

1953 in the United States

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Events from the year **1953 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Harry S. Truman (D-Missouri) (until January 20), Dwight D. Eisenhower (R-Kansas/New York) (starting January 20)
- Vice President: Alben W. Barkley (D-Kentucky) (until January 20), Richard Nixon (R-California) (starting January 20)
- Chief Justice: Fred M. Vinson (Kentucky) (died September 8), Earl Warren (California) (starting October 5)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Sam Rayburn (D-Texas) (until January 3), Joseph William Martin, Jr. (R-Massachusetts) (starting January 3)
- Senate Majority Leader:
 - until January 3: Ernest McFarland (D-Arizona)

- January 3 – July 31: Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio)
- starting August 3: William F. Knowland (R-California)
- Congress: 82nd (until January 3), 83rd (starting January 3)

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Gordon Persons (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: John Howard Pyle (Republican)
- Governor of Arkansas: Sid McMath (Democratic) (until January 13), Francis Cherry (Democratic) (starting January 13)
- Governor of California: Earl Warren (Republican) (until October 5), Goodwin Jess Knight (Republican) (starting October 5)
- Governor of Colorado: Daniel I. J. Thornton (Republican)
- Governor of Connecticut: John Davis Lodge (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: Elbert N. Carvel (Democratic) (until January 20), J. Caleb Boggs (Republican) (starting January 20)
- Governor of Florida:
 - until January 6: Fuller Warren (Democratic)
 - January 6-September 28: Daniel T. McCarty (Democratic)
 - starting September 28: Charley Eugene Johns (Democratic)
- Governor of Georgia: Herman Talmadge (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: Leonard B. Jordan (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: Adlai E. Stevenson II (Democratic) (until January 12), William G. Stratton (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Indiana: Henry F. Schricker (Democratic) (until January 12), George N. Craig (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Iowa: William S. Beardsley (Republican)
- Governor of Kansas: Edward F. Arn (Republican)
- Governor of Kentucky: Lawrence W. Wetherby (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: Robert F. Kennon (Democratic)
- Governor of Maine:
 - until January 6: Burton M. Cross (Republican)
 - January 6-January 7: Nathaniel M. Haskell (Republican)
 - starting January 7: Burton M. Cross (Republican)
- Governor of Maryland: Theodore R. McKeldin (Republican)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Paul A. Dever (Democratic) (until January 8), Christian A. Herter (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Michigan: G. Mennen Williams (Democratic)
- Governor of Minnesota: C. Elmer Anderson (Republican)
- Governor of Mississippi: Hugh L. White (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Forrest Smith (Democratic) (until January 12), Phil M. Donnelly (Democratic) (starting January 12)
- Governor of Montana: John W. Bonner (Democratic) (until January 5), J. Hugo Aronson (Republican) (starting January 5)
- Governor of Nebraska: Val Peterson (Republican) (until January 8), Robert B. Crosby (Republican) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Nevada: Charles H. Russell (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Sherman Adams (Republican) (until January 1), Hugh Gregg (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of New Jersey: Alfred E. Driscoll (Republican)
- Governor of New Mexico: Edwin L. Mechem (Republican)
- Governor of New York: Thomas Dewey (Republican)
- Governor of North Carolina: W. Kerr Scott (Democratic) (until January 8), William B. Umstead (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Governor of North Dakota: Clarence Norman Brunsdale (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: Frank J. Lausche (Democratic)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Johnston Murray (Democratic)
- Governor of Oregon: Paul L. Patterson (Republican)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: John S. Fine (Republican)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Dennis J. Roberts (Democratic)
- Governor of South Carolina: James Francis Byrnes (Democratic)
- Governor of South Dakota: Sigurd Anderson (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Gordon Browning (Democratic) (until January 15), Frank G. Clement (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Texas: Allan Shivers (Democratic)
- Governor of Utah: J. Bracken Lee (Republican)
- Governor of Vermont: Lee E. Emerson (Republican)
- Governor of Virginia: John S. Battle (Democratic)
- Governor of Washington: Arthur B. Langlie (Republican)
- Governor of West Virginia: Okey L. Patteson (Democratic) (until January 19), William C. Marland (Democratic) (starting January 19)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Walter J. Kohler, Jr. (Republican)
- Governor of Wyoming: Frank A. Barrett (Republican) (until January 3), Clifford Joy Rogers (Republican) (starting January 3)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: James B. Allen (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: Nathan Green Gordon (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: Goodwin Knight (Republican) (until October 5), Harold J. Powers (Republican) (starting October 5)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Gordon L. Allott (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Edward N. Allen (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware: Alexis I. du Pont Bayard (Democratic) (until January 20), John W. Rollins (Democratic) (starting January 20)
- Lieutenant Governor of Georgia: Marvin Griffin (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho: Edson H. Deal (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Sherwood Dixon (Democratic) (until January 12), John William Chapman (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: John A. Watkins (Democratic) (until January 12), Harold W. Handley (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: William H. Nicholas (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Leo Elthon (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Fred Hall (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Emerson Beauchamp (political party unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: C. E. "Cap" Barham (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Charles F. Sullivan (Republican) (until January 8), Sumner G. Whittier (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: William C. Vandenberg (Republican) (until January 1), Clarence A. Reid (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota:
 - until month and day unknown: vacant
 - month and day unknown: Ancher Nelsen (Republican)
 - starting month and day unknown: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Carroll Gartin (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: James T. Blair, Jr. (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Paul Cannon (Democratic) (until month and day unknown), George M. Gosman (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: Charles J. Warner (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Clifford A. Jones (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Tibo J. Chavez (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York:
 - until September 30: Frank C. Moore (Republican)
 - starting September 30: vacant
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Hoyt Patrick Taylor (Democratic) (until January 8), Luther H. Hodges (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Ray Schnell (Republican) (until month and day unknown), Clarence P. Dahl (Republican) (starting month and day unknown)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: George D. Nye (Democratic) (until January 12), John William Brown (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: James E. Berry (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Lloyd H. Wood (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: John S. McKiernan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: George Bell Timmerman, Jr. (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Rex A. Terry (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: Walter M. Haynes (Democratic) (until January 15), Jared Maddux (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Ben Ramsey (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Joseph B. Johnson (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: Allie Edward Stokes Stephens (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Victor A. Meyers (Democratic) (until January 12), Emmett T. Anderson (Republican) (starting January 12)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin: George M. Smith (Republican)

Events

January–March

- January 7 – President Harry S. Truman announces the United States has developed a hydrogen bomb.
- January 14 – The CIA-sponsored Robertson Panel first meets to discuss the UFO phenomenon.
- January 19 – 68% of all television sets in the United States are tuned into *I Love Lucy* to watch Lucy give birth.
- January 20 – Dwight D. Eisenhower succeeds Harry S. Truman as President of the United States.
- January 22 – *The Crucible*, a drama by Arthur Miller, opens on Broadway.
- February 5 – Walt Disney's 14th animated film, *Peter Pan*, premieres at Chicago.
- February 11 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower refuses a clemency appeal for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg.
- February 13 – Transsexual Christine Jorgensen returns to New York after successful sexual reassignment surgery in Denmark.
- February 19 – Georgia approves the first literature censorship board in the United States.
- March 17 – The first nuclear test of Operation Upshot–Knothole is conducted in Nevada, with 1,620 spectators at 3.4 km (2.1 mi).
- March 19 – The 25th Academy Awards ceremony is held (the first one broadcast on television).
- March 31 – Due to increasingly lower ridership, Staten Island Rapid Transit closes 2 of its 3 passenger lines (South Beach & North Shore).



January 20: Dwight D. Eisenhower becomes president

April–June

- May 11 – The 1953 Waco tornado outbreak: a F5 tornado hits in the downtown section of Waco, Texas, killing 114.
- May 25 – Nuclear testing: at the Nevada Test Site, the United States conducts its first and only nuclear artillery test: Upshot–Knothole Grable.
- June 8 – Flint–Worcester tornado outbreak sequence: a tornado kills 115 in Flint, Michigan (the last to claim more than 100 lives).
- June 9
 - CIA Technical Services Staff head Sidney Gottlieb approves of the use of LSD in a MKULTRA subproject.
 - Flint–Worcester tornado outbreak sequence: a tornado spawned from the same storm system as the Flint tornado hits in Worcester, Massachusetts, killing 94.
- June 19 – The U.S. executes Julius and Ethel Rosenberg for spying for the USSR.
- June 30 – The first Chevrolet Corvette is built at Flint, Michigan.

July–September

- July 18 – Howard Hawks's musical film *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell, is released by 20th Century Fox.
- July 26 – The Short Creek raid is carried out on a polygynous Mormon sect in Arizona.
- July 27 – The Korean War ends: the United States, the People's Republic of China, North Korea, and South Korea sign an armistice agreement.
- August 5 – Operation Big Switch: prisoners of war are repatriated after the Korean War.
- August 17 – The first planning session of Narcotics Anonymous is held in Southern California (*see* October 5).

- August 18 – The second Kinsey Report, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, on American sexual habits, is issued.
- August 19 – Cold War: the CIA helps to overthrow the government of Mohammed Mossadegh in Iran, and retain Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi on the throne (*see* Operation Ajax).
- August 20 – The United States returns to West Germany 382 ships it had captured during World War II.

October–December

- October – The United States tests the hydrogen bomb.
- October 5 – Earl Warren is appointed Chief Justice of the United States by U.S. president Dwight D. Eisenhower.
- October 10 – Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United States and the Republic of Korea is concluded in Washington D.C.
- October 12 – The play *The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial* opens at Plymouth Theatre, New York.
- October 30 – Cold War: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower formally approves the top secret document of the United States National Security Council NSC 162/2, which states that the United States' arsenal of nuclear weapons must be maintained and expanded to counter the communist threat.
- December – Hugh Hefner publishes the first issue of *Playboy* magazine: it sells 54,175 copies at \$.50 each.
- December 6 – With the NBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Arturo Toscanini performs what he claims is his favorite Beethoven symphony, *Eroica*, for the last time. The live performance is broadcast nationwide on radio, and later released on records and CD.
- December 8 – U.S. president Dwight D. Eisenhower delivers his Atoms for Peace address to the UN General Assembly in New York City.
- December 25 – Amami Islands are returned to Japan after 8 years of United States Military occupation.

Date unknown

Harold Butler and his first partner opened Danny's Donuts (later Denny's) in Lakewood, CA in 1953.^[1]

Ongoing

- Cold War (1945–1991)
- Second Red Scare (1947–1957)
- Korean War (1950–1953)

Births

- January 1 – Gary Johnson, 29th Governor of New Mexico, Libertarian Party nominee for President of the United States in the 2012 and 2016 elections
- January 4 – James Warren, journalist and publisher
- January 5 – Steve Archer, singer-songwriter and producer
- January 15 – Kent Hovind, Christian fundamentalist evangelist and tax protester
- January 20 – Jeffrey Epstein, financier and philanthropist
- January 23 - Robin Zander, singer and guitarist (Cheap Trick)

- January 24 - Tim Stoddard, baseball player and coach
- January 29
 - Caesar Cervin, soccer player and coach
 - Dennis Delaney, actor and playwright
 - Steve March-Tormé, singer-songwriter
 - Louie Pérez, singer-songwriter and guitarist
 - Dwight Takamine, lawyer and politician
- February 11 – Jeb Bush, 43rd Governor of Florida from 1999 till 2007, second son of former President George H. W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush; younger brother of former President George W. Bush; and the older brother of Neil Bush, Marvin Bush, and Dorothy Bush Koch
- February 15 – John Goodsall, guitarist
- March 2 – Russ Feingold, United States Senator from Wisconsin from 1993 till 2011.
- March 26 – Lincoln Chafee, United States Senator from Rhode Island from 1999 till 2007.
- April 16
 - Douglas M. Fraser, general
 - J. Neil Schulman, author, actor, director, and producer
- May 12 – Kevin Grevey, basketball player and sportscaster
- May 26 – Kay Hagan, United States Senator from North Carolina since 2009.
- June 10 – John Edwards, United States Senator from North Carolina from 1999 till 2005.
- June 13 – Tim Allen, comedian, actor, voice-over artist, and entertainer and Debbie Davis from Texas, teacher, trail blazer
- July 24 – Claire McCaskill, United States Senator from Missouri since 2007.
- July 28 – Don Black, white supremacist
- October 18 – Brian David Mitchell, criminal
- October 25 – Ajamu Baraka, human rights activist and the Green Party's nominee for Vice President of the United States in the 2016 election
- November 14 – Phil Baron, voice actor, puppeteer, and songwriter
- November 15 – James Widdoes, actor, director, and producer
- December 10 – Chris Bury, journalist and academic
- December 13 - Larry Doby, 7-time all star black baseball player

Deaths

- January 1 – Hank Williams, country singer-songwriter (born 1923)
- January 7 – Osa Johnson, adventurer and filmmaker, wife of Martin Johnson (born 1894)
- May 30 – Dooley Wilson, African American actor, singer and drummer (born 1886)
- June 3 – Florence Price, African American classical composer (born 1887)
- September 2 – Jonathan M. Wainwright, general (born 1883)
- September 5
 - Francis Ford, actor and director (born 1881)
 - Rudolf Höber, German-American physician (born 1873)
- September 8 – Fred M. Vinson, Chief Justice of the U.S. (born 1890)
- September 13 – Mary Brewster Hazelton, portrait painter (born 1868)

- September 28 – Edwin Hubble, astronomer (born 1889)
- November 18 – Ruth Crawford Seeger, modernist composer and folk music arranger (born 1901)
- November 21 – Larry Shields, dixieland jazz clarinetist (born 1893)
- November 27 – Eugene O'Neill, playwright (born 1888)

See also

- List of American films of 1953

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