

Presidential Inauguration Dates, Washington to Trump

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Here's a complete list of inauguration dates of American president inauguration dates from George Washington to Donald Trump.

Click on the date to go directly to the corresponding Inaugural Address in the *Public Papers of the Presidents* series at the American Presidency Project. Presidents who were sworn in after the death or resignation of their predecessor did not deliver an Inaugural Address on that occasion.

PRESIDENT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
George Washington	4/30/1789	3/4/1793		
John Adams	3/4/1797			
Thomas Jefferson	3/4/1801	3/4/1805		
James Madison	3/4/1809	3/4/1813		
James Monroe	3/4/1817	3/5/1821		
John Quincy Adams	3/4/1825			
Andrew Jackson	3/4/1829	3/4/1833		
Martin Van Buren	3/4/1837			
William Henry Harrison	3/4/1841			
John Tyler	4/6/1841			
James Knox Polk	3/4/1845			
Zachary Taylor	3/5/1849			
Millard Fillmore	7/10/1850			
Franklin Pierce	3/4/1853			
James Buchanan	3/4/1857			
Abraham Lincoln	3/4/1861	3/4/1865		
Andrew Johnson	4/15/1865			
Ulysses S. Grant	3/4/1869	3/4/1873		
Rutherford B. Hayes	3/5/1877			
James A. Garfield	3/4/1881			
Chester Arthur	9/20/1881			
Grover Cleveland	3/4/1885			
Benjamin Harrison	3/4/1889			
Grover Cleveland		3/4/1893		
William McKinley	3/4/1897	3/4/1901		
Theodore Roosevelt	9/14/1901	3/4/1905		
William Howard Taft	3/4/1909			
Woodrow Wilson	3/4/1913	3/5/1917		
Warren G. Harding	3/4/1921			
Calvin Coolidge	8/3/1923	3/4/1925		
Herbert Hoover	3/4/1929			
Franklin D. Roosevelt	3/4/1933	1/20/1937	1/20/1941	1/20/1945
Harry S. Truman	4/12/1945	1/20/1949		
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1/20/1953	1/21/1957		
John F. Kennedy	1/20/1961			
Lyndon B. Johnson	11/22/1963	1/20/1965		
Richard M. Nixon	1/20/1969	1/20/1973		
Gerald R. Ford	8/9/1974			
Jimmy Carter	1/20/1977			
Ronald Reagan	1/20/1981	1/21/1985		
George Bush	1/20/1989			
William J. Clinton	1/20/1993	1/20/1997		
George W. Bush	1/20/2001	1/20/2005		
Barack Obama	1/20/2009	1/21/2013		
Donald J. Trump	1/20/2017			

SCHEDULING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATIONS

The [Twentieth Amendment](#) of the U.S. Constitution mandates specific scheduling of presidential and Congressional terms.

Prior to the passage of the Twentieth Amendment in the early 1930s, Inauguration Day was always March 4, the anniversary of the Constitution first taking affect in 1789. The Twentieth Amendment changed the date of Inauguration Day to January 20, unless that falls on a Sunday, in which case the date is moved to January 21.

AMENDMENT XX [extracts]

Passed by Congress March 2, 1932. Ratified January 23, 1933.

Section 1. The terms of the President and the Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3rd day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

Section 2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 3. If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE

The Constitution [stipulates the oath of office](#) for the President of the United States to be sworn during the inauguration.

Article II, Section I

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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