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Governor's Records Guides

This list contains the names and dates in office of all of Oregon's governors in reverse chronological order. Information includes biographical notes, records descriptions and container listings for many governors. Earlier governors listings primarily feature governors messages and letters.

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Under State Government

Brown, Kate (D) Feb. 18, 2015 - present (no records at State Archives - see [governor's website](http://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/index.aspx))

Kitzhaber, John (D) Jan. 10, 2011 - Feb. 18, 2015 ([Contact the Reference Unit](/Pages/contactus.aspx#archives))

[Kulongoski, Ted](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/kulongoski/index.html)

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/kulongoski/index.html>) (D)

Jan. 13, 2003- Jan. 10, 2011

[Kitzhaber, John](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/kitzhaber/index.html)

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/kitzhaber/index.html>) (D)

Jan. 9, 1995 - Jan. 13, 2003

[Roberts, Barbara](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/roberts/index.html)

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/roberts/index.html>) (D) Jan,

14, 1991 - Jan. 9, 1995

[Goldschmidt, Neil](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/goldschmidt/index.html)

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/goldschmidt/index.html>) (D)

Jan, 12, 1987 - Jan. 14, 1991

Atiyeh, Victor G

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/atiyeh/index.html>). (R) Jan. 8, 1979 - Jan. 12, 1987

Straub Robert W

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/straub/index.html>). (D) Jan. 13, 1975 - Jan. 8, 1979

McCall, Tom

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/mccall/index.html>) (R) Jan. 9, 1967 - Jan 13, 1975

Hatfield, Mark O.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/hatfield/index.html>) (R) Jan. 12, 1959 - Jan. 9, 1967

Holmes, Robert D.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/holmes/index.html>) (D) Jan. 14, 1957 - Jan. 12,1959

Smith, Elmo

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/smith/index.html>) (R) Feb. 1,1956 - Jan. 14, 1957

Patterson, Paul L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/patterson/index.html>) (R) Dec. 27, 1952 - Jan. 31, 1956

McKay, Douglas

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/mckay/index.html>) (R) Jan. 10, 1949 - Dec. 27, 1952

Hall, John H.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/hall/index.html>) (R) Oct. 30,1947 - Jan. 10, 1949

Snell, Earl (<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/snell/index.html>)

(R) Jan. 11,1943 - Oct. 28, 1947

Sprague, Charles A.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/sprague/index.html>) (R) Jan. 9, 1939 - Jan. 11, 1943

Martin, Charles H.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/martin/index.html>) (D) Jan. 14, 1935 - Jan. 9, 1939

Meier Julius L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/meier/index.html>) (I) Jan. 12, 1931 - Jan. 14, 1935

Norblad, A. W.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/norblad/index.html>) (R) Dec. 22, 1929 - Jan. 12, 1931

Patterson, I. L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/ilpatterson/index.html>) (R)

Jan. 10, 1927 - Dec. 21, 1929

Pierce, Walter M.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/pierce/index.html>) (D) Jan.

8, 1923 - Jan. 10, 1927

Olcott, Ben W.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/olcott/index.html>) (R) Mar.

3, 1919 - Jan. 8, 1923

Withycombe, James

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/withycombe/index.html>) (R)

Jan 12, 1915 - Mar. 3, 1919

West, Oswald D.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/west/index.html>) (D) Jan.

11, 1911 - Jan. 12, 1915

Bowerman, Jay

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/bowerman/index.html>) (R)

June 17, 1910 - Jan. 8, 1911

Benson, Frank W.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/benson/index.html>) (R)

Mar. 1, 1909 - June 17, 1910

Chamberlain, George E.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/chamberlain/index.html>) (D)

Jan. 15, 1903 - Feb. 28, 1909

Geer, T. T. (<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/geer/index.html>) (R)

Jan. 9, 1899 - Jan. 14, 1903

Lord, William Paine

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/lord/index.html>) (R) Jan.

14, 1895 - Jan. 9, 1899

Pennoyer, Sylvester

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/pennoyer/index.html>) (DP)

Jan. 12, 1887 - Jan. 14, 1895

Moody, Z. F.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/moody/index.html>) (R)

Sept. 13, 1882 - Jan. 12, 1887

Thayer, W. W.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/thayer/index.html>) (D)

Sept. 11, 1878 - Sept. 13, 1882

Chadwick, Stephen F.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/chadwick/index.html>) (D)

Feb. 1, 1877 - Sept. 11, 1878

Grover, LaFayette

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/grover/index.html>) (D)

Sept.14, 1870 - Feb.1, 1877

Woods, George L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/woods/index.html>) (R) Sept.

12, 1866 - Sept. 14, 1870

Gibbs, A. C.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/gibbs/index.html>) (R)

Sept.10, 1862 - Sept. 12, 1866

John Whiteaker

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/state/whiteaker/index.html>) (D)

Mar. 3, 1859 - Sept. 10, 1862

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Curry, George L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/curry/index.html>) (D)

Aug. 1, 1854 - Mar. 3, 1859

Davis, John W.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/davis/index.html>) (D)

Dec. 2, 1853 - Aug. 1, 1854

Curry, George L.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/curry/index.html>) (D)

May 19, 1853 - Dec. 2, 1853

Lane, Joseph

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/lane/index.html>) (D)

May 16, 1853 - May 19, 1853

Gaines, John P.

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/gaines/index.html>) (W)

Aug. 18, 1850 - May 16, 1853

Prichette, Kintzing

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/prichette/index.html>)

(D) June 18, 1850 - Aug. 18, 1850

Lane, Joseph

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/territorial/lane/index.html>) (D)

Mar. 3, 1849 - June 18, 1850

Under Provisional Government

Abernethy, George

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/provisional/abernethy/index.html>)

July 14, 1845 - Mar. 3, 1849

Executive Committee

(<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/records/governors/guides/provisional/exec/index.html>) July

5, 1843 - July 14, 1845



A portrait of Governor Barbara Roberts at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem.
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