

1921

Millennium: [2nd millennium](#)

Centuries: [19th century](#) - **[20th century](#)** - [21st century](#)

Decades: [1890s](#) [1900s](#) [1910s](#) - [1920s](#) - [1930s](#) [1940s](#) [1950s](#)

Years: [1918](#) [1919](#) [1920](#) - **[1921](#)** - [1922](#) [1923](#) [1924](#)

1921 in other [calendars](#)

Gregorian calendar	1921 <i>MCMXXI</i>
Ab urbe condita	2674
Armenian calendar	1370 ԹՎ ՌՅՀ
Assyrian calendar	6671
Bahá'í calendar	77–78
Balinese saka calendar	1842–1843
Bengali calendar	1328
Berber calendar	2871
British Regnal year	11 Geo. 5 – 12 Geo. 5
Buddhist calendar	2465
Burmese calendar	1283
Byzantine calendar	7429–7430 — (Metal Monkey) 4617 or 4557
Chinese calendar	— <i>to</i> — (Metal Rooster) 4618 or 4558
Coptic calendar	1637–1638
Discordian calendar	3087
Ethiopian calendar	1913–1914
Hebrew calendar	5681–5682
Hindu calendars	
- Vikram Samvat	1977–1978
- Shaka Samvat	1842–1843
- Kali Yuga	5021–5022
Holocene calendar	11921
Igbo calendar	921–922
Iranian calendar	1299–1300
Islamic calendar	1339–1340
Japanese calendar	Taishō 10 ()

Javanese calendar	1851–1852
Juche calendar	10
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 13 days
Korean calendar	4254
Minguo calendar	ROC 10 10
Nanakshahi calendar	453
Thai solar calendar	2463–2464
Tibetan calendar	(male Iron- Monkey) 2047 or 1666 or 894 — <i>to</i> — (female Iron- Rooster) 2048 or 1667 or 895

1921 ([MCMXXI](#)) was a [common year starting on Saturday](#) in the [Gregorian calendar](#) and a [common year starting on Friday](#) in the [Julian calendar](#). The Gregorian calendar was 13 days ahead of the Julian calendar. The Julian calendar remained in localized use until 1923.

Events

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- [Albert Einstein](#) receives the [Nobel Prize](#) in [Physics](#).
- [Partition of Ireland](#) (May 3rd)
- [Tulsa Race Massacre](#) in [Oklahoma](#), [United States](#) (May 31st-June 1st)
- [Karl Gareis](#) is murdered in [Munich](#), [Germany](#) (June 9th)
- Insulin is invented in [Canada](#) by [Frederick Banting](#) and [Charles Best](#) (July 27th)
- [Matthias Erzberger](#) is murdered in Germany (August 25th)
- A hurricane devastates [Tampa Bay](#), [Florida](#) (October 20th-October 30th)
- [Anglo-Irish Treaty](#) signed (December 6th)

Births

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January

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[Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg](#)

[Patricia Highsmith](#)

[Donna Reed](#)

[Carol Channing](#)

- [January 5](#) - [Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg](#) (d. [2019](#))
- [January 17](#) - [Antonio Prohias](#) Cuban-American cartoonist (d. [1998](#))
- [January 19](#) - [Patricia Highsmith](#), American writer (d. [1995](#))
- [January 27](#) - [Donna Reed](#), American actress (d. [1986](#))
- [January 29](#) - [Mustafa Ben Halim](#), 3rd [Prime Minister of Libya](#) (d. [2021](#))
- [January 31](#) - [Carol Channing](#), American actress and singer (d. [2019](#))

February

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[Betty Friedan](#)

[K. R. Narayanan](#)

[Lana Turner](#)

[Hua Guofeng](#)

[Suharto](#)

[Jean-Bédél Bokassa](#)

- [February 4](#) - [Betty Friedan](#), American feminist, activist, and writer (d. [2006](#))
- [February 4](#) - [K. R. Narayanan](#), [President of India](#) (d. [2005](#))
- [February 8](#) - [Lana Turner](#), American actress (d. [1995](#))
- [February 16](#) - [Hua Guofeng](#), Chairman of the [Communist Party of China](#) (d. [2008](#))
- [February 20](#) - [Suharto](#), 2nd [President of Indonesia](#) (d. [2008](#))
- [February 22](#) - [Jean-Bédél Bokassa](#), 2nd [President of the Central African Republic](#) (d. [1996](#))

March

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[Abdul Salam Arif](#)

[Vasily Smyslov](#)

[Nancy Kelly](#)

- [March 21](#) - [Abdul Salam Arif](#), 2nd [President of Iraq](#) (d. [1966](#))
- [March 24](#) - [Vasily Smyslov](#), Russian chess player (d. [2010](#))
- [March 25](#) - [Nancy Kelly](#), American actress (d. [1995](#))

April

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[Yitzhak Navon](#)

[Thomas Schelling](#)

[Karel Appel](#)

- [April 9](#) - [Yitzhak Navon](#), 5th [President of Israel](#) (d. [2015](#))
- [April 14](#) - [Thomas Schelling](#), American economist (d. [2016](#))
- [April 25](#) - [Karel Appel](#), Belgian artist (d. [2006](#))

May

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[Satyajit Ray](#)

[Andrei Sakharov](#)

[Jack Steinberger](#)

- [May 2](#) - [Satyajit Ray](#), Indian movie maker (d. [1992](#))
- [May 3](#) - [Sugar Ray Robinson](#), American boxer (d. [1989](#))
- [May 21](#) - [Andrei Sakharov](#), Soviet physicist and activist (d. [1989](#))
- [May 25](#) - [Jack Steinberger](#), German-American physicist (d. [2020](#))

June

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[Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#)

[Jane Russell](#)

- [June 10](#) - [Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh](#), member of the British royal family, husband of Queen [Elizabeth II](#) (d. [2021](#))
- [June 21](#) - [Jane Russell](#), American actress (d. [2011](#))

July

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[Nancy Reagan](#)

[Geoffrey Wilkinson](#)

[John Glenn](#)

[Giuseppe Di Stefano](#)

- [July 6](#) - [Nancy Reagan](#), [First Lady of the United States](#) (d. [2016](#))
- [July 14](#) - [Geoffrey Wilkinson](#), English chemist (d. [1996](#))
- [July 18](#) - [John Glenn](#), American astronaut and politician (d. [2016](#))
- [July 24](#) - [Giuseppe Di Stefano](#), Italian operatic tenor (d. [2008](#))

August

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[Esther Williams](#)

- [August 8](#) - [Esther Williams](#), American swimmer and actress (d. [2013](#))

September

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[Willem Frederik Hermans](#)

[Deborah Kerr](#)

- [September 1](#) - [Willem Frederik Hermans](#), Dutch writer (d. [1995](#))
- [September 30](#) - [Deborah Kerr](#), Scottish actress (d. [2007](#))
- [September 30](#) - [Sagramor de Scuvero Brandão](#), Brazilian actress, radio personality and councillor (d. [1995](#))

October

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[Francisco Morales-Bermúdez](#)

[Gunnar Nordahl](#)

- [October 4](#) - [Francisco Morales-Bermúdez](#), 112th [Prime Minister](#) and 51st [President of Peru](#) (d. [2022](#))
- [October 19](#) - [Gunnar Nordahl](#), Swedish footballer (d. [1995](#))

November

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[Alexander Dubček](#)

- [November 27](#) - [Alexander Dubček](#), [First Secretary of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia](#) (d. [1992](#))

December

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[Steve Allen](#)

- [December 26](#) - [Steve Allen](#), American actor, comedian, composer, and writer (d. [2000](#))

Deaths

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January

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February

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March

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- [March 1](#) - King [Nicholas I of Montenegro](#) (b. [1841](#))

April

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May

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June

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- [June 9](#) - [Karl Gareis](#), German legal scholar (b. [1889](#))

July

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- [July 4](#) - [Antoni Grabowski](#), early proponent of Esperanto (b. [1857](#))

August

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- [August 2](#) - [Enrico Caruso](#), Italian operatic tenor (b. [1873](#))
- [August 16](#) - [Peter I of Serbia](#) (b. [1844](#))

- [August 25](#) – [Matthias Erzberger](#), former German minister of finance (b. 1875)

September

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November

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December

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Sports

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- Kentucky Derby winner, Behave Yourself

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