

June 2021 Events by Week

June, Week 1 (5/27-6/2)

- U.S. intelligence priorities shift as President Biden calls for an investigation into the origins of COVID-19.
- Republicans counter Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure plan with a \$928 billion proposal.
- With less COVID-19 worry, an estimated 37 million Americans travel during the Memorial Day weekend.
- On Tuesday (6/1), President Biden meets with three survivors on the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre. It was a violent attack that left as many as 300 dead and destroyed a vibrant Black community.
- As most of Japan is under emergency orders due to a COVID-19 outbreak, calls grow to cancel the Olympics scheduled to start on July 23.
- On Wednesday (6/2), the U.S. has 33.3 million cases of COVID-19 and 595,822 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 171.5 million cases and 3,688,032 deaths.

June, Week 2 (6/3-6/9)

- U.S. employers add 559,000 jobs in May, more than in April, but less than in March.
- The FBI is investigating Postmaster General Louis DeJoy concerning campaign fundraising activity involving his former business.
- On Saturday (6/5), former President Trump visits the North Carolina GOP convention to focus on the fraudulent and manipulative claim that he rightfully won the 2020 election.
- Vice President Kamala Harris visits Guatemala and Mexico to address the root causes of migration from Central America.
- T.C. Energy, the company behind the Keystone XL oil pipeline, announces it is officially terminating the project.
- On Wednesday (6/9), the U.S. has over 33.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 598,760 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 174.3 million cases and 3,754,914 deaths.

June, Week 3 (6/10-6/16)

- Inflation hits the U.S. economy as May prices are 5% higher than one year ago, the highest level in 13 years.
- Republican governors in 25 states end jobless benefits early, an effort to push people back to work.
- The Israeli parliament approves a new coalition government, ending Benjamin Netanyahu's 12 years in power.
- President Biden attends the G-7 summit in England, a NATO meeting in Brussels, and on Wednesday (6/16) meets with Russian President Putin in Geneva for four hours.
- On Tuesday (6/15), the U.S. hits 600,000 coronavirus deaths, more than any other country.
- On Tuesday (6/15), California reopens with most pandemic restrictions lifted.
- On Wednesday (6/16), the U.S. has over 33.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 600,648 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 177 million cases and 3,830,127 deaths.

June, Week 4 (6/17--6/23)

- The Supreme Court upholds the Affordable Care Act for the third time; the vote is 7 to 2.
- On Thursday (6/17), President Biden signs a law that makes June 19th a federal holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the U.S.
- The White House says the U.S. will miss President Biden's goal of having 70% of the adult population at least partially vaccinated by July 4th.
- Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin says he supports a plan to let independent military lawyers handle cases of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- Dr. Fauci of the National Institute of Health says the dangerous Delta variant is spreading so quickly the mutant strain will become predominant in this country within weeks.
- On Wednesday (6/23), the U.S. has over 33.57 million cases of COVID-19 and 602,833 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 179.5 million cases and 3,889,680 deaths.

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May 2021 Events by Week

May, Week 1 (4/29-5/5)

- The Commerce Department says the economy grew at annual rate of 6.4% between January and March, setting the stage for what is expected to be the strongest annual growth in four decades.
- On Saturday (5/1), the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan commences.
- On Monday (5/3), NPR's All Things Considered celebrates 50 years on the air.
- New York City Mayor DeBlasio orders municipal workers back to the office.
- The World Health Organization says nearly half of the daily COVID-19 infections worldwide are in India.
- Four months after the deadly attack on the Capitol, an oversight board upholds Facebook's ban on former President Trump.
- On Wednesday (5/5), the U.S. has over 32.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 579,265 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 157.7 million cases and 3,237,589 deaths.

May, Week 2 (5/6-5/12)

- U.S. employers add just 266,000 jobs in April, as hiring slows and business struggles to keep pace with booming consumer demand.
- Women's participation in the U.S. economy is at its lowest point in 30 years at 57%.
- On Saturday (5/8), a bombing near a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan kills at least 50, many of them young students.
- A major petroleum pipeline stretching from Texas to New York, supplying close to half of the gas on the east coast, is shut down due to a ransomware attack. It resumes operation on Wednesday.
- On Wednesday (5/12), House Republicans remove Representative Liz Cheney as conference chair over her unrelenting criticism of former President Trump.
- On Wednesday (5/12), the U.S. has more than 32.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 583,647 deaths. Worldwide, there are just over 160 million cases and 3,326,378 deaths.

May, Week 3 (5/13-5/19)

- The CDC dramatically rolls back mask use guidance for fully vaccinated Americans.
- The Supreme Court agrees to consider next term whether all state laws that ban pre-viability abortions are constitutional.
- On Tuesday (5/18), President Biden says it is time for a cease fire between Israel and Hamas.
- The House passes a bill to investigate the Capitol riot, but its fate in the Senate is unclear.
- The New York State Attorney General's office has widened its probe into the Trump Organization to include an examination of potential criminal wrongdoing.
- On Wednesday (5/19), the U.S. has 32.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 587,843 deaths. Worldwide, there are 164.6 million cases and 3,412,920 deaths.

May, Week 4 (5/20--5/26)

- In San Jose, California, ten people die, including the alleged gunman, at a Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority rail yard.
- On Monday (5/24), eight states pass the milestone of 70% of adults vaccinated.
- On Tuesday (5/25), on the one-year anniversary of the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, a large crowd gathers at the block where he died.
- The Washington Post reports a Manhattan grand jury has been convened by a district attorney to hear evidence concerning former President Trump's financial dealings.
- Secretary of State Anthony Blinken arrives in Jerusalem to shore-up the Gaza cease fire; he meets with both Israeli and Palestinian leaders.
- On Wednesday (5/26), the U.S. has over 33.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 591,941 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 168.1 million cases and 3,493,704 deaths.

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April 2021 Events by Week

April, Week 1 (4/1-4/7)

- U.S. employers add 916,000 jobs in March, the largest job gain since August.
- On Friday (4/2), a U.S. Capitol officer is killed, and another injured after a 25-year-old man rams his car into them at a checkpoint.
- On Monday (4/5), more than 61 million Americans are now fully vaccinated against COVID-19, but cases are rising in over 20 states.
- Talks resume in Vienna aimed at bringing the U.S. back into the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.
- The CDC says the more virulent British strain of the coronavirus is now dominant in this country.
- On Wednesday (4/7), the U.S. has over 309 million cases of COVID-19 and 559,086 deaths. Worldwide: Over 132.9 million cases and 2,856,103 deaths.

April, Week 2 (4/8-4/14)

- Almost 19,000 migrant children were stopped at the U.S.-Mexico border in March, the most ever in a month.
- President Biden announces a number of executive actions intended to curb what he calls an “epidemic” of gun deaths and injuries in America.
- Amazon warehouse workers in Bessemer, Alabama vote against forming a union.
- On Sunday (4/11), a 20-year-old Black man named Daunte Wright is shot and killed by police in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. This occurs ten miles from where George Floyd was murdered.
- On Tuesday (4/13), President Biden announces that U.S. troops will be pulled out of Afghanistan by September 11 of this year.
- On Tuesday (4/13), the FDA and CDC call for a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine following reports of six women developing blood clots.
- On Wednesday (4/14), the U.S. has over 31.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 564,396 deaths. Worldwide: Just over 138 million cases and 2,971,181 deaths.

April, Week 3 (4/15-4/21)

- On Friday (4/16), a 19-year-old gunman kills eight people at a FedEx warehouse in Indianapolis before taking his own life.
- A Kaiser Health analysis says there is a gender gap in COVID-19 vaccinations in the U.S. with women at 60% and men at 40%.
- Derek Chauvin invokes his fifth amendment privilege and refuses to testify in his trial in Minneapolis.
- On Monday (4/19), the final arguments are presented in the Derek Chauvin trial.
- On Tuesday (4/20), the jury in the Chauvin trial finds him guilty of second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter in the killing of George Floyd.
- A sudden coronavirus spike overwhelms India’s health care systems.
- On Wednesday (4/21), the U.S. has 31.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 569,212 deaths. Worldwide: there are just over 144 million cases and 3,008,314 deaths.

April, Week 4 (4/22-4/28)

- On Thursday (4/22), President Biden hosts a virtual climate summit with world leaders setting the goal to cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions in half by the end of the decade.
- The Supreme Court rejects restrictions on juveniles for life without parole by a vote of 6 to 3.
- FDA approves resuming use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine with a warning about rare blood clots.
- U.S. Census Bureau announces Texas will gain two congressional seats for the next ten years, while Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon will each gain one seat.
- On Wednesday (4/28), President Biden addresses a joint session of Congress and lays out proposals aimed at workers, parents and children.
- On Wednesday (4/28), the U.S. has over 32.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 574,326 deaths. Worldwide, there are over 149.2 million cases and 3,146,284 deaths.

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March 2021 Events by Week

March, Week 1 (3/4-3/10)

- On Thursday (3/4), the House cancels its session for the day due to intelligence reports about military groups planning to breach the Capitol.
- U.S. employers add 379,000 jobs in February, but there are still 9.5 million fewer jobs than before the pandemic.
- On Saturday (3/6), after 24 hours of debate, the Senate passes the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package.
- The CDC issues guidelines that it is safe for people who have received the COVID-19 vaccine to meet indoors without masks and social distancing.
- On Wednesday (3/10), the Senate confirms Merrick Garland as Attorney General by a vote of 70 to 30, five years after then President Obama nominated Garland to serve on the Supreme Court.
- On Wednesday (3/10), the U.S. has over 29.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 529,203 deaths. Worldwide: Over 118 million cases and 2,619,676 deaths.

March, Week 2 (3/11-3/17)

- Thursday (3/11) marks the one-year anniversary when the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.
- On Thursday (3/11), President Biden addresses the nation and says he aims for the U.S. to find normalcy by July 4th.
- The city of Minneapolis reaches a \$27 million civil settlement with the family of George Floyd.
- The CDC urges people to avoid nonessential travel during Spring Break.
- On Tuesday (3/16), a 21-year-old man shoots and kills eight people in three different massage parlors in the Atlanta area. Six of those killed are Asian women.
- On Wednesday (3/17), the U.S. has 29.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 537,922 deaths. Worldwide: Over 121.1 million cases and 2,679,063 deaths.

March, Week 3 (3/18-3/24)

- The CDC now says schools can space students three feet apart rather than six.
- On Friday (3/19), President Biden and Vice President Harris travel to Atlanta to meet with members of the Asian American community following the murders of eight people, including six women of Asian descent.
- Over the weekend, Miami police clash with spring break partiers and declare a state of emergency with an 8 pm curfew.
- The House oversight committee holds a hearing on D.C. statehood.
- On Monday (3/22), a 21-year-old male suspect kills 10 people at a Boulder, Colorado grocery store.
- On Wednesday (3/24), the U.S. has just over 30 million cases of COVID-19 and 545,245 deaths. Worldwide: Over 124.6 million cases and 2,742,357 deaths.

March, Week 4 (3/25-3/31)

- In Egypt, a ship the length of four football fields is wedged across the Suez Canal for six days, blocking cargo and oil tanker traffic.
- On Thursday (3/25), President Biden holds his first news conference, defending his response to the arrival of Central American children at the border.
- On Thursday (3/25), Georgia passes a highly partisan voting rights bill with many restrictions and numerous changes to absentee and early voting.
- Five people die after a series of vicious tornadoes rake across Georgia and Alabama and Nashville experiences its worst flooding in a decade.
- On Monday (3/29), the Derek Chauvin trial for the murder of George Floyd begins with opening arguments in Minneapolis.
- On Wednesday (3/31), President Biden unveils a \$2 trillion infrastructure package in Pittsburgh.
- On Wednesday (3/31), the U.S. has over 30.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 552,038 deaths. Worldwide: Over 128.7 million cases and 2,814,899 deaths.

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February 2021 Events by Week

February, Week 1 (2/4-2/10)

- The House votes to remove Georgia representative Marjorie Taylor Greene from the Education and Budget committees following her past incendiary comments and apparent support of violence against Democrats.
- On Sunday (2/7), the Tampa Bay Bucs beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the Super Bowl, 31 to 9.
- Days one and two of President Trump's second impeachment trial is held on Tuesday (2/9) and Wednesday (2/10). On day one, the Senate votes 56 to 44 that the trial is constitutional. The impeachment managers present their case on the first two days.
- President Biden has a phone call with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping.
- On Wednesday (2/10), a Georgia prosecutor announces an investigation into whether former President Trump's call with election officials last month broke the law.
- On Wednesday (2/10), the U.S. has over 27.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 475,195 deaths. Worldwide: Over 107 million cases and 2,352,098 deaths.

February, Week 2 (2/11-2/17)

- Thursday (2/11) through Saturday (2/13): Days three through five of the Trump impeachment trial. On Friday, the Trump defense presentation lasts only three hours.
- On Saturday, the Senate finds former President Trump not guilty on the impeachment charge of inciting an insurrection by a vote of 57 to 43.
- By Monday (2/15), the President's Day holiday, nearly 38 million Americans have been vaccinated for COVID-19.
- A nationwide cold snap is setting low temperatures around the country, with Texas especially hard hit with millions of people without electricity.
- Conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh dies at age 70.
- On Wednesday (2/17), the U.S. has over 27.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 490,394 deaths. Worldwide: Over 109.8 million cases and 2,428,407 deaths.

February, Week 3 (2/18-2/24)

- NASA's six wheeled rover lands on Mars in search of ancient microbial life.
- Senator Ted Cruz returns to Texas during severe cold weather, power outages and lack of access to clean water after a trip to Cancun. He calls the trip a "mistake."
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo faces allegations that the state manipulated nursing home COVID-19 infection data.
- President Biden reaches out to European allies in a speech at the virtual Munich Security Conference.
- On Monday (2/22), the U.S. marks 500,000 COVID-19 deaths and President Biden leads a national remembrance at the White House.
- The Supreme Court declines former President Trump's request to further delay enforcement of a subpoena from the Manhattan district attorney for his financial records.
- On Wednesday (2/24), the U.S. has over 28.3 million cases of COVID-19 and 505,796 deaths. Worldwide: Over 112.5 million cases and 2,495,881 deaths.

February, Week 4 (2/25-3/3)

- The U.S. launches an air strike in Syria against an Iranian-backed militia in response to a series of rocket attacks against U.S. targets in Iraq.
- On Friday (2/26), an FDA advisory panel recommends the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine for emergency use and on Saturday it is officially authorized.
- On Sunday (2/28), former President Trump speaks at CPAC and says he will not start a third party.
- FBI director Christopher Wray testifies before the Senate Judiciary Committee calling the January 6 attack on the Capitol "domestic terrorism" and defends the FBI handling of intelligence prior to the attack.
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo faces multiple sexual harassment accusations.
- President Biden announces that the U.S. will have enough vaccines for all adults by May.
- On Wednesday (3/3), the U.S. has over 28.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 518,274 deaths. Worldwide: Over 115 million cases and 2,538,059 deaths.

January 2021 Events by Week

January, Week 1 (1/7-1/13)

- Congress certifies the Electoral College results early Thursday morning (1/7). Vice President Mike Pence officially declares Joe Biden the winner at 3:41am EST.
- Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao resigns citing, “traumatic and entirely avoidable” violence at the Capitol. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos also resigns.
- U.S. employers cut 140,000 jobs in December as the pandemic rages on.
- Twitter permanently suspends President Trump’s account.
- On Wednesday (1/13), President Trump is impeached a second time with 10 Republicans joining Democrats in the House in a vote of 232 yes, 197 no, and 4 not voting.
- On Wednesday (1/13), the U.S. has just over 23 million cases of COVID-19 and 384,343 deaths. Worldwide, there are 92.2 million cases and 1,976,192 deaths.

January, Week 2 (1/14-1/20)

- Former Michigan governor Rick Snyder and eight others are criminally charged related to the Flint water crisis.
- On Friday (1/15), the U.S. Justice Department announces the opening of more than 300 investigations into participants in the Capitol riot.
- Russia detains Kremlin critic and opposition leader Alexei Navalny after he lands at a Moscow airport.
- On Monday (1/18 the MLK Holiday), the U.S. passes 400,000 Coronavirus deaths and on Tuesday night Joe Biden and Kamala Harris attend an event where 400 lights are placed around the reflecting pool of the Lincoln memorial to remember those who have perished.
- On Tuesday (1/19), President Trump issues last minute pardons to 143 people, including former aide Steve Bannon.
- On Wednesday (1/20), at noon on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol, Joe Biden becomes the nation’s 46th president and Kamala Harris is sworn-in as Vice President.
- On Wednesday (1/20), the U.S. has just over 24.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 406,001 deaths. Worldwide: 96.8 million cases and 2,073,866 deaths.

January, Week 3 (1/21-1/27)

- Two suicide bombings at a Baghdad market kill at least 32 people and injure over 100 others. Isis claims responsibility for the attacks.
- Another 1.8 million people file unemployment claims last week. 16 million Americans are now collecting unemployment.
- On Friday (1/22), Baseball home run king Hank Aaron dies at age 83.
- On Monday (1/25), Democratic impeachment managers carry papers from the House to the Senate for a trial to begin on February 9.
- Denver-based Dominion Voting Systems is seeking 1.3 billion dollars in a defamation lawsuit against Rudy Giuliani and others for false claims related to the election.
- President Biden says the government is buying 200 million more COVID-19 vaccines as states complain about the scarce supply.
- On Wednesday (1/27), the U.S. has 25.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 430,167 deaths. Worldwide: 100.95 million cases and 2,180,718 deaths.

January, Week 4 (1/28-2/3)

- Game Stop trading causes stock gyrations due to a tug of war between amateur day traders on Reddit and the professional managers of Wall Street hedge funds.
- The pandemic has had a profound economic impact on women in the U.S. with female unemployment hitting double figures this past year for the first time since 1948.
- Putin critic Alexei Navalny is sentenced to 3.5 years in prison, sparking weekend protests in Russia with 4,000 people arrested for supporting the detained opposition leader.
- In Myanmar, the military successfully launches a coup after detaining civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her top officials.
- President Biden signs 28 Executive Orders during his two weeks in office. The previous record was FDR signing 30 in his first month.
- On Wednesday (2/3), the U.S. has over 26.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 450,681 deaths. Worldwide: Over 104 million cases and 2,268,678 deaths.