



# KATHERINE JOHNSON

## MATHEMATICIAN

**BORN AUGUST 26TH, 1918**

Katherine Johnson worked as a human computer for NASA, performing complex calculations before digital computers were adopted.

Katherine's story was featured in the 2016 film titled 'Hidden Figures'.

The film went on to be nominated for three academy awards.

Katherine Johnson worked as a human computer NASA, performing complex orbital trajectory calculations essential for the success of the US space programme from the manned space flight, to Apollo 11 and 13.

After years unrecognised, Johnson's story finally reached the public in the 2010s.

In 2015 American president Barack Obama presented her with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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