

1949

Millennium: [2nd millennium](#)

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

Decades: [1910s](#) [1920s](#) [1930s](#) - [1940s](#) - [1950s](#) [1960s](#) [1970s](#)

Years: [1946](#) [1947](#) [1948](#) - **[1949](#)** - [1950](#) [1951](#) [1952](#)

1949 in other [calendars](#)

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| Gregorian calendar | 1949 <i>MCMXLIX</i> |
| Ab urbe condita | 2702 |
| Armenian calendar | 1398 ԹՎ ՌՅՂԸ |
| Assyrian calendar | 6699 |
| Bahá'í calendar | 105–106 |
| Balinese saka calendar | 1870–1871 |
| Bengali calendar | 1356 |
| Berber calendar | 2899 |
| British Regnal year | 13 Geo. 6 - 14 Geo. 6 |
| Buddhist calendar | 2493 |
| Burmese calendar | 1311 |
| Byzantine calendar | 7457–7458 — (Earth Rat) 4645 or 4585 |
| Chinese calendar | — <i>to</i> — (Earth Ox) 4646 or 4586 |
| Coptic calendar | 1665–1666 |
| Discordian calendar | 3115 |
| Ethiopian calendar | 1941–1942 |
| Hebrew calendar | 5709–5710 |
| Hindu calendars | |
| - Vikram Samvat | 2005–2006 |
| - Shaka Samvat | 1870–1871 |
| - Kali Yuga | 5049–5050 |
| Holocene calendar | 11949 |
| Igbo calendar | 949–950 |
| Iranian calendar | 1327–1328 |
| Islamic calendar | 1368–1369 |
| Japanese calendar | Shōwa 24 () |
| Javanese calendar | 1880–1881 |

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| Juche calendar | 38 |
| Julian calendar | Gregorian minus 13 days |
| Korean calendar | 4282 |
| Minguo calendar | ROC 38 38 |
| Nanakshahi calendar | 481 |
| Thai solar calendar | 2492 |
| | (male Earth- Rat) |
| Tibetan calendar | 2075 or 1694 or 922 — <i>to</i> — |
| | (female Earth- Ox) |
| | 2076 or 1695 or 923 |

1949 ([MCMXLIX](#)) was a [common year starting on Saturday](#) of the [Gregorian calendar](#), the 1949th year of the [Common Era](#) (CE) and *[Anno Domini](#)* (AD) designations, the 949th year of the [2nd millennium](#), the 49th year of the [20th century](#), and the 10th and last year of the [1940s](#) decade.

Events

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- [January 20](#) - [Harry S. Truman](#) proposes [Point Four program](#) to help world's less developed areas.
- [February 22](#) - Grady the Cow, a 1,200-pound cow gets stuck inside a silo on a farm in [Yukon, Oklahoma](#) and garners national media attention.
- [April 4](#) - Twelve nations sign the [North Atlantic Treaty](#) establishing the [North Atlantic Treaty Organisation](#) (NATO).
- [April 18](#) - [Ireland Act 1949](#) comes into effect and ceased being in the [British Commonwealth](#).
- [May 11](#) - [Siam](#) changes its name to [Thailand](#).
- [September 21](#) - The German Federal Republic ([West Germany](#)) established.
- [October 1](#) - The founding of the [People's Republic of China](#) is announced by [Mao Zedong](#).
- [October 7](#) - The German Democratic Republic ([East Germany](#)) is established.
- [December 27](#) - [Indonesia](#)'s independence is recognised by the [Netherlands](#).

Births

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- [January 12](#) - [Murakami Haruki](#), Japanese writer
- [January 12](#) - [Ottmar Hitzfeld](#), German football manager
- [February 5](#) - [Kurt Beck](#), German politician
- [February 22](#) - [Niki Lauda](#), Austrian racecar driver
- [February 24](#) - [John Belushi](#), American actor (d. [1982](#))
- [March 28](#) - [Kevin Lloyd](#), British actor (d. [1998](#))
- [April 7](#) - [Wells Kelly](#), American singer-songwriter and musician ([Orleans](#)) (d. [1984](#))
- [April 11](#) - [Bernd Eichinger](#), German movie producer
- [April 19](#) - [Joachim Sauer](#), husband of German chancellor [Angela Merkel](#)
- [April 20](#) - [Jessica Lange](#), American actress
- [May 9](#) - [Billy Joel](#), American singer
- [May 13](#) - [Zoe Wanamaker](#), actress
- [May 23](#) - [Alan Garcia](#), President of [Peru](#) (d. [2019](#))
- [May 26](#) - [Jeremy Corbyn](#), English politician
- [June 6](#) - [Robert Englund](#), American actor
- [June 18](#) - [Jaroslaw Kaczynski](#), Polish politician
- [June 18](#) - [Lech Kaczynski](#), President of [Poland](#) (d. [2010](#))
- [June 20](#) - [Lionel Richie](#), [American singer](#) and [musician](#)
- [June 22](#) - [Meryl Streep](#), American actress
- [July 4](#) - [Horst Seehofer](#), German politician
- [July 17](#) - [Geezer Butler](#), English [bass guitarist](#) ([Black Sabbath](#))
- [July 22](#) - [Alan Menken](#), American pianist and theatre composer
- [July 26](#) - [Thaksin Shinawatra](#), Thai politician
- [July 26](#) - [Roger Taylor](#), British musician ([Queen](#))
- [August 1](#) - [Kurmanbek Bakiyev](#), former President of [Kyrgyzstan](#)
- [August 15](#) - [Ivan Boldirev](#), Russian ice hockey player
- [August 20](#) - [Phil Lynott](#), Irish [bass guitarist](#) ([Thin Lizzy](#)) (d. [1986](#))
- [August 25](#) - [Gene Simmons](#), American singer-songwriter and musician ([Kiss](#))
- [August 31](#) - [Richard Gere](#), American actor
- [September 9](#) - [Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono](#), President of [Indonesia](#)
- [September 13](#) - [Dennis Pendrith](#), Canadian bass player
- [September 19](#) - [Twiggy](#), British model
- [September 23](#) - [Bruce Springsteen](#), American singer and musician
- [October 3](#) - [Lindsey Buckingham](#), American [guitarist](#) ([Fleetwood Mac](#))
- [October 4](#) - [Armand Assante](#), American actor
- [October 8](#) - [Sigourney Weaver](#), American actress
- [October 9](#) - [Bob Leinbach](#), American singer-songwriter and musician ([Orleans](#))
- [October 13](#) - [Rick Vito](#), American [guitarist](#) ([Fleetwood Mac](#))
- [October 21](#) - [Benjamin Netanyahu](#), Israeli politician
- [October 25](#) - [Ross Bagdasarian, Jr.](#), American voice actor
- [November 14](#) - [James "J.Y." Young](#), American [guitarist](#) ([Styx](#))
- [December 1](#) - [Pablo Escobar](#), Colombian [drug](#) lord (d. [1993](#))
- [December 12](#) - [Marc Ravalomanana](#), former President of [Madagascar](#)
- [December 21](#) - [Thomas Sankara](#), President of [Burkina Faso](#) (d. [1987](#))

- [December 22](#) - [Maurice Gibb](#), singer ([Bee Gees](#)) (d. [2003](#))
- [December 22](#) - [Robin Gibb](#), singer ([Bee Gees](#)) (d. [2012](#))
- [December 25](#) - [Sissy Spacek](#), American actress
- [December 26](#) - [Jose Ramos Horta](#), President of [East Timor](#)

Deaths

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- [January 6](#) - [Victor Fleming](#), American director (b. [1883](#))
- [January 11](#) - [Nelson Doubleday](#), American publisher (b. [1889](#))
- [January 14](#) - [Joaquín Turina](#), Spanish composer (b. [1882](#))
- [January 28](#) - [Jean-Pierre Wimille](#), French race car driver (b. [1908](#))
- [February 12](#) - [Imam Hassan al Banna](#), Egyptian founder of the Muslim Brotherhood (b. [1906](#))
- [March 30](#) - [Friedrich Bergius](#), German chemist, [Nobel Prize](#) laureate (b. [1884](#))
- [April 19](#) - [Ulrich Salchow](#), Swedish figure skater (b. [1877](#))
- [May 6](#) - [Maurice Maeterlinck](#), Belgian writer, [Nobel Prize](#) laureate (b. [1862](#))
- [May 9](#) - [Louis II, Prince of Monaco](#) (b. [1870](#))
- [May 22](#) - [James Forrestal](#), U.S. Secretary of Navy and Defense (suicide) (b. [1892](#))
- [May 22](#) - [Klaus Mann](#), German writer (suicide) (b. [1906](#))
- [June 10](#) - [Sigrid Undset](#), Norwegian writer, [Nobel Prize](#) laureate (b. [1882](#))
- [June 14](#) - [Russell Doubleday](#), American writer and publisher (b. [1872](#))
- [July 9](#) - [Fritz Bennicke Hart](#), English-born composer (b. [1874](#))
- [July 12](#) - [Douglas Hyde](#), first [President of Ireland](#) (b. [1860](#))
- [July 18](#) - [Vítězslav Novák](#), Czech composer (b. [1870](#))
- [August 18](#) - [Paul Mares](#), American musician (b. [1900](#))
- [August 30](#) - [Arthur Fielder](#), English cricketer (b. [1877](#))
- [September 8](#) - [Richard Strauss](#), German composer (b. [1864](#))
- [September 13](#) - [August Krogh](#), Danish zoophysiolgist, recipient of the [Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#) (b. [1874](#))
- [September 19](#) - [Will Cuppy](#), American humorist (b. [1884](#))
- [September 19](#) - [Nikolaos Skalkottas](#), Greek composer (b. [1901](#))
- [October 27](#) - [Marcel Cerdan](#), French boxer (plane crash) (b. [1916](#))
- [October 27](#) - [Ginette Neveu](#), French violinist (plane crash) (b. [1919](#))
- [December 6](#) - [Leadbelly](#), American musician (b. [1885](#))
- [December 11](#) - [Krishna Chandra Bhattacharya](#), Indian philosopher (b. [1875](#))
- [December 16](#) - [Sidney Olcott](#), Canadian movie director (b. [1873](#))
- [December 28](#) - [Hervy Allen](#), American writer (b. [1889](#))
- [December 28](#) - [Jack Lovelock](#), New Zealand athlete (b. [1910](#))

Awards

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Movies released

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- [*Adam's Rib*](#)
- [*Kind Hearts and Coronets*](#)
- [*Samson and Delilah*](#)
- [*The Third Man*](#)

New Books

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- [*The Aleph*](#) - [Jorge Luis Borges](#)
- [*Alien Land*](#) - [Willard W. Savoy](#)
- [*The Angry Wife*](#) - [Pearl S. Buck](#)
- [*Beneath The Sky*](#) - [Alfred Q. Jarrette](#)
- [*Beyond Earth's Gates*](#) - [C. L. Moore](#)
- [*Bright Leaf*](#) - [Foster Fitzsimmons](#)
- [*Cannibal*](#) - [John Hawkes](#)
- [*Crooked House*](#) - [Agatha Christie](#)
- [*The Dream Merchants*](#) - [Harold Robbins](#)
- [*The Egyptian*](#) - [Mika Waltari](#)
- [*Father of the Bride*](#) - [Edward Streeter](#)
- [*The Golden Sequence*](#) - [Martha E. Von Almedingen](#)
- [*The Heat of the Day*](#) - [Elixabeth Bowen](#)
- [*King of the Wind*](#) - [Marguerite Henry](#)
- [*Let Love Come Last*](#) - [Taylor Caldwell](#)
- [*Love in a Cold Climate*](#) - [Nancy Mitford](#)
- [*Male and Female*](#) - [Margaret Mead](#)
- [*The Man with the Golden Arm*](#) - [Nelson Algren](#)
- [*Men of Maize*](#) - [Miguel Angel Asturias](#)
- [*The Miracles of the Red Altar Cloth*](#) - [Hermann L. Hunter](#)
- [*Nineteen Eighty-Four*](#) - [George Orwell](#)
- [*Pride's Castle*](#) - [Frank Yerby](#)
- [*A Rage To Live*](#) - [John O'Hara](#)
- [*The Second Sex*](#) - [Simone de Beauvoir](#)
- [*To Hell and Back*](#) - [Audie Murphy](#)
- [*Shane*](#) - [Jack Schaefer](#)
- [*The Sheltering Sky*](#) - [Paul Bowles](#)
- [*A Town Like Alice*](#) - [Nevil Shute](#)
- [*The Trial*](#) - [Franz Kafka](#)
- [*Trouble with Harry*](#) - [Jack Story](#)

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