

2001 in the United States

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Events from the year **2001 in the United States**.

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Incumbents

Federal Government

- President: Bill Clinton (D-Arkansas) (until January 20), George W. Bush (R-Texas) (starting January 20)
- Vice President: Al Gore (D-Tennessee) (until January 20), Dick Cheney (R-Wyoming) (starting January 20)
- Chief Justice: William Rehnquist (Wisconsin) ^[1]
- Speaker of the House of Representatives: Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois)
- Senate Majority Leader:
 - until January 3: Trent Lott (R-Mississippi)
 - January 3–January 20: Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota)
 - January 20–June 6: Trent Lott (R-Mississippi)
 - starting June 6: Tom Daschle (D-South Dakota)
- Congress: 106th (until January 3), 107th (starting January 3)

Governors and Lieutenant Governors

Governors

- Governor of Alabama: Don Siegelman (Democratic)
- Governor of Alaska: Tony Knowles (Democratic)
- Governor of Arizona: Jane Dee Hull (Republican)
- Governor of Arkansas: Mike Huckabee (Republican)
- Governor of California: Gray Davis (Democratic)
- Governor of Colorado: Bill Owens (Republican)
- Governor of Connecticut: John G. Rowland (Republican)
- Governor of Delaware: Thomas R. Carper (Democratic) (until January 3), Ruth Ann Minner (Democratic) (starting January 3)
- Governor of Florida: Jeb Bush (Republican)
- Governor of Georgia: Roy Barnes (Democratic)
- Governor of Hawaii: Ben Cayetano (Democratic)
- Governor of Idaho: Dirk Kempthorne (Republican)
- Governor of Illinois: George Ryan (Republican)
- Governor of Indiana: Frank O'Bannon (Democratic)
- Governor of Iowa: Tom Vilsack (Democratic)
- Governor of Kansas: Bill Graves (Republican)
- Governor of Kentucky: Paul E. Patton (Democratic)
- Governor of Louisiana: Murphy J. Foster, Jr. (Republican)
- Governor of Maine: Angus King (Independent)
- Governor of Maryland: Parris N. Glendening (Democratic)
- Governor of Massachusetts: Paul Cellucci (Republican) (until April 10), Jane Swift (Republican) (starting April 10)
- Governor of Michigan: John Engler (Republican)
- Governor of Minnesota: Jesse Ventura (Independence)
- Governor of Mississippi: Ronnie Musgrove (Democratic)
- Governor of Missouri: Roger B. Wilson (Democratic) (until January 8), Bob Holden (Democratic) (starting January 8)
- Governor of Montana: Marc Racicot (Republican) (until January 1), Judy Martz (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Governor of Nebraska: Mike Johanns (Republican)
- Governor of Nevada: Kenny Guinn (Republican)
- Governor of New Hampshire: Jeanne Shaheen (Democratic)
- Governor of New Jersey: Christine Todd Whitman (Republican) (until January 31), Donald DiFrancesco (Republican) (starting January 31)
- Governor of New Mexico: Gary Johnson (Republican)
- Governor of New York: George Pataki (Republican)
- Governor of North Carolina: Jim Hunt (Democratic) (until January 6), Mike Easley (Democratic) (starting January 6)
- Governor of North Dakota: John Hoeven (Republican)
- Governor of Ohio: Bob Taft (Republican)
- Governor of Oklahoma: Frank Keating (Republican)
- Governor of Oregon: John Kitzhaber (Democratic)
- Governor of Pennsylvania: Tom Ridge (Republican) (until October 5), Mark S. Schweiker (Republican) (starting October 5)
- Governor of Rhode Island: Lincoln C. Almond (Republican)
- Governor of South Carolina: Jim Hodges (Democratic)
- Governor of South Dakota: William J. Janklow (Republican)
- Governor of Tennessee: Don Sundquist (Republican)
- Governor of Texas: Rick Perry (Republican)
- Governor of Utah: Mike Leavitt (Republican)

- Governor of Vermont: Howard Dean (Democratic)
- Governor of Virginia: Jim Gilmore (Republican)
- Governor of Washington: Gary Locke (Democratic)
- Governor of West Virginia: Cecil H. Underwood (Republican) (until January 15), Bob Wise (Democratic) (starting January 15)
- Governor of Wisconsin: Tommy Thompson (Republican) (until February 1), Scott McCallum (Republican) (starting February 1)
- Governor of Wyoming: Jim Geringer (Republican)

Lieutenant Governors

- Lieutenant Governor of Alabama: Steve Windom (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Alaska: Fran Ulmer (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas: Winthrop Paul Rockefeller (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of California: Cruz Bustamante (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Colorado: Joe Rogers (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut: Jodi Rell (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware:
 - until January 3: Ruth Ann Minner (Democratic)
 - January 3-January 16: vacant
 - starting January 16: John Carney (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Florida: Frank Brogan (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Georgia: Mark Taylor (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii: Mazie Hirono (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Idaho:
 - until January 3: Butch Otter (Republican)
 - January 3-January 30: vacant
 - starting January 30: Jack Riggs (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Illinois: Corinne Wood (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Indiana: Joe E. Kernan (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Iowa: Sally Pederson (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kansas: Gary Sherrer (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Steve Henry (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana: Kathleen Blanco (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Maryland: Kathleen Kennedy Townsend (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts: Jane Swift (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Michigan: Dick Posthumus (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota: Mae Schunk (Independence)
- Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi: Amy Tuck (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Missouri: Joe Maxwell (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Montana: Judy Martz (Republican) (until January 1), Karl Ohs (Republican) (starting January 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska: David I. Maurstad (Republican) (until October 1), Dave Heineman (Republican) (starting October 1)
- Lieutenant Governor of Nevada: Lorraine Hunt (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of New Mexico: Walter Dwight Bradley (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of New York: Mary Donohue (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina: Dennis A. Wicker (Democratic) (until January 6), Bev Perdue (Democratic) (starting January 6)
- Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota: Jack Dalrymple (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Ohio: Maureen O'Connor (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma: Mary Fallin (Republican)

- Lieutenant Governor of Pennsylvania: Mark S. Schweiker (Republican) (until October 5), Robert Jubelirer (Republican) (starting October 5)
- Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island: Charles J. Fogarty (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina: Bob Peeler (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota: Carole Hillard (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee: John S. Wilder (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas: Bill Ratliff (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Utah: Olene S. Walker (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Vermont: Doug Racine (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Virginia: John H. Hager (Republican)
- Lieutenant Governor of Washington: Brad Owen (Democratic)
- Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin:
 - until February 1: Scott McCallum (Republican)
 - February 1-May 9: vacant
 - starting May 9: Margaret A. Farrow (Republican)

Events

January

- January 1 – A black monolith measuring 270 cm (8.9 ft) tall appears in Seattle's Magnuson Park, placed by an anonymous artist in reference to the monolith from the movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*.
- January 2 – Sila Calderón becomes the first female governor of US territory Puerto Rico.
- January 11 – The U.S. Federal Trade Commission approves the merger of America Online and Time Warner to form AOL Time Warner.
- January 16
 - U.S. President Bill Clinton awards former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt a posthumous Medal of Honor for his service during the Spanish–American War; 11 of Roosevelt's descendants accept on his behalf.
 - A man drives a semi-trailer truck into the side of the California State Capitol building, killing the driver and damaging the building's interior.^[2]
- January 18 - President Bill Clinton delivers his farewell address to the nation.
- January 20
 - George W. Bush is sworn in as the 43rd President of the United States.
- January 22 – 24 – The "Texas Seven", a group of convicts who escaped from the John B. Connally Unit in Texas, are found in Colorado.
- January 28 – Super Bowl XXXV: The Baltimore Ravens defeat the New York Giants 34–7, winning their first Super Bowl title.



January 20:
George W. Bush begins the first of two terms as President

February

- February 9 – The submarine USS *Greeneville* (SSN-772) accidentally strikes and sinks the Japanese fishing vessel *Ehime-Maru* near Hawaii.
- February 16 – Iraq disarmament crisis: British and U.S. forces carry out bombing raids, attempting to disable Iraq's air defense network.
- February 18

- NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt dies in a last lap crash in the 43rd annual Daytona 500.
- FBI agent Robert Hanssen is arrested and charged with spying for Russia for 15 years.
- February 19 – An Oklahoma City bombing museum is dedicated at the Oklahoma City National Memorial.
- February 23 – Isla Vista massacre: In Isla Vista, California, David Attias drives a car into five pedestrians, killing four and critically injuring one. He is later convicted of murder and declared legally insane.
- February 28 – The Nisqually earthquake strikes Seattle, Washington.

March

- March – The United States enters the early 2000s recession; The Unemployment Rate rises to 4.4%.
- March 25 – The 73rd Academy Awards, hosted by Steve Martin, are held at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, with *Gladiator* winning Best Picture.
- March 28 – The Bush administration withdraws U.S. support for the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on the reduction of greenhouse gases.^[3]

April

- April 1 – A Chinese fighter jet collides with a U.S. EP-3E surveillance aircraft, forcing it to make an emergency landing in Hainan, China. The U.S. crew is detained for 10 days, and the F-8 Chinese pilot goes missing and is presumed dead.
- April 7 – Timothy Thomas, a 19-year-old African-American, is shot by a police officer in Cincinnati, sparking riots in downtown Cincinnati from April 10 to April 12.
- April 21 – The small Kansas town of Hoisington is hit by an F4 tornado destroying one-third of the city and killing one.
- April 28 – Soyuz TM-32 lifts off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome, carrying the first space tourist, American Dennis Tito.

May

- May 6 – Space tourist Dennis Tito returns to Earth aboard Soyuz TM-31. (Soyuz TM-32 is left docked at the International Space Station as a new lifeboat.)

June

- June 5 – U.S. Senator Jim Jeffords leaves the Republican Party, an act which changes control of the United States Senate from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party.
- June 5–9 – Tropical Storm Allison produces 36 inches (900 mm) of rain in Houston, Texas, killing 22, damaging the Texas Medical Center, and causing more than US\$5 billion of damage.
- June 7 – The Bush tax cuts are signed into law by U.S. president George W. Bush.
- June 9 – The Colorado Avalanche wins their second Stanley Cup, and Ray Bourque wins his first Cup after a lengthy career.
- June 11 – In Terre Haute, Indiana, Timothy McVeigh is executed for the Oklahoma City bombing.
- June 19 – A missile hits a soccer field in Tal Afar, Iraq, killing 23 and wounding 11. The Iraqi government claims it was an American-British airstrike; U.S. officials say it was actually an Iraqi



June 5–9:
Flooding in
Houston from
Tropical Storm
Allison

missile that malfunctioned.^[4]

July

- July 9 – The Thirty Mile Fire ignites in Okanogan County, Washington. Four firefighters die while battling the blaze.
- July 16 – The FBI arrests Dmitry Sklyarov at a convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, for violating a provision of the DMCA.
- July 18 – In Baltimore, Maryland, a 60-car train derailment occurs in a tunnel, sparking a fire that lasts days and virtually shuts down downtown Baltimore.

August

- August 1 – Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore has a 2.5-short-ton (2,300 kg) monument of the Ten Commandments installed in the Rotunda of the Judiciary Building. He is later sued to have it removed, and eventually removed from office.
- August 2 – The House of Representatives approves oil exploration in the Alaskan Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.^[3]
- August 9 – U.S. President George W. Bush announces his limited support for federal funding of research on embryonic stem cells.
- August 25 – Singer Aaliyah dies in a plane crash.
- August 28 – The US Governors of New England agree with the Quebec and Atlantic Canadian premiers to the Climate Change Action Plan 2001.

September

- September 1 – The libertarian Free State Project is founded at Yale University.
- September 6 – *United States v. Microsoft*: The United States Justice Department announces that it no longer seeks to break up software maker Microsoft, and will instead seek a lesser antitrust penalty.
- September 11 – 9/11 attacks: Almost 5,000 people are killed in four suicide attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City; the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia; and in rural Shanksville, Pennsylvania.^[3]
- September 15 – The Queen Isabella Causeway in Texas collapses after being hit by a tugboat, killing eight.
- September 18 – A series of anthrax attacks commence as anthrax letters are mailed from Princeton, New Jersey to ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, the *New York Post*, and the *National Enquirer*.



September 11:
9/11 attacks

October

- October 3 – 2001 Greyhound bus attack: A passenger slits the throat of the driver, causing the bus to crash, killing seven people.
- October 5 – Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants breaks the single season home run record, with his 71st and 72nd home runs of the year.
- October 7 – The United States invades Afghanistan, accompanied by other nations participating in Operation Enduring Freedom.^[3]
- October 9 – The 2001 anthrax attacks continue as contaminated letters are mailed from Princeton, New Jersey, to U.S. Senators Tom Daschle of South



October 7: War in
Afghanistan
begins

Dakota and Patrick Leahy of Vermont.

- October 15 – NASA's Galileo spacecraft passes within 112 miles (180 km) of Jupiter's moon Io.
- October 26 – U.S. President George W. Bush signs the USA PATRIOT Act into law.

November

- November 4 – The Arizona Diamondbacks defeat the New York Yankees in seven games to win their first world series.
- November 5 – Andrew Bagby murdered in Keystone State Park, Pennsylvania by his former partner Shirley Jane Turner. While awaiting trial and extraction from Canada she gained custody of the couple's son who she then also murdered. The deaths later became the basis for the 2008 documentary *Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son About His Father*^[5]
- November 12 – In New York City, American Airlines Flight 587, headed to the Dominican Republic, crashes in Queens just minutes after takeoff from the John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 on board and 5 on the ground.
- November 13 – In the first such act since World War II, U.S. President George W. Bush signs an executive order allowing military tribunals against any foreigners suspected of having connections to terrorist acts or planned acts against the United States.

December

- December – The Unemployment Rate rises to 5.7%, the highest since January 1996; the early 2000s recession ends.
- December 2 – Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection five days after Dynegy cancels a US\$8.4 billion buyout bid. Enron's bankruptcy becomes the largest in U.S. history.^[3]
- December 3 – Officials announce that one of the Taliban prisoners captured after the prison uprising at Mazari Sharif, Afghanistan is John Walker Lindh, an American citizen.
- December 11 – The United States government indicts Zacarias Moussaoui for involvement in the September 11 attacks.
- December 13 – U.S. President George W. Bush announces the United States' withdrawal from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.
- December 22 – A Paris, France to Miami, Florida flight is diverted to Boston, Massachusetts after passenger Richard Reid attempts to detonate explosives hidden in his shoes.
- December 27 – The People's Republic of China is granted permanent normal trade status with the United States.

Ongoing

- Iraqi no-fly zones (1991–2003)
- War in Afghanistan (2001–present)

Births

January

- January 2 – Christopher Barrios, Jr., murder victim (d. 2007)
- January 13 – Emily Grace Reaves, actress
- January 21 – Jackson Brundage, actor
- January 31 – Ariana Agrapides, artistic gymnast

February

- February 2 – Connor Gibbs, actor
- February 6 – Mackenzie Smith, actress and model
- February 19 – David Mazouz, actor
- February 21
 - Isabella Acres, actress
 - Jagger Eaton, skateboarder

March

- March 8 – Sandra Cantu, murder victim (d. 2009)
- March 31 – Riley Fox, murder victim (d. 2004)

April

- April 3 – Ashima Shiraishi, rock climber

May

- May 7 – Destiny Whitlock, actress^[6]
- May 24 – Abigail Rose Taylor, murder victim (d. 2008)

June

- June 6 – Sasha Obama, daughter of Barack Obama and Michelle Obama
- June 12 – John Bigelow IV, golfer

July

-Daniel Villena Martinez (...)

August

- August 6 – Ty Simpkins, actor
- August 11 – Parker Bolek, actor
- August 30 – Emily Bear, pianist and composer

September

- September 11 –
 - Mackenzie Aladjem, actress
 - Christina-Taylor Green documentary subject and 2011 Tucson shooting victim (d. 2011)
- September 19 – Taylor Geare, actress^[7]

October

- October 12 – Raymond Ochoa, actor

- October 27
 - Autumn de Forest, artist
 - Teilor Grubbs, actress

November

- November 21 – Samantha Bailey, actress

December

- December 1 – Savannah McReynolds, actor
- December 9 – Ronnie Paris, murder victim (d. 2005)
- December 14 – Joshua Rush, actor
- December 28 – Madison De La Garza, actress

Full date unknown

- Eliza Jane Scovill, murder victim (d. 2005)
- Zoe Yin, artist and writer

Deaths

January

- January 1 – Ray Walston, actor (b. 1914)
- January 5 - Nancy Parsons, actress (b. 1942)
- January 6 - Gene Taylor, media personality (b. 1947)
- January 11 - Dorothy M. Horstmann, virologist who made important discoveries about polio (b. 1911)
- January 12
 - Affirmed, race horse (b. 1975)
 - William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard (b. 1913)
- January 14 - John S. Hunt, II, politician (b. 1928)
- January 16 - Leonard Woodcock, trade unionist and diplomat (b. 1911)
- January 19 - Maxine Mesinger, newspaper columnist (b. 1925)
- January 22 - Roy Brown, clown (b. 1932)
- January 26 - Murray Edelman, political scientist (b. 1919)
- January 29 – Frances Bible, American operatic mezzo-soprano (b. 1919)
- January 30 - Joseph Ransohoff, neurosurgeon (b. 1915)

- January 31 - Gordon R. Dickson, science fiction writer (b. 1923)

February

- February 10 – Abraham Beame, Mayor of New York City. (b. 1906)
- February 15 – Jack McGowan, American professional golfer. (b. 1930)
- February 17 – Debbie Dean, American singer (b. 1928)
- February 18 – Dale Earnhardt, race car driver (b. 1951)
- February 24 – Phil Collier, sports writer (b. 1925)

March

- March 1
 - John Painter, American supercentenarian (b. 1888)
 - Henry Wade, soldier and lawyer (b. 1914)
- March 12 – Robert Ludlum, writer (b. 1927)
- March 12 – John Anderson, canoeist (b. 1915)

- March 18 – John Phillips, American singer, guitarist, songwriter and promoter (b. 1935)
- March 21 – Billy Ray Smith, Sr., football player (b. 1934)
- March 22 – William Hanna, animator (b. 1910)
- March 28
 - Jim Benton, footballer (b. 1916)
 - George Connor, American racecar driver (b. 1906)
- March 31 – Clifford Shull, Nobel physicist (b. 1915)

April

- April 2 – Jennifer Syme, murder victim (b. 1972)
- April 4 – Ed Roth, artist, cartoonist, illustrator, pinstriper and custom car designer and builder (b. 1932)
- April 10
 - Richard Evans Schultes, American ethnobotanist (b. 1915)
 - Willie Stargell, American baseball player, member of the Baseball Hall of Fame (b. 1939)
- April 19 – Egor Popov, Russian-born American civil engineer. (b. 1912)
- April 24 – Leon Sullivan, minister and activist (b. 1922)
- April 28 – Precious Doe, murder victim (b. 1997)

May

- May 5
 - Charles Black, constitutional scholar. (b. 1915)
 - Morris Graves, expressionist painter (b. 1910)
 - Cliff Hillegass, creator of CliffsNotes (b. 1917)
- May 6 – Weldon B. Gibson, economist (b. 1916)
- May 12 – Perry Como, singer (b. 1912)
- May 23 – Harry Townes, American actor. (b. 1914)

June

- June 3 – Anthony Quinn, Mexican-born American actor (b. 1915)
- June 11 – Timothy McVeigh, murderer (b. 1968)
- June 17 – Donald J. Cram, Nobel chemist (b. 1919)
- June 21 – Carroll O'Connor, actor, producer and director (d. 1924)
- June 22 – George Evans, cartoonist and illustrator (d. 1920)
- June 24 – William H. Sewell, American sociologist (b. 1909)
- June 27 – Jack Lemmon, actor (b. 1925)

July

- July 3
 - Roy Nichols, guitarist (b. 1932)
 - Johnny Russell, country singer (b. 1940)
- July 4 – Keenan Milton, skateboarder (b. 1974)
- July 22 – Bob Ferguson, American country music songwriter and record producer (b. 1927)
- July 28 – John Easton, American professional baseball player (b. 1933)
- July 31 – Poul Anderson, writer (b. 1926)

August

- August 8 – Big Ed, rapper (b. 1971)
- August 24 – George Benson (b. 1919)
- August 25
 - Aaliyah, singer and actress, died in Marsh Harbour, Abaco Islands, The Bahamas (b. 1979)
 - John Chambers, American make-up artist (b. 1922)
 - John L. Nelson, American jazz musician (b. 1916)
 - Diana Golden, American disabled ski racer. (b. 1963)
- August 30 – Julie Bishop, film and television actress (b. 1914)
- August 31 – Crash Davis, American professional baseball player (b. 1919)

September

- September 4 – Pete Brown, footballer (b. 1930)
- September 5 – Cawood Ledford, American radio announcer (Kentucky Wildcats) (b. 1926)
- September 7 – Glenn Thompson, American book publisher and activist (b. 1940)
- September 11
 - Alice Stewart Trillin, author and film producer (b. 1938)
 - Todd Beamer, American airline passenger United Airlines Flight 93 (b. 1969)
 - Berry Berenson, actress and photographer. Passenger of American Airlines Flight 11 (b. 1947)
 - Carolyn Beug, American filmmaker and video producer. Passenger of American Airlines Flight 11 (b. 1952)
 - Bill Biggart, photojournalist (b. 1947)
 - Mark Bingham, American airline passenger United Airlines Flight 93. (b. 1970)
 - Ronald Paul Bucca, American fire marshal (b. 1953)
 - Charles Burlingame, airline pilot American Airlines Flight 77 (b. 1949)
 - Tom Burnett, American airline passenger United Airlines Flight 93 (b. 1963)
 - William E. Caswell, American physicist. Passenger of American Airlines Flight 77. (b. 1947)
 - Kevin Cosgrove, business executive. (b. 1955)
 - Welles Crowther, investment banker. (b. 1977)
 - William M. Feehan, deputy fire commissioner (b. 1929)
 - Wilson Flagg, Rear Admiral (b. 1938)
 - Peter J. Ganci, Jr., Chief of the Fire Department of New York (b. 1946)
 - Barbara Olson, lawyer and murder victim (September 11 attacks) (b. 1955)
 - Christopher Amoroso, police officer and murder victim (September 11 attacks) (b. 1972)
 - David Angell, producer and murder victim (September 11 attacks) (b. 1946)
 - Jeremy Glick, American airline passenger United Airlines Flight 93 (b. 1970)
 - Lauren Grandcolas, American author. Passenger of United Airlines Flight 93 (b. 1962)
 - Nezam Hafiz, American cricketer (b. 1969)

- Mohammad Salman Hamdani, American research technician (b. 1977)
- LeRoy Homer, Jr., American airline pilot United Airlines Flight 93 (b. 1965)
- Charles Edward Jones, American astronaut. Passenger of American Airlines Flight 11 (b. 1953)
- Mychal Judge, Chaplain of the Fire Department of New York. (b. 1933)
- Neil David Levin, executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. (b. 1954)
- Daniel M. Lewin, co-founder of Akamai Technologies. Passenger of American Airlines Flight 11 (b. 1970)
- Eamon McEaney, American lacrosse player (b. 1954)
- Timothy Maude, Lieutenant General U.S. Army (b. 1947)
- John Ogonowski, American pilot American Airlines Flight 11 (b. 1948)
- John P. O'Neill, Counterterrorism expert. (b. 1952)
- Betty Ong, American flight attendant American Airlines Flight 11. (b. 1956)
- Orio Palmer, American firefighter (b. 1956)
- Dominick Pezzulo, 36, American police officer (b. 1965)
- Sneha Anne Philip, American physician, presumed to have been a victim of the attacks (b. 1970)
- Rick Rescorla, World Trade Center security chief for Morgan Stanley and Dean Witter. (b. 1939)
- Michael Richards, Jamaican-born American sculptor (b. 1963)
- Victor Saracini, American pilot United Airlines Flight 175 (b. 1978)
- Abraham Zelmanowitz, American computer programmer. (b. 1945)
- Madeline Amy Sweeney, flight attendant (b. 1966)
- September 15 – Richard Fegley, professional photographer (b. 1936)
- September 25 – John Powers, American professional baseball player. {b.1929)

October

- October 5 – Mike Mansfield, American politician and diplomat. (b. 1903)
- October 9 – Dagmar, American actress, model and television personality (b. 1921)
- October 14 – Zhang Xueliang, Chinese ruler of Manchuria, died in Honolulu, Hawaii (b. 1901)
- October 19 – Joe Murray, American baseball player (b. 1921)

November

- November 6 – John Simon White, Austrian-born American opera director. (b. 1940)
- November 7 – Bobby Bass, stunt performer (b. 1936)
- November 11 – Frederick Allen politician (b. 1914)
- November 13 – Panama Francis, American swing jazz drummer. (b. 1918)
- November 17
 - John M. Dawson, computational physicist (b. 1930)
 - Harrison A. Williams, politician. (b. 1920)
- November 21 – Fritz Herzog, German-born American mathematician (b. 1903)

December

- December 30
 - Ray Patterson, animator, producer, and director (b. 1911)
 - Frankie Gaye, American soul musician (b. 1941)
 - Eileen Heckart, Oscar-winning American actor. (b. 1919)

See also

- 2001 in Afghanistan
- 2001 in American television
- List of American films of 2001

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