



List of longest-serving mayors in the United States



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Some of the **longest-serving mayors** in the United States are listed according to their length of service in that office. The office of mayor is the highest ranking local official and responsibilities may vary from ceremonial (see weak mayor) to full-time responsibility for city operations (see strong mayor).

Current serving mayors

A list of mayors still in office and ordered by their length of continuous service in that office. (If there is a break in their service, then this length is measured from their return to the office.)

Years	Name	Municipality	Notes
64–65 years	<u>Charles E. Long</u>	<u>Booneville, Kentucky</u>	Entered office in 1959. ^[1]
60 years, 358 days	<u>Robert L. Butler</u>	<u>Marion, Illinois</u>	Entered office in April 1963.
54 years, 217 days	<u>Leonard Scarcella</u>	<u>Stafford, Texas</u>	Entered into office on September 4, 1969.
53 years, 98 days	<u>H. Ford Gravitt</u>	<u>Cumming, Georgia</u>	Entered office on January 1, 1971. Served four years on City Council (1967-1970)
53 years, 98 days	<u>Robert Blais</u>	<u>Lake George, New York</u>	Began current term on April 5, 1971.
51–52 years	<u>Richard A. Mola</u>	<u>Elmwood Park, New Jersey</u>	Entered office in 1972.
48–49 years	<u>Margaret Doud</u>	<u>Mackinac Island, Michigan</u>	Entered office in April 1975.
47–48 years	<u>Willie Oswalt</u>	<u>Lake City, Georgia</u>	Entered office in 1976.
47–48 years	<u>Harold Rainwater</u>	<u>Wilmore, KY</u>	Entered office in 1976.
46–47 years	<u>Jim L. Sells</u>	<u>Rogersville, Tennessee</u>	Entered office in 1977.
45–46 years	<u>Robert Chatfield</u>	<u>Prospect, Connecticut</u>	Entered office in 1978.
44–45 years	<u>Noel B. Cummings</u>	<u>Hodgkins, Illinois</u>	Entered office in 1979.
42–43 years	<u>Jeffery D. Schielke</u>	<u>Batavia, Illinois</u>	Entered office in 1981.
42 years, 277 days	<u>Mark Anthony McClure</u>	<u>Danville, West Virginia</u>	Entered office on July 6, 1981.
41 years, 98 days	<u>William "Bill" McIntosh</u>	<u>Moultrie, Georgia</u>	Entered office in 1983.
38–39 years	<u>Louie Davis</u>	<u>Waldo, Florida</u>	Entered office in 1985.

Current and former mayors

A list of mayors in order of their total length of service in that office. (If there is a break in their service, then this length is measured as the sum of their terms.) John M. Coyne (born 1916 - died 2014) was the mayor of Brooklyn, Ohio from 1948 to 2000, making his term the longest consecutive term of any mayor in the United States until 2008 when Hilmar Moore took over the top spot.

Years	Name	Municipality	Notes
63 years, 73 days	<u>Hilmar Moore</u>	<u>Richmond, Texas</u>	Served from September 22, 1949 to December 4, 2012.
61 years, 111 days	<u>John H. Land</u>	<u>Apopka, Florida</u>	Served from January 1, 1971 to April 22, 2014. Also served from January 1, 1950 to January 1, 1968.
58 years, 233 days	<u>Robert Linn</u>	<u>Beaver, Pennsylvania</u>	Served from January 2, 1946 to August 22, 2004.
64–65 years	Charles E. Long	<u>Booneville, Kentucky</u>	Entered office in 1959.
56 years	Paul Jurko	<u>Yankee Lake, Ohio</u>	Elected into office in November 1931 at the age of 21. Served until his death on March 1, 1988.
60 years, 358 days	<u>Robert L. Butler</u>	<u>Marion, Illinois</u>	Entered office in April 1963, still serves as mayor today.
52 years	<u>John M. Coyne</u>	<u>Brooklyn, Ohio</u>	Served from 1948 until January 2000. ^[2] ^[Notes 1]
60 years, 78 days	Bruce Arnold	<u>Valparaiso, Florida</u>	Entered office on January 21, 1964, Died in office February 23, 2017.
50 years	<u>Leonard T. Connors</u>	<u>Surf City, New Jersey</u>	Entered office in 1966, served until January 5, 2016.
48 years, 352 days	<u>Frank E. Rodgers</u>	<u>Harrison, New Jersey</u>	Served from September 4, 1946 to August 22, 1995.
47 years, 115 days	<u>Nicholas B. Blase</u>	<u>Niles, Illinois</u>	Served from May 2, 1961 to his resignation on August 25, 2008. ^[3]
54 years, 217 days	Leonard Scarcella	<u>Stafford, Texas</u>	Entered into office on September 4, 1969.
53 years, 98 days	<u>H. Ford Gravitt</u>	<u>Cumming, Georgia</u>	Entered office on January 1, 1971. Served four years on City Council (1967-1970)
53 years, 98 days	Robert Blais	<u>Lake George, New York</u>	Began current term on April 5, 1971.
51–52 years	Richard A. Mola	<u>Elmwood Park, New Jersey</u>	Entered office in 1972.
43 years, 0 days	Paul W. Cassidy	<u>Parma Heights, Ohio</u>	Served in office between January 1958 through January 2001. ^[4]
48–49 years	<u>Margaret Doud</u>	<u>Mackinac Island, Michigan</u>	Entered office in April 1975.
41 years, 146 days	<u>Erastus Corning II</u>	<u>Albany, New York</u>	Served from January 2, 1942 to May 28, 1983.
40 years, 27 days	<u>Joseph P. Riley, Jr.</u>	<u>Charleston, South Carolina</u>	Served from December 15, 1975 to January 11, 2016. ^[5]
40 years	Louis Bay 2nd	<u>Hawthorne, New Jersey</u>	Entered into office in 1947, served until 1987.
47–48 years	<u>Harold Rainwater</u>	<u>Wilmore, Kentucky</u>	Entered into office in 1976.
46–47 years	<u>Jim L. Sells</u>	<u>Rogersville, Tennessee</u>	Entered office in 1977.

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42 years, 343 days	<u>Edward J. Zabrocki</u>	<u>Tinley Park, Illinois</u>	Entered into office on May 1, 1981.
29 years, 201 days	<u>Dr. LeRoy G. Suire</u>	<u>Erath, Louisiana</u>	Entered office in 1961. Served until 1990.

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Notes

1. The date of inauguration for Mayor John Coyne is not clear. It is clear that his successor, Kenneth Patton, took office in January 2000. References appear to confuse the 1999 election defeat with the day he left office. Most references state that he served 52 years, some from 1947-1999, a few from 1948 to 1999, and others from 1948 to 2000.

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