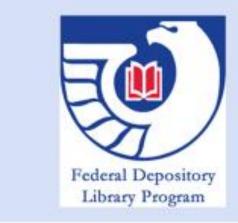
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HOW MANY FEDERAL HOLIDAYS ARE THERE REALLY?

12 but Inauguration Day is only celebrated every four years

The United States has established by law the following 12 permanent federal holidays, listed in the order they appear in the calendar:

New Year's Day Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Inauguration Day (every four years following a presidential election) George Washington's Birthday Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day Independence Day Labor Day Columbus Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Day



Although frequently called public or national holidays, these celebrations are only legally applicable to federal employees and the District of Columbia, as the states individually decide their own legal holidays.

- The first four congressionally designated federal holidays were created in 1870, when Congress granted paid time off to federal workers in the District of Columbia for New Year 's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- In 1880, George Washington's Birthday was included.
- In 1885, Congress extended holiday coverage for some holidays to all federal employees.

• Although Thanksgiving Day was included in the first holiday bill of 1870, it was not until 1941 that Congress specifically designated the fourth Thursday of November as the official date



- Since 1888, Congress has added seven federal holidays, creating Decoration Day (now Memorial Day) in 1888, Labor Day in 1894, Armistice Day (now Veterans Day) in 1938, Inauguration Day in 1957 (quadrennially and only celebrated in the District of Columbia), Columbus Day in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday in 1983, and Juneteenth in 2021.
- In 1954, Armistice Day was broadened to honor Americans who fought in World War II and the Korean conflict, and the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day.

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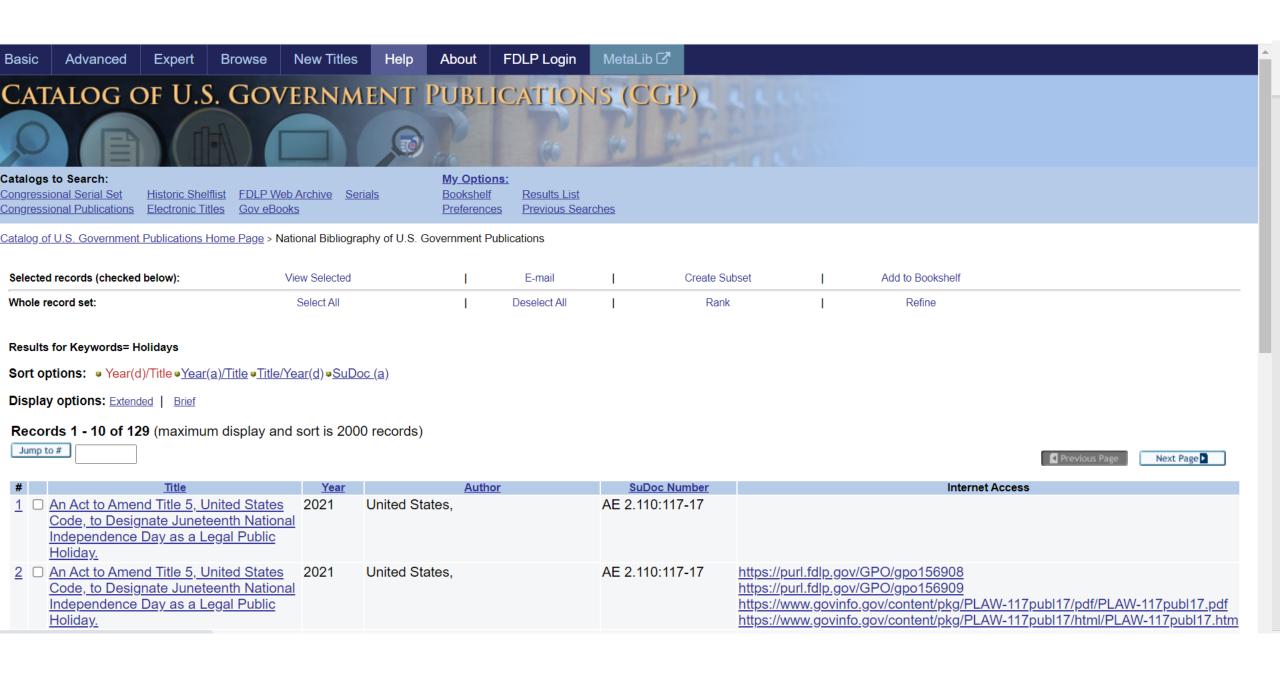
In 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was enacted to "provide for uniform annual observances" of Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day.

Additionally, the Monday Holiday Law established Columbus Day to be celebrated on the second Monday in October. In 1975, Veterans Day celebrations were returned to November 11 by Congress.



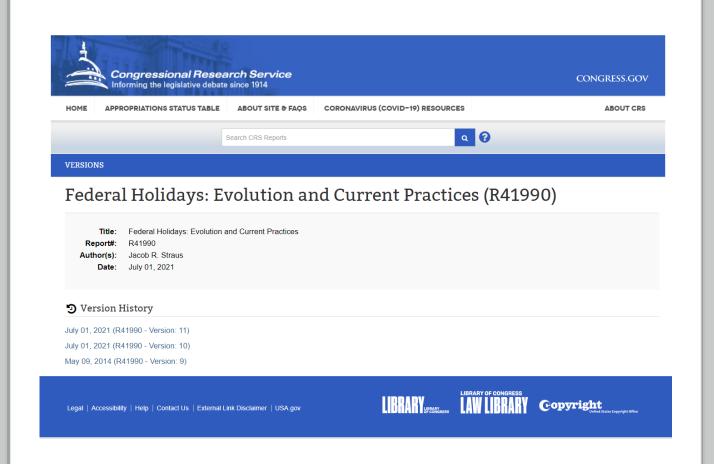
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New Year's Day



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New Year's Day | SNAP-Ed

snaped.fns.usda.gov/nutrition-education/healthy-thrifty-holiday-menus/new-years-day

New year, **new** resolutions. Black-eye peas are a traditional **New Year's** dish for some people and a healthy way to start the **year**. Visit Healthy Eating ...

New Year's Day 2022: January 1, 2022 - Census.gov

www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/new-years-day.html

Stats for Stories: **New Year's Day 2020: January 1, 2020**. As our nation prepares to ring in the **New Year**, the U.S. Census Bureau projects the United ...

A New Year's Day in the Life - Circulating Now from NLM

circulatingnow.nlm.nih.gov/2021/12/30/a-new-years-day-in-the-life/

A **new year** can be a turning point, a start of something **new**, a break from routine, a celebration. The historical collections of the National Library ...

New Year's Day Climate Statistics - National Weather Service

www.weather.gov/pah/NewYearsDayClimate

New Year's Day Climate History for Evansville, IN *Climate Data has been recorded at Evansville Regional Airport since January of 1897. Snowfall ...

New Year's Day Climate - National Weather Service

www.weather.gov/arx/holiday newyear

The odds of having any precipitation at all on **New Year's Day** is 52% (78 out of 150). There has been measurable (0.01" or greater) precipitation on 46 ...

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Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Third Monday of January

An Act to Amend Title 5, United States Code, to Make the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., a Legal Public Holiday. United States.

[Washington, D.C.?: U.S. G.P.O.: Supt. of Docs., U.S. G.P.O., distributor, 1983]

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Inauguration Day (every 4 years)

Inauguration day: hearing before House Com., in relation to H.J. resolutions 55 and 90 [to provide for change in date. Contents consist of letters and clippings transmitted by D.C. Com'rs].

United States. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary.

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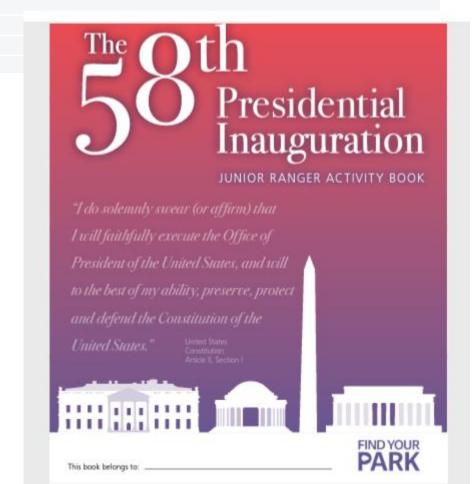
The 58th presidential inauguration: Junior Ranger activity book. online resource

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U.S. presidential inaugurations: a resource guide / online resource

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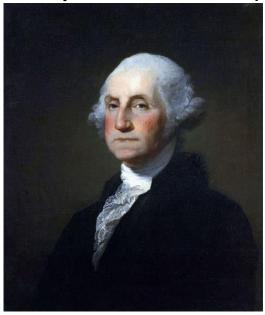


Birthday of George Washington

Presidents' Day | govinfo.gov

www.govinfo.gov/features/presidents-day

Presidents' Day. Observed the third Monday in February, recognizing **George Washington**'s **birthday** and honoring the history of the American presidency ...



Birthday of George Washington

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George Washington's Birthday (U.S. National Park Service)

www.nps.gov/articles/000/george-washington-s-birthday.htm

1880 - George Washington's Birthday was first observed as a Federal holiday. 1932 - The George Washington Bicentennial Commission was formed to ...

George Washington's Birthday | National Archives

www.archives.gov/legislative/features/washington

George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its ...

Washington's Birthday (Presidents Day) | National Archives

www.archives.gov/news/topics/washingtons-birthday

George Washington's Birthday was the first Federal holiday to honor an individual's birth date. In 1885, Congress designated February 22 as a holiday ...

Washington's Birthday - Valley Forge National Historical ...

www.nps.gov/vafo/learn/historyculture/virtual-washingtons-birthday.htm

The image is an infographic to share ways that people can celebrate **Washington's Birthday** online with parks. It includes illustrations **of George Washi** ...

George Washington | The White House

www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/george-washington/

George Washington. On April 30, 1789, **George Washington**, standing on the balcony of Federal Hall on Wall Street in New York, took his oath of office ...

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Memorial Day - Over 150 Years of Remembrance

Korean War Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, National Mall and Memorial Parks, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial



"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Memorial Day is often considered the unofficial beginning of summer. Parades take place, the grill is dusted off for the first time. Actually, it is more than that. Memorial Day is in remembrance of soldiers who fell in combat risking their lives for their country. It is about gratitude.





https://www.nps.gov/articles/memorial-day-history.htm

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-117publ17/html/PLAW-117publ17.htm



[117th Congress Public Law 17]
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Public Law 117-17 117th Congress

An Act

To amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Juneteenth Nati Independence Day as a legal public holiday. <<NOTE: June 17, 2021 - 475]>>

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, <<NOTE: Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. 5 USC 101 note.>> SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ``Juneteenth National Independence Act''.

SEC. 2. JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A LEGAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to Memorial Day the following:

`Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19.''.





Juneteenth National Independence Day: A New Federal Holiday

Updated January 13, 2022

On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (P.L. 117-71) into law. It had passed the Senate on June 15 and the House of Representatives on June 16. The act amends Section 6103(a), Title 5 of the *United States Code* to designate June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day.

In the 117th Congress, two companion bills—H.R. 1320 and S. 475—were both introduced on February 25, 2021. In the 116th Congress (2019-2020), legislation was introduced to create a federal holiday and the House and Senate also agreed to resolutions honoring Juneteenth. Legislation to designate Juneteenth as a federal holiday had not been introduced prior to the 116th Congress.

Independence Day



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History of Independence Day - Washington, DC, Fourth of ...

www.nps.gov/subjects/nationalmall4th/history-of-independence-day.htm

History of Independence Day . Take a moment to reflect on why millions of Americans gather for celebrations across the country on July 4th every year ...

Independence Day 2021 - editorials.voa.gov

editorials.voa.gov/a/independence-day-2021/5948461.html

On July 4, the United States celebrates the 245th anniversary of its existence. It is a commemoration of the **day** in 1776 when representatives of the ...

Independence Day | USCIS

www.uscis.gov/citizenship-resource-center/resources-for-educational-programs/independence-day **Independence Day**. **Independence Day**, or July 4, honors the birthday of the United States of America. On this **day** in 1776 the Declaration of **Independenc** ...



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labor day

History of Labor Day | U.S. Department of Labor

www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history

The First **Labor Day**. The first **Labor Day** holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the ...

Labor Day 2021 | U.S. Department of Labor

www.dol.gov/laborday/

This **Labor Day**, we're celebrating America's workers and looking to the future. This is a **Labor Day** like no other. As we continue to address the ...

The Real Maguire - Who Actually Invented Labor Day? | U.S ...

www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history-maguire

According to legend, Peter McGuire stood before the New York Central **Labor** Union on May 12, 1882, to suggest the idea of setting aside one **day** a year ...

Labor Day: September 6, 2021 - Census

www.census.gov/newsroom/stories/labor-day.html

"Before it was a federal holiday, **Labor Day** was recognized by **labor** activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 ...

The First Labor Day | US House of Representatives: History ...

history.house.gov/Historical-Highlights/1851-1900/The-first-Labor-Day/

On this date, President Grover Cleveland signed S. 730 into law declaring **Labor Day** a national holiday. Since 1882, **Labor Day** had been celebrated at ...

Columbus Day



Columbus day

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A Proclamation on Columbus Day, 2021 | The White House

www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/10/08/a-proclamation-on-columbus-day-2021/ NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR., President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2021, as **Columbus Day**. I direct that ...

Columbus Day - U.S. Embassy in Georgia

ge.usembassy.gov/columbus-day/

Columbus Day, a federal holiday, commemorates Christopher **Columbus**' landing in the New World on October 12, 1492. While **Columbus** was not the first ...

Columbus Day 2021: What's open and closed at Hill AFB ...

www.hill.af.mil/News/Article/2798761/columbus-day-2021-whats-open-and-closed-at-hill-afb/

Columbus Day 2021: What's open and closed at Hill AFBU.S. Air Force LogoOct. 4, 2021. 477484225. Most offices and services at Hill Air Force Base ...

Columbus Day - National Weather Service

www.weather.gov/buf/RocHolidayColumbusDay.html

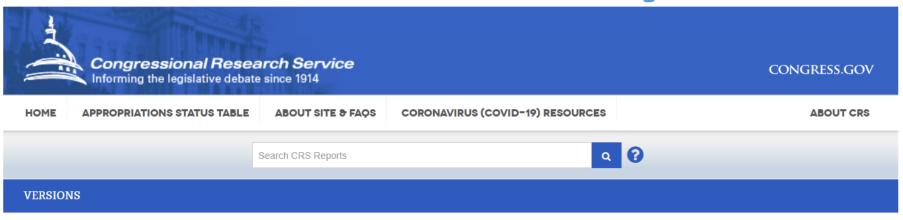
Columbus Day is a federal holiday marking the anniversary of Christopher **Columbus**'s arrival in the Americas. **Columbus Day** for many years was ...

COLUMBUS DAY, 1945 | Harry S. Truman

www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/proclamations/2665/columbus-day-1945

COLUMBUS DAY, 1945. NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Friday, October 12, 1945, as ...

Veteran's Day



Veterans Day Speech Resources: Fact Sheet (R44263)

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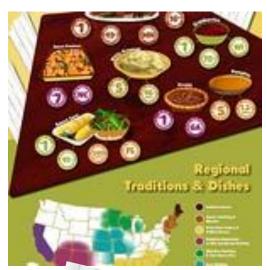
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Thanksgiving (4th Thursday of November)





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Thanksgiving | govinfo.gov www.govinfo.gov/features/thanksgiving-2021

Thanksgiving | Classroom Materials at the Library of ... www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/thanksgiving

Christmas Day

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What are your chances for a white **Christmas**? | National ...

www.noaa.gov/stories/what-are-your-chances-for-white-christmas

The map is based on the latest (1991-2020) U.S. Climate Normals. Darkest gray shows places where the probability of snow on **Christmas** is less than ...

Christmas Climatology and Weather

www.weather.gov/bou/ChristmasClimatology

Christmas Day 2009 was the 4th white **Christmas** in a row, with snow falling off and on from December 22nd through December 26th. A total of 7.8 inches ...

U.S. Senate: Christmas Gift Giving in the Senate

www.senate.gov/artandhistory/senate-stories/christmas-gift-giving-in-the-senate.htm

Christmas was not always an eventful holiday in the Senate. Prior to the 1850s, senators took very little time off while the Senate was in session ...

Orthodox Christmas Statement | The White House

www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/01/07/orthodox-christmas-statement/

Orthodox **Christmas** Statement. January 07, 2022 • Statements and Releases. **Christmas** reminds us that a Child brought to us a light that shines in the ...

Christmas Bells - Longfellow House Washington's ...

www.nps.gov/long/learn/historyculture/christmas-bells.htm

Thophile J. DesRoches, "The **Christmas** Spirit in a World at War," Standard-Times, New Bedford, MA. 22 December 1943. In Research Material, **Christmas** ...



Christian holidays: fact sheet /

online resource

https://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo174424

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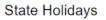
Jewish holidays : fact sheet /

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HOLIDAYS

- Commonly Celebrated Holidays and Observances
- Some holidays honor specific groups and events, such as Valentine's Day, Earth Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Flag Day, and Halloween. These are not federal holidays. Some holidays and observances receive presidential proclamations.
- Ethnic and Religious Holidays
- Various ethnic and religious groups in the United States celebrate days with special meaning to them. Some of these holidays include Easter for Christians, the High Holy Days for Jews, Ramadan for Muslims, Day of Vesak for Buddhists, and Diwali for Hindus.





State Holidays - Employee Resources - Illinois

www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Pages/StateHolidays.aspx

State Holidays Printer-friendly version [PDF, 39 KB] | Microsoft Outlook Calendar - State Holiday File. Holiday ...

State of Texas Holiday Schedule - Fiscal 2022

comptroller.texas.gov/about/holidays.php

A **state** agency must have enough **state** employees on duty to conduct business during the skeleton crew **holidays** listed. Compensatory time off during the ...

State Holidays :: California Secretary of State

www.sos.ca.gov/state-holidays

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D., **California** Secretary of **State** 1500 11th Street Sacramento, **California** 95814 Office: (916) 653-6814 Social Media Facebook

State Holiday Schedule - Louisiana Division of Administration

doa.louisiana.gov/state-employees/state-holiday-schedule/

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SPD: Benefits: State Holidays

www.in.gov/spd/benefits/state-holidays/

State Holidays 2022. The following is a list of the 2022 **state holidays** and the dates on which they are observed: Download 2022 Holiday schedule

State holiday schedule | Washington Department of Revenue

dor.wa.gov/contact-us/state-holiday-schedule

State Holidays

En Español



https://www.usa.gov/espanol/feriados-nacionales

• <u>Días festivos federales</u>

• Año Nuevo

• <u>Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.</u>

• <u>Día de los Presidentes</u>

Día de la Conmemoración de los Caídos

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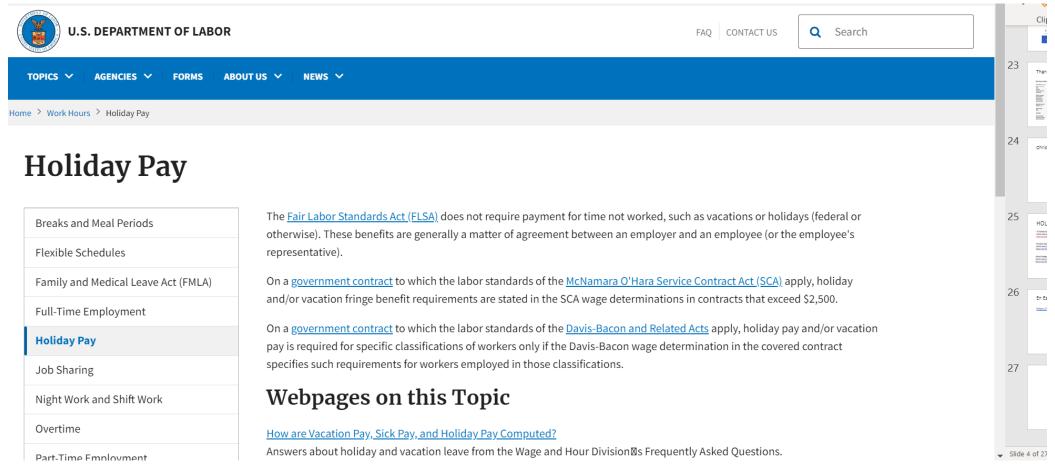
• Día de la Raza

• Día de los Veteranos

• <u>Día de Acción de Gracias</u>

Navidad

Laws Governing Holiday Pay



Regulations on This Topic

29 CFR Part 4.174 - Regulations on Meeting Requirements for Holiday Fringe Benefits for Federal Contracts

