

May 2022 Events by Week

May, Week 1 (4/28-5/4)

- The Commerce Department reported the gross domestic product shrank at an annual rate of 1.4% in the first three months of 2022.
- On Thursday (4/28): Russian attacks on Ukraine's capital had stopped until a missile strike hit Kyiv after the Secretary-General of the United Nations finished a news conference.
- Over the weekend, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi led a small group of Democratic House members to meet with Ukraine President Zelensky in Kyiv.
- On Monday (5/2): According to Politico, a leaked draft opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito suggests the Supreme Court will overturn the 1973 case Roe vs. Wade that legalized abortion nationwide.
- In South Asia, more than a billion people could face heat-related health problems due to scorching temperatures. In India, temperatures have hit 120 degrees with rolling blackouts across several Indian states.
- On Wednesday (5/4): The U.S. has over 81.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 996,702 deaths. Worldwide: Over 515.4 million cases and 6,244,594 deaths.

May, Week 2 (5/5-5/11)

- On Thursday (5/5): The Dow fell by 1,063 points, just a day after gaining nearly 1,000 points. The reason is fear that the economy is headed for a recession.
- In April, the U.S. added 438,000 jobs, the same number as in March. There are still a record number of job openings and not enough people to fill them.
- On Sunday (5/8), First Lady Jill Biden made an unannounced visit to Ukraine to meet her counterpart Olena Zelensky.
- The CDC reports the rate of U.S. gun homicides jumped nearly 35% in 2020 to the highest level in more than 25 years.
- The largest wildfire in the U.S. continues to grow rapidly in the mountains east of Santa Fe. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and thousands of people evacuated.
- On Wednesday (5/11): The U.S. has over 82.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 998,739 deaths. Worldwide: Over 519.3 million cases and 6,257,771 deaths.

May, Week 3 (5/12-5/18)

- On Thursday (5/12): President Biden says: "Today, we mark a tragic milestone: one million American lives lost to COVID-19. One million empty chairs around the dinner table. Each an irreplaceable loss."
- The House January 6 Committee has issued five subpoenas for five House Republicans including GOP leader Kevin McCarthy.
- On Saturday (5/14): A shooting at a supermarket in Buffalo in a predominately Black neighborhood kills 10 people. An 18-year-old white man has been charged and believed to have written a racist manifesto briefly posted online.
- To deal with the national shortage of infant formula the FDA and one of the nation's largest manufacturers of baby formula, Abbott, have now reached a deal to get a Michigan factory up and running again.
- On Wednesday (5/18): The U.S. has over 82.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,001,269 deaths. Worldwide: Over 525.2 million cases and 6,283,368 deaths.

May, Week 4 (5/19-5/25)

- An NPR/PBS poll finds that about two-thirds of Americans oppose reversing abortion rights.
- The Senate, in a largely bipartisan vote, has approved roughly \$40 billion in aid to Ukraine.
- On Monday in Tokyo, President Biden said the U.S. is committed to defend Taiwan in case of an attack by mainland China.
- On Tuesday (5/24): In Uvalde, Texas a gunman kills 19 students in a fourth-grade classroom and two teachers. The gunman was identified as an 18-year-old male who was killed by a border patrol agent.
- On Wednesday (5/25): The U.S. has over 83.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 1,003,743 deaths. Worldwide: Over 527.3 million cases and 6,287,991 deaths.

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April 2022 Events by Week

April, Week 1 (3/31-4/6)

- President Biden has ordered one million barrels of oil to be released every day for the next six months.
- The Ukraine government says it has regained control of the entire Kyiv region for the first time since the Russian invasion began on February 24.
- On Sunday (April 3): At 2am in Sacramento a shooting in the city's busy downtown area killed 6 people and 12 were hospitalized with injuries.
- Elon Musk has taken a 9% stake in Twitter to become its largest shareholder.
- On Tuesday (4/5): Ivanka Trump, the daughter of former President Trump, testifies before the January 6th House Committee for nearly eight hours.
- On Wednesday (4/6): The U.S. has over 80.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 983,797 deaths. Worldwide: Over 494.8 million cases and 6,165,851 deaths.

April, Week 2 (4/7-4/13)

- On Thursday (4/7): The U.S. Senate confirms Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court by a vote of 53 to 47. She will be the first Black woman to serve on the nation's highest court.
- Mortgage rates on 30-year fixed rate loans rose above 5% making home ownership unaffordable for more people.
- Consumer prices in March were up 8.5% from one year ago, the sharpest increase since December 1981.
- Jurors in Michigan acquitted two men of conspiracy to kidnap Governor Whitmer and the jury is deadlocked over the charges of the other two defendants.
- On Tuesday (4/12): 16 people are injured after a New York subway shooting in Brooklyn. A suspect is arrested the next day.
- On Wednesday (4/13): The U.S. has over 80.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 987,331 deaths. Worldwide: Over 505.1 million cases and 6,188,577 deaths.

April, Week 3 (4/14-4/20)

- Three major religious holidays all converge on the same week: Ramadan, Passover, and Easter.
- A damaged Russian warship sinks after a Ukrainian missile attack. The Russians retaliate with missile attacks on Kyiv.
- Twenty Starbucks stores have voted to unionize and more than 200 have petitioned for votes.
- A federal judge in Florida has struck down the transportation mask mandate.
- More than 40 Chinese cities have some kind of COVID-19 lockdown policy.
- On Wednesday (4/20): The U.S. has over 80.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 990,206 deaths. Worldwide: Over 506.7 million cases and 6,207,183 deaths.

April, Week 4 (4/21-4/27)

- The Justice Department says it will appeal the end of the federal mask mandate which applied to planes and trains and other public transit.
- French President Emmanuel Macron has won reelection in a runoff election against far-right rival Marine La Pen. Macron received 58% of the vote.
- On Sunday (4/24): Secretary of State Blinken and Defense Secretary Austin meet with Ukraine President Zelensky in Kyiv pledging more cash and weapons.
- Twitter reaches a deal to sell the company to Elon Musk for \$44 billion. He plans to take the social media outlet private.
- A New York City judge found former President Donald Trump in contempt of court for not complying with a subpoena for documents. The judge orders a \$10,000 a day fine until the records are turned over to the New York attorney general.
- On Wednesday (4/27): The U.S. has over 81.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 992,722 deaths. Worldwide: Over 511.5 million cases and 6,228,089 deaths.

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March 2022 Events by Week

March, Week 1 (3/3-3/9)

- The U.S. added 678,000 jobs in February, the largest gains since last July. The unemployment rate fell to 3.8% compared to 4% in January.
- President Biden's approval rating jumps to 47%, up eight points after the State of the Union speech according to the latest NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll.
- Monday (3/7): According to the United Nations, in just over ten days more than 1.5 million people have fled Ukraine due to the war creating the fastest growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War II.
- COVID-19 cases are skyrocketing in both New Zealand and Hong Kong, places previously heralded for their handling of the pandemic.
- On Wednesday (3/9), the U.S. has over 79.4 million cases of COVID-19 and 963,820 deaths. Worldwide: Just over 451 million cases and 6,021,649 deaths.

March, Week 2 (3/10-3/16)

- Consumer prices surged 7.9% in February from a year ago keeping inflation at a 40-year high.
- The 2020 census continued a longstanding trend of undercounting Black people, Latinos, and Native Americans according to a report released by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- More than 200,000 Ukrainians have relocated to the western city of Lviv where on Tuesday (3/15) Russian intensified its artillery barrage.
- Nearly 23,000 (19%) of mail-in ballots were rejected in the recent Texas primary election.
- On Wednesday (3/16), the Federal Reserve raises interest rates for the first time since 2018.
- On Wednesday (3/16), the U.S. has over 79.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 968,326 deaths. Worldwide: Over 463.3 million cases and 6,057,731 deaths.

March, Week 3 (3/17-3/23)

- President Biden approves an \$800 million weapons deal for Ukraine including javelin missiles, stinger anti-aircraft missiles, and a hundred drones.
- On Friday (3/18), President Biden has a two-hour video call with China President Xi Jinping concerning the Russia-Ukraine war.
- The United Nations reports that nearly a quarter of Ukraine's 40 million people have been displaced by the war.
- On Monday (3/21), the Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson begin. The hearings continue on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- On Wednesday (3/23), Madeline Albright dies of cancer at age 84. She was the first woman to be a Secretary of State and served from 1997 through 2001.
- On Wednesday (3/23), the U.S. has over 79.8 million cases of COVID-19 and 974,827 deaths. Worldwide: Over 475.4 million cases and over 6 million deaths.

March, Week 4 (3/24-3/30)

- On Thursday (3/24), President Biden met with NATO and G-7 allies in Brussels concerning Russia's brutal war against Ukraine at the one-month mark.
- China's once red-hot economy is slowing down. Analysts say the causes are successive COVID-19 lockdowns, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and restrictive business policies.
- On Saturday (3/26), President Biden said about Russian President Vladimir Putin in a speech in Warsaw: "For God's sake, this man cannot stay in power."
- Legal experts agree that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas must recuse himself in Capitol insurrection cases because of his wife's texts to Trump Chief of Staff Mark Meadows. However, each justice decides when to recuse.
- The FDA authorizes a fourth COVID-19 shot for those age 50 and older who received their booster shots at least four months ago.
- On Wednesday (3/30), the U.S. has just over 80 million cases of COVID-19 and 979,849 deaths. Worldwide: Over 486.6 million cases and 6,137,898 deaths.

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February 2022 Events by Week

February, Week 1 (2/3-2/9)

- A winter storm from Augusta, Maine to Austin, Texas affects 90 million Americans. Airlines cancel over 4,600 flights and over 250,000 households lose power.
- On Friday (2/4), the 2022 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony is held in Beijing, China, involving over 3,000 athletes.
- Large protests in Ottawa, Canada start over the weekend in protest over a federal vaccine mandate for cross-border truckers.
- The Republican National Committee says the January 6th attack on the Capitol was an example of “legitimate political discourse.”
- The Labor Department says U.S. employers added 467,000 jobs in January. They revised numbers upward for November with nearly 650,000 new jobs and December with more than 500,000 jobs.
- On Wednesday (2/9), the U.S. has over 77.2 million cases of COVID-19 and 912,208 deaths. Worldwide: Over 402.8 million cases and 5,775,328 deaths.

February, Week 2 (2/10-2/16)

- According to the Labor Department consumer prices are up 7.5% in January compared to a year ago, much higher than expected.
- Embassy staff in Ukraine are being evacuated by the United States, Britain, Canada, Israel, and other countries in the European Union due to the threat of an impending Russian invasion.
- On Sunday (2/13), Canadian police cleared COVID-19 vaccine mandate protestors who had been blocking the Ambassador Bridge for nearly a week. The bridge connects Detroit and Windsor, Ontario.
- On Sunday (2/13), the Los Angeles Rams defeated the Cincinnati Bengals in the Super Bowl at SoFi Stadium in L.A. by a score of 23 to 20.
- On Wednesday (2/16), the U.S. has over 78.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 927,548 deaths. Worldwide: Over 418 million cases and 5,843,539 deaths.

February, Week 3 (2/17-2/23)

- A New York Supreme Court judge has ordered former President Donald Trump, Ivanka Trump, and Donald Trump Jr. to appear within 21 days for a deposition about their family business.
- On Sunday (2/20), the Beijing Winter Olympics end. Norway wins the most medals with 37, including 16 gold. The U.S. collected 25 medals with eight gold.
- On Monday (2/21), President’s Day in the U.S., it is announced that Queen Elizabeth has tested positive for COVID-19 and is experiencing mild symptoms.
- On Tuesday (2/22), a jury in Brunswick, Georgia unanimously finds Ahmad Aubrey’s three killers guilty on all counts in a hate crime trial.
- The Russian military buildup in Ukraine drives up global energy prices with oil at nearly \$100 per barrel. It’s a price not seen since 2014.
- On Wednesday (2/23), the U.S. has over 78.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 941,866 deaths. Worldwide: Over 429.3 million cases and 5,916,311 deaths.

February, Week 4 (2/24-3/2)

- On Thursday (2/24), Russia begins bombing Ukrainian air bases around the country beginning near 5 am local time.
- President Biden plans to nominate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, a U.S. Court of Appeals judge for the Supreme Court. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first Black woman to serve on the high court.
- On Tuesday night (3/1), President Biden delivers a State of the Union address. The first 13 minutes dealt with Russia and the war in Ukraine. He later declared inflation his top priority.
- On Wednesday (3/2), one million refugees have fled Ukraine in just seven days.
- On Wednesday (3/2), the U.S. has over 79.1 million cases of COVID-19 and 954,511 deaths. Worldwide: Over 439 million cases and 5,972,249 deaths.

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January 2022 Events by Week

January, Week 1 (1/6-1/12)

- On Thursday (1/6), one year after the January 6th insurrection, President Biden spoke at Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol and said, "I'll allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy."
- U.S. employers added 199,000 jobs in December, less than half than forecasts had expected. At the same time unemployment dropped to just 3.9%.
- On Friday (1/7) in Georgia, the three men convicted of killing Black jogger Ahmaud Arbery were sentenced to life in prison with only one given the possibility of parole.
- More people in the U.S. are hospitalized with COVID-19 than at any other time in the pandemic and emergency rooms are overwhelmed.
- On Wednesday (1/12), former President Trump cuts his interview short with Steve Inskeep on *Morning Edition* when pressed on his election lies.
- On Wednesday (1/12): The U.S. has over 62.7 million cases of COVID-19 and 843,624 deaths. Worldwide: Over 315.3 million cases and 5,510,327 deaths.

January, Week 2 (1/13-1/19)

- The Justice Department unseals seditious conspiracy charges against the leader of the Oath Keepers group and ten other people alleging they plotted to disrupt the electoral process at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.
- The Supreme Court blocks President Biden's vaccine or test mandate for large private companies but upholds a regulation that mandates vaccines for almost all employees at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities that receive federal funds.
- On Saturday (1/15), a rabbi and three members of a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas are taken hostage by a 44-year-old British man who dies after a 10-hour standoff.
- On Monday (1/17), the MLK holiday, a shortage of bus drivers is causing problems for those who use public transportation.
- On Wednesday (1/19), President Biden holds a rare news conference to mark his first year in office.
- On Wednesday (1/19), the U.S. has over 68.5 million cases of COVID-19 and 857,682 deaths. Worldwide: Over 337.1 million cases and 5,563,776 deaths.

January, Week 3 (1/20 -1/26)

- The Georgia district attorney investigating whether former President Trump and his allies committed crimes when they tried to overturn the 2020 election in the state has asked a judge for a special grand jury.
- The U.S. Supreme Court says it will revisit the question of affirmative action in higher education.
- The U.S. is considering sending 8,500 troops to join the NATO Response Force to help deter a Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Prosecutors in Michigan and New Mexico are investigating false Electoral College submissions.
- Chief Justice Stephen Breyer is retiring from the Supreme Court at the end of the current term in June.
- On Wednesday (1/26), the U.S. has over 72.9 million cases of COVID-19 and 876,052 deaths. Worldwide: Over 361.8 million cases and 5,625,717 deaths.

January, Week 4 (1/27 -2/2)

- The Commerce Department reports that the nation's gross domestic product grew 5.7% last year. It's the biggest increase since 1984.
- On Saturday (1/29), a blizzard hits much of New England and Boston ties its record of the most snow in a single day – just under two feet.
- On Wednesday (2/2), a massive winter storm hits 20 states from the Rocky Mountains to New England and as far south as Texas.
- On Tuesday (2/1), more than a dozen historically Black colleges receive bomb threats and go into lockdown.
- Former Miami Dolphins head coach Brian Flores sues the NFL alleging racism in its hiring practices in a league where only one in 32 head coaches are Black.
- On Wednesday (2/2), the U.S. has over 75.6 million cases of COVID-19 and 894,174 deaths. Worldwide: Over 384.4 million cases and 5,699,273 deaths.

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