List of Top 100 Famous People

A list of famous people, chosen mainly from the nineteenth, twentieth or twenty-first centuries. This list includes famous actors, politicians, entrepreneurs, writers, artists and humanitarians.

1. [Marilyn Monroe](https://www.biographyonline.net/actors/marilyn-monroe.html) (1926 – 1962) American actress, singer, model
2. [Abraham Lincoln](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/abraham-lincon.html) (1809 – 1865) US President during American civil war
3. [Nelson Mandela](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/nelson-mandela.html)(1918 – 2013)  South African President anti-apartheid campaigner
4. [John F. Kennedy](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/j-f-kennedy.html) (1917 – 1963) US President 1961 – 1963
5. [Martin Luther King](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/martin-luther-king.html)(1929 – 1968)  American civil rights campaigner
6. [Queen Elizabeth](https://www.biographyonline.net/royalty/queen-elizabeth.html)II (1926 – ) British monarch since 1954
7. [Winston Churchill](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/winston_churchill.html)(1874 – 1965) British Prime Minister during WWII
8. [Donald Trump](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/donald-trump.html)(1946 – ) Businessman, US President.
9. [Bill Gates](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/bill-gates.html)(1955 – ) American businessman, founder of Microsoft
10. [Muhammad Ali](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/muhammad-ali.html) (1942 – 2016) American Boxer and civil rights campaigner
11. [Mahatma Gandhi](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/indian/gandhi.html) (1869 – 1948) Leader of Indian independence movement
12. [Margaret Thatcher](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/uk/margaret-thatcher.html) (1925 – 2013) British Prime Minister 1979 – 1990
13. [Mother Teresa](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/mother_teresa.html) (1910 – 1997) Macedonian Catholic missionary nun
14. [Christopher Columbus](https://www.biographyonline.net/adventurers/christopher-columbus.html) (1451 – 1506) Italian explorer
15. [Charles Darwin](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/charles-darwin.html) (1809 – 1882) British scientist, theory of evolution
16. [Elvis Presley](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/elvis-presley.html) (1935 – 1977) American musician
17. [Albert Einstein](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/albert-einstein.html) (1879 – 1955) German scientist, theory of relativity
18. [Paul McCartney](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/paul-mccartney.html) (1942 – ) British musician, member of Beatles
19. [Queen Victoria (](https://www.biographyonline.net/royalty/queen-victoria.html) 1819 – 1901) British monarch 1837 – 1901
20. [Pope Francis](https://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/pope-francis.html) (1936 – ) First pope from the Americas
21. [Jawaharlal Nehru](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/indian/nehru.html)(1889 – 1964) Indian Prime Minister 1947 – 1964
22. [Leonardo da Vinci (](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/leonardo_da_vinci.html)1452 – 1519) Italian, painter, scientist, polymath
23. [Vincent Van Gogh](https://www.biographyonline.net/artists/vincent-van-gogh.html) (1853 – 1890) Dutch artist
24. [Franklin D. Roosevelt](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/franklin-roosevelt.html) (1882 – 1945) US President 1932 – 1945
25. [Pope John Paul II](https://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/pope-john-paul.html) (1920 – 2005) Polish Pope
26. [Thomas Edison (](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/thomas-edison.html) 1847 – 1931) American inventor
27. [Rosa Parks](https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/rosa-parks.html)(1913 – 2005)  American civil rights activist
28. [Lyndon Johnson](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/lyndon-johnson.html) (1908 – 1973) US President 1963 – 1969
29. [Ludwig Beethoven](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/beethoven.html) (1770 – 1827) German composer
30. [Oprah Winfrey](https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/oprah-winfrey.html) (1954 – ) American TV presenter, actress, entrepreneur
31. [Indira Gandhi](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/indian/indira-gandhi.html) (1917 – 1984) Prime Minister of India 1966 – 1977
32. [Eva Peron](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/eva-peron.html) (1919 – 1952) First Lady of Argentina 1946 – 1952
33. [Benazir Bhutto](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/asia/benazir-bhutto.html) (1953 – 2007) Prime Minister of Pakistan 1993 – 1996
34. [George Orwell](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/george-orwell.html)(1903 – 1950) British author
35. [Desmond Tutu](https://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/desmond-tutu.html) (1931 – ) South African Bishop and opponent of apartheid
36. [Dalai Lama](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/dalai-lama-14th.html) (1938 – ) Spiritual and political leader of Tibetans
37. [Walt Disney](https://www.biographyonline.net/artists/walt-disney.html) (1901 – 1966) American film producer
38. [Neil Armstrong](https://www.biographyonline.net/adventurers/neil-armstrong-biography.html) (1930 – 2012) US astronaut
39. [Peter Sellers](https://www.biographyonline.net/comics/peter-sellers.html) (1925 – 1980) British actor and comedian
40. [Barack Obama](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/barack-obama.html) (1961 – ) US President 2008 – 2016
41. [Malcolm X](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/malcom-x.html) (1925 – 1965) American Black nationalist leader
42. [J.K.Rowling](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/j_k_rowling.html) (1965 – ) British author
43. [Richard Branson](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/richard_branson.html) (1950 – ) British entrepreneur
44. [Pele](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/football/pele.html) (1940 – ) Brazilian footballer, considered greatest of 20th century.
45. [Angelina Jolie](https://www.biographyonline.net/actors/angelina-jolie-biography.html) (1975 – ) Actress, director, humanitarian
46. [Jesse Owens](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/athletics/jesse-owens.html) (1913 – 1980) US track athlete, 1936 Olympics
47. [John Lennon](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/john-lennon.html) (1940 – 1980) British musician, member of the Beatles
48. [Henry Ford](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/henry-ford.html) (1863 – 1947) US Industrialist
49. [Haile Selassie](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/african/haile-selassie.html) (1892 – 1975) Emperor of Ethiopia 1930 – 1974
50. [Joseph Stalin](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/russian/joseph-stalin.html) (1879 – 1953) Leader of Soviet Union 1924 – 1953
51. [Lord Baden Powell](https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/baden-powell.html) (1857 – 1941) British Founder of scout movement
52. [Michael Jordon](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/michael-jordan.html) (1963 – ) US Basketball star
53. George Bush Jnr (1946 – ) US President 2000-2008
54. [Vladimir Lenin](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/russian/lenin.html) (1870 – 1924) Leader of Russian Revolution 1917
55. [Ingrid Bergman](https://www.biographyonline.net/women/ingrid-bergman.html) (1915 – 1982) Swedish actress
56. [Fidel Castro](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/fidel-castro-biography.html) (1926 – ) President of Cuba 1976 – 2008
57. [Leo Tolstoy](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/leo-tolstoy.html) (1828 – 1910) Russian author and philosopher
58. [Greta Thunberg](https://www.biographyonline.net/people/greta-thunberg.html) (2003 – ) Environmentalist activist)
59. [Pablo Picasso](https://www.biographyonline.net/artists/pablo-picasso.html) (1881 – 1973) Spanish modern artist
60. [Oscar Wilde](https://www.biographyonline.net/poets/oscar_wilde.html)(1854 – 1900) Irish author, poet, playwright
61. [Coco Chanel](https://www.biographyonline.net/artists/coco-chanel.html)(1883 – 1971) French fashion designer
62. [Charles de Gaulle](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/charles_de_gaulle.html) (1890 – 1970) French resistance leader and President 1959 – 1969
63. [Amelia Earhart (](https://www.biographyonline.net/adventurers/amelia-earhart.html)1897 – 1937) Aviator
64. [John M Keynes](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/keynes.html) (1883 – 1946) British economist
65. [Louis Pasteur](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/louis-pasteur.html)(1822 – 1895) French chemist and microbiologist
66. [Mikhail Gorbachev](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/russian/mikhail-gorbachev.html) (1931 – ) Leader of Soviet Union 1985 – 1991
67. [Plato](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/plato.html) (423 BC – 348 BC) Greek philosopher
68. [Adolf Hitler](https://www.biographyonline.net/military/adolf-hitler.html)(1889 – 1945) leader of Nazi Germany 1933 – 1945
69. [Sting](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/sting.html) (1951 – ) British musician
70. [Mary Magdalene](https://www.biographyonline.net/spiritual/mary-magdalene.html) (4 BCE – 40CE) devotee of Jesus Christ
71. [Alfred Hitchcock](https://www.biographyonline.net/actors/alfred-hitchcock.html) (1899 – 1980) English / American film producer, director
72. [Michael Jackson](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/michael-jackson.html) (1958 – 2009) American musician
73. [Madonna](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/madonna.html)(1958 – ) American musician, actress, author
74. [Mata Hari](https://www.biographyonline.net/women/mata-hari.html)(1876 – 1917) Dutch exotic dancer, executed as spy
75. [Cleopatra](https://www.biographyonline.net/women/cleopatra.html) (69 – 30 BCE) Queen of Egypt
76. [Grace Kelly](https://www.biographyonline.net/women/grace-kelly-biography.html) (1929 – 1982) American actress, Princess of Monaco
77. [Steve Jobs](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/steve-jobs.html) (1955 – 2012) co-founder of Apple computers
78. [Ronald Reagan](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/ronald-reagan-biography.html) (1911 – 2004) US President 1981-1989
79. [Lionel Messi](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/football/lionel-messi.html) (1987 – ) Argentinian footballer
80. [Babe Ruth](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/babe-ruth-biography.html) (1895 – 1948) American baseball player
81. [Bob Geldof](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/bob-geldorf.html) (1951 – ) Irish musician, charity worker
82. Leon Trotsky (1879 – 1940) Russian Marxist revolutionary
83. [Roger Federer](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/tennis/roger-federer.html) (1981 – ) Swiss Tennis player
84. [Sigmund Freud](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/sigmund-freud-biography.html) (1856 – 1939) Austrian psychoanalyst
85. [Woodrow Wilson](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/woodrow-wilson.html) (1856 – 1924) US president 1913 – 1921
86. [Mao Zedong](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/asia/chairman-mao.html) (1893 – 1976) Leader of Chinese Communist revolution
87. [Katherine Hepburn](https://www.biographyonline.net/actors/katherine-hepburn.html) (1907 – 2003) American actress
88. [Audrey Hepburn](https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/audrey_hepburn.html) (1929 – 1993) British actress and humanitarian
89. [David Beckham](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/david_beckham.html) (1975 – )  English footballer
90. Tiger Woods (1975 – ) American golfer
91. [Usain Bolt](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/athletics/usain-bolt.html) (1986 – ) Jamaican athlete and Olympian
92. [Carl Lewis](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/athletics/carl-lewis.html) (1961 – ) US athlete and Olympian
93. [Prince Charles](https://www.biographyonline.net/royalty/prince_charles.html) (1948 – )  Heir to British throne
94. [Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/jaqueline-kennedy-onassis.html) (1929 – 1994) American wife of JF Kennedy
95. [C.S. Lewis](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/cs-lewis.html)(1898 – 1963) British author
96. [Billie Holiday](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/billie-holiday.html) (1915 – 1959) American jazz singer
97. [J.R.R. Tolkien](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/tolkien_jrr.html) (1892 – 1973) British author
98. [Billie Jean King](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/tennis/billie-jean-king.html) (1943 – ) American tennis player and human rights activist
99. [Anne Frank](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/anne-frank.html) (1929 – 1945) Dutch Jewish author who died in Holocaust

**More famous people**

1. **[Simon Bolivar](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/american/simon-bolivar.html) (1783 – 1830) Venezuelan independence activist in South America.**
2. **[Marie Antoinette](https://www.biographyonline.net/royalty/marie-antoinette.html) (1755 – 1793) French Queen, executed during the French revolution**
3. **[Cristiano Ronaldo](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/football/cristiano-ronaldo.html) (1985 – ) Portuguese footballer.**
4. **[Emmeline Pankhurst](https://www.biographyonline.net/politicians/uk/emily-pankhurst.html) (1858 – 1928) English suffragette.**
5. **[Emile Zatopek](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/athletics/emile-zatopek.html) (1922 – 2000) Czech athlete**
6. **[Lech Walesa](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/lech-walesa.html) (1943 – ) Polish leader of Solidarity movement**
7. **[Julie Andrews](https://www.biographyonline.net/actors/julie-andrews.html) (1935 – ) British singer, actress**
8. **[Florence Nightingale](https://www.biographyonline.net/humanitarian/florence-nightingale-2.html) (1820 – 1910) British nurse**
9. **[Marie Curie](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/marie-curie.html) (1867 – 1934) Polish / French scientist**
10. **[Stephen Hawking](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/stephen-hawking.html)(1942 – ) British scientist**
11. **[Tim Berners Lee](https://www.biographyonline.net/business/tim-berners-lee.html) (1955 – ) English creator of World Wide Web**
12. **[Aung San Suu Kyi](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/aung-san-suu-kyi.html)(1945 – ) Burmese opposition leader**
13. **[Lance Armstrong](https://www.biographyonline.net/sport/cycling/lance-armstrong.html) (1971 – ) American cyclist**
14. **[Shakira](https://www.biographyonline.net/music/shakira.html) (1977 – ) Colombian singer**
15. **[Jon Stewart](https://www.biographyonline.net/comics/jon-stewart.html) (1962 – ) American comedian**
16. **[Wright Brothers](https://www.biographyonline.net/scientists/inventors/wright-brothers.html)  Orville (1871 – 1948) and Wilbur (1867 – 1912) American inventors, aviation pioneers**
17. **[Ernest Hemingway](https://www.biographyonline.net/writers/ernst-hemmingway.html) (1899 – 1961) American author**
18. **Roman Abramovich (1966 – ) Russian oligarch**
19. **Tom Cruise (1962 – ) American actor**
20. **Rupert Murdoch (1931 – ) Media owner of News Corporation**
21. **Al Gore (1948 – ) US presidential candidate and environmental campaigner**
22. **Sacha Baron Cohen (1971 – ) English comedian**
23. **George Clooney (1961 – ) American actor and political activist**
24. **[Paul Krugman](https://www.biographyonline.net/nobelprize/economics/paul-krugman.html) (1953 – ) American Nobel Prize winning economist**
25. **Jimmy Wales (1966 – ) American creator of Wikipedia**
26. **Brad Pitt (1963 – ) Actor**
27. **Kylie Minogue (1968 – ) Australian singer and actress**
28. **[Malala Yousafzai](https://www.biographyonline.net/women/malala.html) (1997 – ) Pakistani human rights activist**
29. **Stephen King (1947 – ) American author**