H. Moodie (Democratic)
  - starting February 2: Walter Welford (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: George White (Democratic) (until January 14), Martin L. Davey (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Oklahoma: William H. Murray (Democratic) (until January 14), Ernest W. Marland (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Oregon: Julius L. Meier (Independent) (until January 14), Charles H. Martin (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Gifford Pinchot (Republican) (until January 15), George Howard Earle III (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Theodore Francis Green (Democratic)
- Governor of South Carolina: Ibra Charles Blackwood (Democratic) (until January 15), Olin D. Johnston (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of South Dakota: Tom Berry (Democratic)
- Governor of Tennessee: Harry Hill McAlister (Democratic)
- Governor of Texas: Miriam A. Ferguson (Democratic) (until January 15), James Allred (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Utah: Henry H. Blood (Democratic)
- Governor of Vermont: Stanley C. Wilson (Republican) (until January 10), Charles M. Smith (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Governor of Virginia: George C. Peery (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Clarence D. Martin (Democratic)

- Governor of West Virginia: Herman G. Kump (Democratic)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Albert G. Schmedeman (Democratic) (until January 7), Philip La Follette (Wisconsin Progressive) (starting January 7)

## Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Hugh D. Merrill (Democratic) (until January 14), Thomas E. Knight (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: William Lee Cazort (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: vacant (starting January 8), George J. Hatfield (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Raymond Herbert Talbot (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Roy C. Wilcox (Republican) (starting month and day unknown), T. Frank Hayes (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: Roy F. Corley (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: George E. Hill (Democratic) (until January 7), G. P. Mix (Democratic) (starting January 7)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Thomas Donovan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: M. Clifford Townsend (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Nelson G. Kraschel (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Charles W. Thompson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Happy Chandler (Democratic) (until December 10), Keen Johnson (Democratic) (starting December 10)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana:
  - until month and day unknown: John B. Fournet (Democratic)
  - month and day unknown: Thomas C. Wingate (Democratic)
  - starting month and day unknown: James A. Noe (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Gaspar G. Bacon (Republican) (until January 3), Joseph L. Hurley (Democratic) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Wyoming: Leslie A. Miller (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Allen E. Stebbins (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Thomas Read (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Konrad K. Solberg (Farmer Labor) (until January 8), Hjalmar Petersen (Farmer Labor) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Dennis Murphree (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Frank Gaines Harris (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Elmer Holt (political party unknown) (until month and day unknown), William P. Pilgeram (political party unknown) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Walter H. Jurgensen (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: vacant (until month and day unknown), Fred S. Alward (political party unknown) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: vacant (until January 1), Louis Cabeza de Baca (Democratic) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: M. William Bray (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Alexander H. Graham (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota:
  - until January 2: vacant
  - January 2-February 7: Walter Welford (Republican)
  - starting February 7: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: Charles W. Sawyer (Democratic) (until January 14), Harold G. Mosier (Democratic) (starting January 14)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: Robert Burns (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), James E. Berry (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)

- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Edward C. Shannon (Republican) (until January 15), Thomas Kennedy (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Robert E. Quinn (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Joseph Emile Harley (Democratic) (until January 15), Joseph Emile Harley (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Hans Ustrud (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), Robert Peterson (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Albert F. Officer (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), William P. Moss (Democratic) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Edgar E. Witt (Democratic) (until January 15), Walter Frank Woodul (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Charles M. Smith (Republican) (until January 10), George D. Aiken (Republican) (starting January 10)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: James H. Price (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Victor A. Meyers (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: Thomas J. O'Malley (Democratic)

## Events

### January–March

- January 3 – The trial of Richard Hauptmann, accused of the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., begins in Flemington, New Jersey.
- January 11 – Amelia Earhart becomes the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to New York.
- January 16 – The FBI kills the Barker Gang, including Ma Barker, in a shootout.
- February 13 – Richard Hauptmann is convicted and sentenced to death for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr.
- February 22 – Airplanes are banned from flying over the White House.
- March 2 – Porky Pig makes his debut in Looney Tunes's *I Haven't Got a Hat*.

### April–June

- April 14 – Dust Bowl: The great Black Sunday dust storm (made famous by Woody Guthrie in his "dust bowl ballads") hits hardest in eastern New Mexico and Colorado, and western Oklahoma.
- April 16 – *Fibber McGee and Molly* debuts on NBC Radio.
- May 6 – New Deal: Executive Order 7034 creates the Works Progress Administration (WPA).
- May 24 – The first nighttime Major League Baseball game is played between the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies at Crosley Field in Cincinnati.
- May 27 – *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States* (the "Sick Chicken Case"): The Supreme Court of the United States declares that the National Industrial Recovery Act, a major component of the New Deal, is unconstitutional.
- May 30 – Eventual Baseball Hall of Famer Babe Ruth appears in his last career game, playing for the Boston Braves in Philadelphia against the Phillies.
- June – National Youth Administration established.<sup>[1]</sup>

- June 10 – Alcoholics Anonymous is founded in Akron, Ohio by Bill W. (William G. Wilson) and Dr. Dr. Bob (Smith).
- June 12–13 – Senator Huey Long of Louisiana makes the longest speech on Senate record, taking 15½ hours and containing 150,000 words.<sup>[2]</sup>
- June 13 – James J. Braddock defeats Max Baer at Madison Square Garden Bowl in New York City to win the heavyweight boxing championship of the world.

## July–September

- July 5 – The National Labor Relations Act becomes law.
- July 16 – The world's first parking meters are installed in Oklahoma City.
- July 16 – Deportivo Saprissa is founded by Roberto Fernández in his shoe store in El Barrio Los Angeles in San José, Costa Rica.
- July 24 – The Dust Bowl heat wave reaches its peak, sending temperatures in Chicago to a record-high 109 °F (43 °C)
- July 27 – Federal Writers' Project is established in the United States.
- August 5 – The Leo Burnett Advertising Agency opens in Chicago, Illinois.
- August 14 – U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Social Security Act into law.
- August 15 – Humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post are killed when Post's plane crashes shortly after takeoff near Barrow, Alaska.
- August 31 – As part of United States non-interventionism in the face of growing tensions in Europe, the first of the Neutrality Acts of 1930s is passed.
- September 2 – Labor Day Hurricane of 1935: The strongest hurricane ever to strike the United States makes landfall in the Upper Florida Keys killing 423. It is rated as a Category 5 storm with 185 mph winds.
- September 8
  - Carl Weiss fatally wounds Huey Long, U.S. Senator from Louisiana ("The Kingfish"), in a shooting at the Louisiana Capitol Building in Baton Rouge.
  - Busby Berkeley involved in three-car accident which kills three people and injures five, leading to charges of second-degree murder.
- September 24 – Earl W. Bascom and his brother Weldon produce the first night rodeo held outdoors under electric lights at Columbia, Mississippi.
- September 30 – U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicates Hoover Dam.

## October–December

- November 15 – Historical Records Survey begins under the Works Progress Administration.<sup>[3]</sup>
- November 22 – The *China Clipper* takes off from Alameda, California to deliver the first airmail cargo across the Pacific Ocean; the aircraft reaches its destination, Manila, and delivers over 110,000 pieces of mail.
- November 30 – The British-made film *Scrooge*, the first all-talking film version of Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, opens in the U.S. after its British release. Seymour Hicks plays Scrooge, a role he has played onstage hundreds of times. The film is criticized by some for not showing all of the ghosts physically, and quickly fades into obscurity. Widespread interest does not surface until the film is shown on television in the 1980s, in very shabby-looking prints. It is eventually restored on DVD.
- December 5 – Mary McLeod Bethune founds the National Council of Negro Women.
- December 9 – Newspaper editor Walter Liggett is killed in a gangland murder plot in Minneapolis.
- December 17 – Douglas DST, prototype of the Douglas DC-3 airliner, first flies. More than 16,000 of the model will eventually be produced.

## Undated

- The house Fallingwater in southwestern Pennsylvania, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, is completed.
- 4 million members of trade unions in the U.S.

## Ongoing

- Lochner era (c. 1897–c. 1937)
- Dust Bowl (1930–1936)
- New Deal (1933–1938)

## Births

- January 4 – Floyd Patterson, African-American heavyweight boxer (died 2006)
- January 7 – Kenny Davern, jazz clarinetist (died 2006)
- January 8 – Elvis Presley, rock & roll singer and spouse of actress Priscilla Wagner (died 1977) and his twin Jesse Garon Presley (died this day)
- January 9
  - Bob Denver, television comedy actor (died 2005)
  - Earl G. Graves, Sr. African-American publisher
- January 10
  - Ronnie Hawkins, rockabilly musician
  - Sherrill Milnes, baritone
- January 12 – The Amazing Kreskin, mentalist
- January 20 – Joan Weston, roller derby racer (died 1997)
- January 25 – Conrad Burns, U.S. Senator from Montana from 1989 to 2007
- January 25 – Steve Demeter, baseball player, coach and manager (died 2013)
- January 29 – Roger Payne, zoologist
- January 30 – Richard Brautigan, writer (died 1984)
- February 4 – Collin Wilcox, actress (died 2009)
- February 7 – Herb Kohl, U.S. Senator from Wisconsin from 1989 to 2013
- February 10 – John Alcorn, illustrator (died 1992)
- February 15 – Roger B. Chaffee, astronaut (died in accident 1967)
- February 17 – Sara Ruddick, born Sara Loop, feminist philosopher (died 2011)
- March 31 – Judith Rossner, novelist (died 2005)
- April 21 – Charles Grodin, actor, comedian, author and cable talk show host
- December 14 – Sarah Daniels, pornstar, actor, author of "How to please yourself" (died 1969)
- May 12
  - Hoss Ellington, race car driver (died 2014)
  - Gary Peacock, bassist and composer

- May 27 – Lee Meriwether, actress
- June 22 – Floyd Norman, animator
- June 24
  - Ron Kramer, National Football League tight end (died 2010)
  - Terry Riley, minimalist composer
- July 3 – Harrison Schmitt, U.S. Senator from New Mexico from 1977 to 1983
- July 16 – Gloria Tanner, African-American Colorado state senator from 1994 to 2000
- July 17 – Peter Schickele, composer and classical musical parodist
- August 2 – Hank Cochran, country music singer/songwriter (died 2010)
- August 22 – E. Annie Proulx, novelist
- September 16 – Carl Andre, minimalist artist
- September 19 – Bob Krueger, U.S. Senator from Texas in 1993
- September 29 – Jerry Lee Lewis, rock & roll musician
- September 30
  - Z. Z. Hill, blues singer (died 1984)
  - Johnny Mathis, African-American singer
- October 1 – Walter De Maria, minimalist, conceptual artist and land artist (died 2013)
- October 11 – Daniel Quinn, writer
- October 20 – Jerry Orbach, musical theatre actor (died 2004)
- October 26 – Ora Mendelsohn Rosen, biomedical researcher (died 1990)
- November 15 – Elizabeth Drew, journalist and author
- November 27 – Pat Fordice, First Lady of Mississippi from 1992 to 2000 (died 2007)
- November 29
  - Diane Ladd, actress
  - Thomas J. O'Brien, Roman Catholic bishop, convicted of felony
- December 1 – Woody Allen, born Allan Konigsberg, film director and comedian
- December 2 – David Hackett Fischer, historian, author and academic
- December 5 – Calvin Trillin, writer
- December 20 – William Julius Wilson, sociologist and academic
- December 30 – Sandy Koufax, baseball player

## Deaths

- January 8 – Jesse Garon Presley, twin of Elvis Presley (born this day)
- January 16
  - Ma Barker, criminal, leader of the Barker gang (born 1873; shot)
  - Fred Barker, son of Ma Barker and a member of the Barker-Karpis gang (died 1901; shot)
- January 19 – Lloyd Hamilton, silent film comedian (born 1899)
- April 2 – Bennie Moten, jazz pianist (born 1894)
- April 3 – Richard Hauptmann, carpenter convicted of murder (born 1899 in Germany; executed)

- April 6 – Edwin Arlington Robinson, poet (born 1869)
- April 8 – Adolph Ochs, newspaper publisher (born 1858)
- April 11 – Anna Katharine Green, crime fiction writer (born 1846)
- March 6 – Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice (born 1841)
- March 12 – Mihajlo Pupin, physicist (born 1858 in Serbia)
- March 23 – Florence Moore, vaudeville and silent film actress (born 1886)
- May 3 – Jessie Willcox Smith, illustrator (born 1863)
- May 4 – automobile accident
  - Junior Durkin, actor (born 1915)
  - Robert J. Horner, film producer and director (born 1894)
- May 11 – Edward Herbert Thompson, archaeologist of the Maya civilization (born 1857)
- May 13 – John S. Cohen, U.S. Senator from Georgia from 1932 to 1933 (born 1870)
- May 19 – Charles Martin Loeffler, violinist and composer (born 1861 in Germany)
- May 21 – Jane Addams, social worker, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (born 1860)
- July 7 – George Keller, architect (born 1842)
- August 5 – David Townsend, art director (born 1891)
- August 15 – aviation accident
  - Wiley Post, aviator (born 1898)
  - Will Rogers, humorist and actor (born 1879)
- August 20 – Edith Roberts, silent film actress (born 1899)
- August 25 – Mack Swain, vaudeville actor (born 1876)
- August 27 – Childe Hassam, impressionist painter (born 1859)
- September 10 – Huey Long, politician (born 1893; shot)
- September 11 – Charles Norris, medical examiner (born 1867)
- September 18 – Alice Dunbar Nelson, born Alice Moore, African-American writer and activist (born 1875)
- September 23 – DeWolf Hopper, actor and comedian (born 1858)
- October 7 – Francis Wilson, stage actor and comedian (born 1854)
- October 18 – Gaston Lachaise, sculptor (born 1882 in France)
- October 22 – Tommy Tucker, baseball pioneer (born 1863)
- October 23
  - Charles Demuth, painter (born 1883)
  - Dutch Schultz, gangster (born 1902; shot)
- November 6 – Henry Fairfield Osborn, paleontologist (born 1857)
- November 27 – Charlie Green, jazz trombonist (born c. 1895)
- December 2 – James Henry Breasted, Egyptologist (born 1865)
- December 9 – Walter Liggett, newspaper editor (born 1886; shot)
- December 14 – Stanley G. Weinbaum, science-fiction author (born 1902; lung cancer)
- December 16 – Thelma Todd, comedy film actress (born 1906; carbon monoxide poisoning)
- December 17 – Lizette Woodworth Reese, poet (born 1856)
- December 28 – Clarence Day, writer (born 1874)
- December 30 – Hunter Liggett, general (born 1857)




## See also

- List of American films of 1935

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