

# THE CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR

## 【中國農曆簡介】

An short introduction to major lunar holidays  
and the Chinese zodiac

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## Introduction

Is one birthday in one year not enough for you? Then consider celebrating your birthday according to the Chinese lunar calendar (*nongli* 農曆) as well. **Example:** Former ROC President Lee Teng-hui 李登輝 was born on Jan. 15, 1923. According to the Chinese lunar calendar, that date was the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the eleventh lunar month (1923’s Lunar New Year was on Feb. 16). Accordingly, President Lee could celebrate his birthday on Jan. 15 but also on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the eleventh lunar month every year. In 2016, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the eleventh lunar month was on Jan. 8. In fact, in 2019 Lee could actually celebrate his birthday three times—on Jan. 15 according to the solar year as well as on Jan. 4 and Dec. 24 according to his lunar birth date. On the other hand, calendar years containing a lunar leap month (explained in the next paragraph) usually did not have the 11-29 lunar date, the year 1984 being the only exception in Lee’s lifetime (he died on July 30, 2020).

The length of a regular lunar year usually ranges between 354 and 355 days, there are short months (*yuexiao* 月小) with 29 days and long months (*yueda* 月大) with 30 days. To make up for the discrepancy with the 365-day solar year/366-day leap year, a leap month (*runyue* 閏月) is added every two to four years. While the leap month is counted like the same month as the preceding regular month (e. g. a fifth regular lunar month would be followed by a “fifth” leap month), it does not need to have the same number of days—a long regular month with 30 days can be followed by a short leap month with 29 days and vice versa.

The first and the last month of the Chinese lunar year each have another name besides their numerical denomination—the first month is also called *zhengyue* 正月 (Lunar New Year is sometimes also called *zhengdan* 正旦), the twelfth month is also called *layue* 臘月.

Directories with conversion tables for the lunar calendar like in this file are usually called “Ten Thousand Years Calendar” (*wannianli* 萬年曆) in Chinese.

## HOLIDAYS IN THE CHINESE LUNAR YEAR

In the Chinese lunar calendar, the most important holidays are Lunar New Year (*chunjie* 春節/*guonian* 過年) on the first day of the first lunar month, Lantern Festival (*yuanxiaojie* 元宵節) on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first lunar month, Dragon Boat Festival (*duanwujie* 端午節) on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month, and Mid-Autumn Festival/Moon Festival (*zhongqiujie* 中秋節) on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the eighth lunar month. In Taiwan ROC, government agencies and most offices are closed on the days around Lunar New Year, on the Dragon Boat Festival, and on the Moon Festival. The range of these major holidays in the Gregorian calendar between 1900 and 2100 is as follows:

Holiday	Earliest date	Latest date
Lunar New Year ( <i>chunjie</i> 春節/ <i>guonian</i> 過年).....[1-1]	Jan. 21 (1966, 2061, 2099)	Feb. 20 (1920, 1985)
Lantern Festival ( <i>yuanxiaojie</i> 元宵節) .....[1-15]	Feb. 4 (1966, 2061, 2099)	March 6 (1985)
Dragon Boat Festival ( <i>duanwujie</i> 端午節) .....[5-5]	May 27 (2039)	June 26 (1906)
Mid-Autumn Festival ( <i>zhongqiujie</i> 中秋節) .....[8-15]	Sept. 7 (2052)	Oct. 8 (1919, 1938)



### Other holidays in the Lunar Calendar

2-2	Earth God's Birthday ( <i>tudigong danchen</i> 土地公誕辰)
2-19	Guan Yin's Birthday ( <i>Guanyin danchen</i> 觀音誕辰)—Guan Yin is also known as the Goddess of Mercy
3-15	God of Medicine's Birthday ( <i>baosheng dadi danchen</i> 保生大帝誕辰)
3-23	Matsu's Birthday ( <i>Mazu danchen</i> 媽祖誕辰/ <i>tianhou baodan</i> 天后寶誕)—Matsu or Lin Moniang 林默娘 (960-987 A. D.) is revered as Goddess of the Sea
4-8	Buddha's Birthday ( <i>fo danchen</i> 佛誕辰)
5-13	Guan Gong's Birthday ( <i>Guan Gong danchen</i> 關公誕辰)—Guan Gong or Guan Yu 關羽 (162-220 A.D.), a historical figure, was a general and is sometimes called the God of War
7-7	Double Seventh Festival/Qixi Festival ( <i>qixi</i> 七夕/ <i>qixijie</i> 七夕節) = Chinese Valentine's Day
7-15	Ghost Festival ( <i>zhongyuanjie</i> 中元節)
9-9	Double Ninth Festival ( <i>chongjiu</i> 重九/ <i>chongyangjie</i> 重陽節)
10-15	Xia Yuan Festival/Emperor Yu's Birthday ( <i>xia yuanjie</i> 下元節)—the legendary Yu the Great 大禹 is traditionally worshipped the founder of the Xia Dynasty 夏 who “conquered the flood”
12-23	Kitchen God Festival ( <i>jizaojie</i> 祭灶節)

## THE GANZHI CYCLE

The Chinese lunar calendar consists of a 60-year cycle based on the *gan zhi* system. *Gan zhi* literally means “stem branch” and stands for a combination of the “Ten Heavenly Stems” (*tiangan* 天干) with the “Twelve Earthly Branches” (*di zhi* 地支).

The Ten Heavenly Stems represent the Five Primary Elements (*wuxing* 五行)—wood (*mu* 木), fire (*huo* 火), earth (*tu* 土), metal (*jin* 金), and water (*shui* 水)—with their respective Yin (陰) or Yang (陽) aspect [☯]:

1. <i>jia</i> 甲 = Yang wood		5. <i>wu</i> 戊 = Yang earth		9. <i>ren</i> 壬 = Yang water
2. <i>yi</i> 乙 = Yin wood		6. <i>ji</i> 己 = Yin earth		10. <i>gui</i> 癸 = Yin water
3. <i>bing</i> 丙 = Yang fire		7. <i>geng</i> 庚 = Yang metal		
4. <i>ding</i> 丁 = Yin fire		8. <i>xin</i> 辛 = Yin metal		

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The Twelve Earthly Branches represent the 12 animals signs of the Chinese zodiac (*shengxiao* 生肖):

<i>zi</i> 子 = Rat ( <i>shu</i> 鼠)	<i>mao</i> 卯 = Rabbit ( <i>tu</i> 兔)	<i>wu</i> 午 = Horse ( <i>ma</i> 馬)	<i>you</i> 酉 = Rooster ( <i>ji</i> 雞)
<i>chou</i> 丑 = Ox ( <i>niu</i> 牛)	<i>chen</i> 辰 = Dragon ( <i>long</i> 龍)	<i>wei</i> 未 = Sheep ( <i>yang</i> 羊)	<i>xu</i> 戌 = Dog ( <i>gou</i> 狗)
<i>yin</i> 寅 = Tiger ( <i>hu</i> 虎)	<i>si</i> 巳 = Snake ( <i>she</i> 蛇)	<i>shen</i> 申 = Monkey ( <i>hou</i> 猴)	<i>hai</i> 亥 = Pig ( <i>zhu</i> 豬)

Example: The year 1911 had the *gan zhi* designation *xin hai* 辛亥, meaning that it was the year of the Pig in the Metal element with Yin aspect. A table showing all sixty *gan zhi* denominations can be found on page 14–15 of this file.

## NON-LUNAR FEATURES OF THE CHINESE CALENDAR

The Chinese calendar traditionally also observes events that actually belong to the solar calendar like the summer and winter solstices and the spring and autumn equinoxes. Every year is divided into 24 solar divisions, with one *jie* (節) or “segment” and one *qi* (氣) or “climate” in each of the twelve months. The 24 Solar Terms (*ershibi jieqi* 二十四節氣) include the beginning dates of the four seasons, the solstices and equinoxes; those eight dates are often referred to as the “Eight Festivals” (*bajie* 八節). Please note that the seasonal terms obviously apply to the Northern hemisphere only.

### The 24 Solar Terms

<i>Approximate date</i>	<i>Solar Term</i>	<i>Zodiacal Position of the Sun</i>
Jan. 6.....	Little cold [ <i>xiaohan</i> 小寒]	Capricorn [ <i>mojie</i> 摩羯座]* (12/22—01/20)
Jan. 21.....	Severe cold [ <i>daban</i> 大寒]	Aquarius [ <i>shuiping</i> 水瓶] (01/21—02/18)
Feb. 5.....	Spring begins [ <i>lichun</i> 立春]	”
Feb. 19.....	Rain water [ <i>yushui</i> 雨水]	Pisces [ <i>shuangyu</i> 雙魚] (02/19—03/20)
March 5.....	Excited insects [ <i>jingzhe</i> 驚蟄]	”
March 20.....	Vernal equinox [ <i>chunfen</i> 春分]	Aries [ <i>myang</i> 牡羊]* (03/21—04/20)
April 5.....	Clear and bright [ <i>qingming</i> 清明]	”
April 20.....	Grain rains [ <i>guyu</i> 穀雨]	Taurus [ <i>jinniu</i> 金牛] (04/21—05/21)
May 5.....	Summer begins [ <i>lixia</i> 立夏]	”
May 21.....	Grain fills [ <i>xiaoman</i> 小滿]	Gemini [ <i>shuangzi</i> 雙子] (05/22—06/21)
June 6.....	Grain in ear [ <i>mangzhong</i> 芒種]	”
June 21.....	Summer solstice [ <i>xiazhi</i> 夏至]	Cancer [ <i>juxie</i> 巨蟹] (06/22—07/22)
July 7.....	Slight heat [ <i>xiaoshu</i> 小暑]	”
July 23.....	Great heat [ <i>dashu</i> 大暑]	Leo [ <i>shizi</i> 獅子] (07/23—08/23)
Aug. 7.....	Autumn begins [ <i>liqiu</i> 立秋]	”
Aug. 23.....	Limit of heat [ <i>chushu</i> 處暑]	Virgo [ <i>chunü</i> 處女] (08/24—09/23)
Sept. 8.....	White dew [ <i>bailu</i> 白露]	”
Sept. 23.....	Autumnal equinox [ <i>qiufen</i> 秋分]	Libra [ <i>tianping</i> 天秤] (09/24—10/23)
Oct. 8.....	Cold dew [ <i>hanlu</i> 寒露]	”
Oct. 23.....	Hoar frost descends [ <i>shuangjiang</i> 霜降]	Scorpio [ <i>tianxie</i> 天蠍] (10/24—11/22)
Nov. 7.....	Winter begins [ <i>lidong</i> 立冬]	”
Nov. 22.....	Little snow [ <i>xiaoxue</i> 小雪]	Sagittarius [ <i>sheshou</i> 射手] (11/23—12/21)
Dec. 7.....	Heavy snow [ <i>daxue</i> 大雪]	”
Dec. 21.....	Winter solstice [ <i>dongzhi</i> 冬至]	Capricorn [ <i>mojie</i> 摩羯座]* (12/22—01/20)

\*Other Chinese translations for zodiacal signs: Capricorn—*shanyang* 山羊, Aries—*baiyang* 白羊

### The Eight Festivals

Feb. 5	Spring begins	[ <i>lichun</i> 立春]
May 5	Summer begins	[ <i>lixia</i> 立夏]
Aug. 7	Autumn begins	[ <i>liqiu</i> 立秋]
Nov. 7	Winter begins	[ <i>lidong</i> 立冬]

March 20	Vernal equinox	[ <i>chunfen</i> 春分]
June 21	Summer solstice	[ <i>xiazhi</i> 夏至]
Sept. 23	Autumnal equinox	[ <i>qiufen</i> 秋分]
Dec. 21	Winter solstice	[ <i>dongzhi</i> 冬至]



## Annual dates of each Lunar New Year 1800–2100

Lunar New Year (*guonian* 過年) aka Spring Festival (*chunjie* 春節) falls on the first day of the first lunar month (1-1). Between 1800 and 2100, Lunar New Year never came earlier than January 21 or later than February 20.

Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date
1800	Jan. 25	1850	Feb. 12	1900	Jan. 31	1950	Feb. 17	2000	Feb. 5	2050	Jan. 23
1801	Feb. 13	1851	Feb. 1	1901	Feb. 19	1951	Feb. 6	2001	Jan. 24	2051	Feb. 11
1802	Feb. 3	1852	Feb. 20	1902	Feb. 8	1952	Jan. 27	2002	Feb. 12	2052	Feb. 1
1803	Jan. 23	1853	Feb. 8	1903	Jan. 29	1953	Feb. 14	2003	Feb. 1	2053	Feb. 19
1804	Feb. 11	1854	Jan. 29	1904	Feb. 16	1954	Feb. 3	2004	Jan. 22	2054	Feb. 8
1805	Jan. 31	1855	Feb. 17	1905	Feb. 4	1955	Jan. 24	2005	Feb. 9	2055	Jan. 28
1806	Feb. 18	1856	Feb. 6	1906	Jan. 25	1956	Feb. 12	2006	Jan. 29	2056	Feb. 15
1807	Feb. 7	1857	Jan. 26	1907	Feb. 13	1957	Jan. 31	2007	Feb. 18	2057	Feb. 4
1808	Jan. 28	1858	Feb. 14	1908	Feb. 2	1958	Feb. 18	2008	Feb. 7	2058	Jan. 24
1809	Feb. 14	1859	Feb. 3	1909	Jan. 22	1959	Feb. 8	2009	Jan. 26	2059	Feb. 12
1810	Feb. 4	1860	Jan. 23	1910	Feb. 10	1960	Jan. 28	2010	Feb. 14	2060	Feb. 2
1811	Jan. 25	1861	Feb. 10	1911	Jan. 30	1961	Feb. 15	2011	Feb. 3	2061	Jan. 21
1812	Feb. 13	1862	Jan. 30	1912	Feb. 18	1962	Feb. 5	2012	Jan. 23	2062	Feb. 9
1813	Feb. 1	1863	Feb. 18	1913	Feb. 6	1963	Jan. 25	2013	Feb. 10	2063	Jan. 29
1814	Jan. 21	1864	Feb. 8	1914	Jan. 26	1964	Feb. 13	2014	Jan. 31	2064	Feb. 17
1815	Feb. 9	1865	Jan. 27	1915	Feb. 14	1965	Feb. 2	2015	Feb. 19	2065	Feb. 5
1816	Jan. 29	1866	Feb. 15	1916	Feb. 3	1966	Jan. 21	2016	Feb. 8	2066	Jan. 26
1817	Feb. 16	1867	Feb. 5	1917	Jan. 23	1967	Feb. 9	2017	Jan. 28	2067	Feb. 14
1818	Feb. 5	1868	Jan. 25	1918	Feb. 11	1968	Jan. 30	2018	Feb. 16	2068	Feb. 3
1819	Jan. 26	1869	Feb. 11	1919	Feb. 1	1969	Feb. 17	2019	Feb. 5	2069	Jan. 23
1820	Feb. 14	1870	Jan. 31	1920	Feb. 20	1970	Feb. 6	2020	Jan. 25	2070	Feb. 11
1821	Feb. 3	1871	Feb. 19	1921	Feb. 8	1971	Jan. 27	2021	Feb. 12	2071	Jan. 31
1822	Jan. 23	1872	Feb. 9	1922	Jan. 28	1972	Feb. 15	2022	Feb. 1	2072	Feb. 19
1823	Feb. 11	1873	Jan. 29	1923	Feb. 16	1973	Feb. 3	2023	Jan. 22	2073	Feb. 7
1824	Jan. 31	1874	Feb. 17	1924	Feb. 5	1974	Jan. 23	2024	Feb. 10	2074	Jan. 27
1825	Feb. 18	1875	Feb. 6	1925	Jan. 24	1975	Feb. 11	2025	Jan. 29	2075	Feb. 15
1826	Feb. 7	1876	Jan. 26	1926	Feb. 13	1976	Jan. 31	2026	Feb. 17	2076	Feb. 5
1827	Jan. 27	1877	Feb. 13	1927	Feb. 2	1977	Feb. 18	2027	Feb. 6	2077	Jan. 24
1828	Feb. 15	1878	Feb. 2	1928	Jan. 23	1978	Feb. 7	2028	Jan. 26	2078	Feb. 12
1829	Feb. 4	1879	Jan. 22	1929	Feb. 10	1979	Jan. 28	2029	Feb. 13	2079	Feb. 2
1830	Jan. 25	1880	Feb. 10	1930	Jan. 30	1980	Feb. 16	2030	Feb. 3	2080	Jan. 22
1831	Feb. 13	1881	Jan. 30	1931	Feb. 17	1981	Feb. 5	2031	Jan. 23	2081	Feb. 9
1832	Feb. 2	1882	Feb. 18	1932	Feb. 6	1982	Jan. 25	2032	Feb. 11	2082	Jan. 29
1833	Feb. 20	1883	Feb. 8	1933	Jan. 26	1983	Feb. 13	2033	Jan. 31	2083	Feb. 17
1834	Feb. 9	1884	Jan. 28	1934	Feb. 14	1984	Feb. 2	2034	Feb. 19	2084	Feb. 6
1835	Jan. 29	1885	Feb. 15	1935	Feb. 4	1985	Feb. 20	2035	Feb. 8	2085	Jan. 26
1836	Feb. 17	1886	Feb. 4	1936	Jan. 24	1986	Feb. 9	2036	Jan. 28	2086	Feb. 14
1837	Feb. 5	1887	Jan. 24	1937	Feb. 11	1987	Jan. 29	2037	Feb. 15	2087	Feb. 3
1838	Jan. 26	1888	Feb. 12	1938	Jan. 31	1988	Feb. 17	2038	Feb. 4	2088	Jan. 24
1839	Feb. 14	1889	Jan. 31	1939	Feb. 19	1989	Feb. 6	2039	Jan. 24	2089	Feb. 10
1840	Feb. 3	1890	Jan. 21	1940	Feb. 8	1990	Jan. 27	2040	Feb. 12	2090	Jan. 30
1841	Jan. 23	1891	Feb. 9	1941	Jan. 27	1991	Feb. 15	2041	Feb. 1	2091	Feb. 18
1842	Feb. 10	1892	Jan. 30	1942	Feb. 15	1992	Feb. 4	2042	Jan. 22	2092	Feb. 7
1843	Jan. 30	1893	Feb. 17	1943	Feb. 5	1993	Jan. 23	2043	Feb. 10	2093	Jan. 27
1844	Feb. 18	1894	Feb. 6	1944	Jan. 25	1994	Feb. 10	2044	Jan. 30	2094	Feb. 15
1845	Feb. 7	1895	Jan. 26	1945	Feb. 13	1995	Jan. 31	2045	Feb. 17	2095	Feb. 5
1846	Jan. 27	1896	Feb. 13	1946	Feb. 2	1996	Feb. 19	2046	Feb. 6	2096	Jan. 25
1847	Feb. 15	1897	Feb. 2	1947	Jan. 22	1997	Feb. 7	2047	Jan. 26	2097	Feb. 12
1848	Feb. 5	1898	Jan. 22	1948	Feb. 10	1998	Jan. 28	2048	Feb. 14	2098	Feb. 1
1849	Jan. 24	1899	Feb. 10	1949	Jan. 29	1999	Feb. 16	2049	Feb. 2	2099	Jan. 21
										2100	Feb. 9

## Annual dates of each Lantern Festival 1900–2100

The Lantern Festival (*yuansxiaojie* 元宵節) falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first lunar month (1-15). Between 1900 and 2100, the Lantern Festival never came earlier than February 4 or later than March 6.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>
1900	Feb. 14	1940	Feb. 22	1980	March 1	2020	Feb. 8	2060	Feb. 16
1901	March 5	1941	Feb. 10	1981	Feb. 19	2021	Feb. 26	2061	Feb. 4
1902	Feb. 22	1942	March 1	1982	Feb. 8	2022	Feb. 15	2062	Feb. 23
1903	Feb. 12	1943	Feb. 19	1983	Feb. 27	2023	Feb. 5	2063	Feb. 12
1904	March 1	1944	Feb. 8	1984	Feb. 16	2024	Feb. 24	2064	March 2
1905	Feb. 18	1945	Feb. 27	1985	March 6	2025	Feb. 12	2065	Feb. 19
1906	Feb. 8	1946	Feb. 16	1986	Feb. 23	2026	March 3	2066	Feb. 9
1907	Feb. 27	1947	Feb. 5	1987	Feb. 12	2027	Feb. 20	2067	Feb. 28
1908	Feb. 16	1948	Feb. 24	1988	March 2	2028	Feb. 9	2068	Feb. 17
1909	Feb. 5	1949	Feb. 12	1989	Feb. 20	2029	Feb. 27	2069	Feb. 6
1910	Feb. 24	1950	March 3	1990	Feb. 10	2030	Feb. 17	2070	Feb. 25
1911	Feb. 13	1951	Feb. 20	1991	March 1	2031	Feb. 6	2071	Feb. 14
1912	March 3	1952	Feb. 10	1992	Feb. 18	2032	Feb. 25	2072	March 4
1913	Feb. 20	1953	Feb. 28	1993	Feb. 6	2033	Feb. 14	2073	Feb. 21
1914	Feb. 9	1954	Feb. 17	1994	Feb. 24	2034	March 5	2074	Feb. 10
1915	Feb. 28	1955	Feb. 7	1995	Feb. 14	2035	Feb. 22	2075	March 1
1916	Feb. 17	1956	Feb. 26	1996	March 4	2036	Feb. 11	2076	Feb. 19
1917	Feb. 6	1957	Feb. 14	1997	Feb. 21	2037	March 1	2077	Feb. 7
1918	Feb. 25	1958	March 4	1998	Feb. 11	2038	Feb. 18	2078	Feb. 26
1919	Feb. 15	1959	Feb. 22	1999	March 2	2039	Feb. 7	2079	Feb. 16
1920	March 5	1960	Feb. 11	2000	Feb. 19	2040	Feb. 26	2080	Feb. 5
1921	Feb. 22	1961	March 1	2001	Feb. 7	2041	Feb. 15	2081	Feb. 23
1922	Feb. 11	1962	Feb. 19	2002	Feb. 26	2042	Feb. 5	2082	Feb. 12
1923	March 2	1963	Feb. 8	2003	Feb. 15	2043	Feb. 24	2083	March 3
1924	Feb. 19	1964	Feb. 27	2004	Feb. 5	2044	Feb. 13	2084	Feb. 20
1925	Feb. 7	1965	Feb. 16	2005	Feb. 23	2045	March 3	2085	Feb. 9
1926	Feb. 27	1966	Feb. 4	2006	Feb. 12	2046	Feb. 20	2086	Feb. 28
1927	Feb. 16	1967	Feb. 23	2007	March 4	2047	Feb. 9	2087	Feb. 17
1928	Feb. 6	1968	Feb. 13	2008	Feb. 21	2048	Feb. 28	2088	Feb. 7
1929	Feb. 24	1969	March 3	2009	Feb. 9	2049	Feb. 16	2089	Feb. 24
1930	Feb. 13	1970	Feb. 20	2010	Feb. 28	2050	Feb. 6	2090	Feb. 13
1931	March 3	1971	Feb. 10	2011	Feb. 17	2051	Feb. 25	2091	March 4
1932	Feb. 20	1972	Feb. 29	2012	Feb. 6	2052	Feb. 15	2092	Feb. 21
1933	Feb. 9	1973	Feb. 17	2013	Feb. 24	2053	March 5	2093	Feb. 10
1934	Feb. 28	1974	Feb. 6	2014	Feb. 14	2054	Feb. 22	2094	March 1
1935	Feb. 18	1975	Feb. 25	2015	March 5	2055	Feb. 11	2095	Feb. 19
1936	Feb. 7	1976	Feb. 14	2016	Feb. 22	2056	Feb. 29	2096	Feb. 8
1937	Feb. 25	1977	March 4	2017	Feb. 11	2057	Feb. 18	2097	Feb. 26
1938	Feb. 13	1978	Feb. 21	2018	March 2	2058	Feb. 7	2098	Feb. 15
1939	March 5	1979	Feb. 11	2019	Feb. 19	2059	Feb. 26	2099	Feb. 4
								2100	Feb. 23

## Annual dates of each Dragon Boat Festival 1900–2100

The Dragon Boat Festival (*duannvujie* 端午節) falls on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month (5-5). Between 1900 and 2100, the Dragon Boat Festival never came earlier than May 27 or later than June 26.

Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date
1900	June 1	1940	June 10	1980	June 17	2020	June 25	2060	June 3
1901	June 20	1941	May 30	1981	June 6	2021	June 14	2061	June 22
1902	June 10	1942	June 18	1982	June 25	2022	June 3	2062	June 11
1903	May 31	1943	June 7	1983	June 15	2023	June 22	2063	June 1
1904	June 18	1944	June 25	1984	June 4	2024	June 10	2064	June 19
1905	June 7	1945	June 14	1985	June 22	2025	May 30	2065	June 8
1906	June 26	1946	June 4	1986	June 11	2026	June 19	2066	May 28
1907	June 15	1947	June 23	1987	May 31	2027	June 9	2067	June 16
1908	June 3	1948	June 11	1988	June 18	2028	May 28	2068	June 4
1909	June 22	1949	June 1	1989	June 8	2029	June 16	2069	June 23
1910	June 11	1950	June 19	1990	May 28	2030	June 5	2070	June 13
1911	June 1	1951	June 9	1991	June 16	2031	June 24	2071	June 2
1912	June 19	1952	May 28	1992	June 5	2032	June 12	2072	June 20
1913	June 9	1953	June 15	1993	June 24	2033	June 1	2073	June 10
1914	May 29	1954	June 5	1994	June 13	2034	June 20	2074	May 30
1915	June 17	1955	June 24	1995	June 2	2035	June 10	2075	June 17
1916	June 5	1956	June 13	1996	June 20	2036	May 30	2076	June 6
1917	June 23	1957	June 2	1997	June 9	2037	June 18	2077	June 24
1918	June 13	1958	June 21	1998	May 30	2038	June 7	2078	June 14
1919	June 2	1959	June 10	1999	June 18	2039	May 27	2079	June 4
1920	June 20	1960	May 29	2000	June 6	2040	June 14	2080	June 22
1921	June 10	1961	June 17	2001	June 25	2041	June 3	2081	June 11
1922	May 31	1962	June 6	2002	June 15	2042	June 22	2082	June 1
1923	June 18	1963	June 25	2003	June 4	2043	June 11	2083	June 19
1924	June 6	1964	June 14	2004	June 22	2044	May 31	2084	June 7
1925	June 25	1965	June 4	2005	June 11	2045	June 19	2085	May 27
1926	June 14	1966	June 23	2006	May 31	2046	June 8	2086	June 15
1927	June 4	1967	June 12	2007	June 19	2047	May 29	2087	June 5
1928	June 22	1968	May 31	2008	June 8	2048	June 15	2088	June 23
1929	June 11	1969	June 19	2009	May 28	2049	June 4	2089	June 13
1930	June 1	1970	June 8	2010	June 16	2050	June 23	2090	June 2
1931	June 20	1971	May 28	2011	June 6	2051	June 13	2091	June 21
1932	June 8	1972	June 15	2012	June 23	2052	June 1	2092	June 9
1933	May 28	1973	June 5	2013	June 13	2053	June 20	2093	May 29
1934	June 16	1974	June 24	2014	June 2	2054	June 10	2094	June 17
1935	June 5	1975	June 14	2015	June 20	2055	May 30	2095	June 6
1936	June 23	1976	June 2	2016	June 9	2056	June 17	2096	June 24
1937	June 12	1977	June 21	2017	May 30	2057	June 6	2097	June 14
1938	June 2	1978	June 10	2018	June 18	2058	June 25	2098	June 4
1939	June 21	1979	May 30	2019	June 7	2059	June 14	2099	June 23
								2100	June 12

## Annual dates of each Ghost Festival 1900–2100

The Ghost Festival (*zhongyuanjie* 中元節) falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the seventh lunar month (7-15). Between 1900 and 2100, the Ghost Festival never came earlier than August 8 or later than September 7.

Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date	Year	Date
1900	Aug. 9	1940	Aug. 18	1980	Aug. 25	2020	Sept. 2	2060	Aug. 10
1901	Aug. 28	1941	Sept. 6	1981	Aug. 14	2021	Aug. 22	2061	Aug. 29
1902	Aug. 18	1942	Aug. 26	1982	Sept. 2	2022	Aug. 12	2062	Aug. 19
1903	Sept. 6	1943	Aug. 15	1983	Aug. 23	2023	Aug. 30	2063	Aug. 9
1904	Aug. 25	1944	Sept. 2	1984	Aug. 11	2024	Aug. 18	2064	Aug. 27
1905	Aug. 15	1945	Aug. 22	1985	Aug. 30	2025	Sept. 6	2065	Aug. 16
1906	Sept. 3	1946	Aug. 11	1986	Aug. 20	2026	Aug. 27	2066	Sept. 4
1907	Aug. 23	1947	Aug. 30	1987	Sept. 7	2027	Aug. 16	2067	Aug. 24
1908	Aug. 11	1948	Aug. 19	1988	Aug. 26	2028	Sept. 3	2068	Aug. 12
1909	Aug. 30	1949	Aug. 9	1989	Aug. 15	2029	Aug. 24	2069	Aug. 31
1910	Aug. 19	1950	Aug. 28	1990	Sept. 3	2030	Aug. 13	2070	Aug. 20
1911	Sept. 7	1951	Aug. 17	1991	Aug. 24	2031	Sept. 1	2071	Aug. 10
1912	Aug. 27	1952	Sept. 3	1992	Aug. 13	2032	Aug. 20	2072	Aug. 28
1913	Aug. 16	1953	Aug. 24	1993	Sept. 1	2033	Aug. 9	2073	Aug. 18
1914	Sept. 4	1954	Aug. 13	1994	Aug. 21	2034	Aug. 28	2074	Sept. 5
1915	Aug. 25	1955	Sept. 1	1995	Aug. 10	2035	Aug. 18	2075	Aug. 26
1916	Aug. 13	1956	Aug. 20	1996	Aug. 28	2036	Sept. 5	2076	Aug. 14
1917	Sept. 1	1957	Aug. 10	1997	Aug. 17	2037	Aug. 25	2077	Sept. 1
1918	Aug. 21	1958	Aug. 29	1998	Sept. 5	2038	Aug. 15	2078	Aug. 22
1919	Aug. 10	1959	Aug. 18	1999	Aug. 25	2039	Sept. 3	2079	Aug. 11
1920	Aug. 28	1960	Sept. 5	2000	Aug. 14	2040	Aug. 22	2080	Aug. 29
1921	Aug. 18	1961	Aug. 25	2001	Sept. 2	2041	Aug. 11	2081	Aug. 19
1922	Sept. 6	1962	Aug. 14	2002	Aug. 23	2042	Aug. 30	2082	Aug. 8
1923	Aug. 26	1963	Sept. 2	2003	Aug. 12	2043	Aug. 19	2083	Aug. 27
1924	Aug. 15	1964	Aug. 22	2004	Aug. 30	2044	Aug. 8	2084	Aug. 16
1925	Sept. 2	1965	Aug. 11	2005	Aug. 19	2045	Aug. 27	2085	Sept. 3
1926	Aug. 22	1966	Aug. 30	2006	Aug. 8	2046	Aug. 16	2086	Aug. 23
1927	Aug. 12	1967	Aug. 20	2007	Aug. 27	2047	Sept. 4	2087	Aug. 13
1928	Aug. 29	1968	Aug. 8	2008	Aug. 15	2048	Aug. 24	2088	Aug. 31
1929	Aug. 19	1969	Aug. 27	2009	Sept. 3	2049	Aug. 13	2089	Aug. 20
1930	Sept. 7	1970	Aug. 16	2010	Aug. 24	2050	Aug. 31	2090	Aug. 10
1931	Aug. 28	1971	Sept. 4	2011	Aug. 14	2051	Aug. 20	2091	Aug. 29
1932	Aug. 16	1972	Aug. 23	2012	Aug. 31	2052	Aug. 9	2092	Aug. 17
1933	Sept. 4	1973	Aug. 13	2013	Aug. 21	2053	Aug. 28	2093	Sept. 5
1934	Aug. 24	1974	Sept. 1	2014	Aug. 10	2054	Aug. 18	2094	Aug. 25
1935	Aug. 13	1975	Aug. 21	2015	Aug. 28	2055	Sept. 6	2095	Aug. 14
1936	Aug. 31	1976	Aug. 10	2016	Aug. 17	2056	Aug. 25	2096	Sept. 1
1937	Aug. 20	1977	Aug. 29	2017	Sept. 5	2057	Aug. 14	2097	Aug. 21
1938	Aug. 10	1978	Aug. 18	2018	Aug. 25	2058	Sept. 2	2098	Aug. 11
1939	Aug. 29	1979	Sept. 6	2019	Aug. 15	2059	Aug. 22	2099	Aug. 30
								2100	Aug. 20

## Annual dates of each Mid-Autumn Festival 1900–2100

The Mid-Autumn Festival/Moon Festival (*zhongqiujie* 中秋節) falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the eighth lunar month (8-15). Between 1900 and 2100, the Mid-Autumn Festival never came earlier than September 7 or later than October 8.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>
1900	Sept. 8	1940	Sept. 16	1980	Sept. 23	2020	Oct. 1	2060	Sept. 9
1901	Sept. 27	1941	Oct. 5	1981	Sept. 12	2021	Sept. 21	2061	Sept. 28
1902	Sept. 16	1942	Sept. 24	1982	Oct. 1	2022	Sept. 10	2062	Sept. 17
1903	Oct. 5	1943	Sept. 14	1983	Sept. 21	2023	Sept. 29	2063	Oct. 6
1904	Sept. 24	1944	Oct. 1	1984	Sept. 10	2024	Sept. 17	2064	Sept. 25
1905	Sept. 13	1945	Sept. 20	1985	Sept. 29	2025	Oct. 6	2065	Sept. 15
1906	Oct. 2	1946	Sept. 10	1986	Sept. 18	2026	Sept. 25	2066	Oct. 3
1907	Sept. 22	1947	Sept. 29	1987	Oct. 7	2027	Sept. 15	2067	Sept. 23
1908	Sept. 10	1948	Sept. 17	1988	Sept. 25	2028	Oct. 3	2068	Sept. 11
1909	Sept. 28	1949	Oct. 6	1989	Sept. 14	2029	Sept. 22	2069	Sept. 29
1910	Sept. 18	1950	Sept. 26	1990	Oct. 3	2030	Sept. 12	2070	Sept. 19
1911	Oct. 6	1951	Sept. 15	1991	Sept. 22	2031	Oct. 1	2071	Sept. 8
1912	Sept. 25	1952	Oct. 3	1992	Sept. 11	2032	Sept. 19	2072	Sept. 26
1913	Sept. 15	1953	Sept. 22	1993	Sept. 30	2033	Sept. 8	2073	Sept. 16
1914	Oct. 4	1954	Sept. 11	1994	Sept. 20	2034	Sept. 27	2074	Oct. 5
1915	Sept. 23	1955	Sept. 30	1995	Sept. 9	2035	Sept. 16	2075	Sept. 24
1916	Sept. 12	1956	Sept. 19	1996	Sept. 27	2036	Oct. 4	2076	Sept. 12
1917	Sept. 30	1957	Sept. 8	1997	Sept. 16	2037	Sept. 24	2077	Oct. 1
1918	Sept. 19	1958	Sept. 27	1998	Oct. 5	2038	Sept. 13	2078	Sept. 20
1919	Oct. 8	1959	Sept. 17	1999	Sept. 24	2039	Oct. 2	2079	Sept. 10
1920	Sept. 26	1960	Oct. 5	2000	Sept. 12	2040	Sept. 20	2080	Sept. 28
1921	Sept. 16	1961	Sept. 24	2001	Oct. 1	2041	Sept. 10	2081	Sept. 17
1922	Oct. 5	1962	Sept. 13	2002	Sept. 21	2042	Sept. 28	2082	Oct. 6
1923	Sept. 25	1963	Oct. 2	2003	Sept. 11	2043	Sept. 17	2083	Sept. 26
1924	Sept. 13	1964	Sept. 20	2004	Sept. 28	2044	Oct. 5	2084	Sept. 14
1925	Oct. 2	1965	Sept. 10	2005	Sept. 18	2045	Sept. 25	2085	Oct. 3
1926	Sept. 21	1966	Sept. 29	2006	Oct. 6	2046	Sept. 15	2086	Sept. 22
1927	Sept. 10	1967	Sept. 18	2007	Sept. 25	2047	Oct. 4	2087	Sept. 11
1928	Sept. 28	1968	Oct. 6	2008	Sept. 14	2048	Sept. 22	2088	Sept. 29
1929	Sept. 17	1969	Sept. 26	2009	Oct. 3	2049	Sept. 11	2089	Sept. 18
1930	Oct. 6	1970	Sept. 15	2010	Sept. 22	2050	Sept. 30	2090	Sept. 8
1931	Sept. 26	1971	Oct. 3	2011	Sept. 12	2051	Sept. 19	2091	Sept. 27
1932	Sept. 15	1972	Sept. 22	2012	Sept. 30	2052	Sept. 7	2092	Sept. 16
1933	Oct. 4	1973	Sept. 11	2013	Sept. 19	2053	Sept. 26	2093	Oct. 5
1934	Sept. 23	1974	Sept. 30	2014	Sept. 8	2054	Sept. 16	2094	Sept. 24
1935	Sept. 12	1975	Sept. 20	2015	Sept. 27	2055	Oct. 5	2095	Sept. 13
1936	Sept. 30	1976	Sept. 8	2016	Sept. 15	2056	Sept. 24	2096	Sept. 30
1937	Sept. 18	1977	Sept. 27	2017	Oct. 4	2057	Sept. 13	2097	Sept. 20
1938	Oct. 8	1978	Sept. 17	2018	Sept. 24	2058	Oct. 2	2098	Sept. 9
1939	Sept. 27	1979	Oct. 5	2019	Sept. 13	2059	Sept. 21	2099	Sept. 29
								2100	Sept. 18

## Short/long lunar months 1900–2100

The following list shows the number of short months [29 days], long months [30 days], leap months (if any: “s/29” = short month, “L/30” = long month), and the total number of days (abbrev. “D”) of each lunar year 1900–2100.

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
1900	5	7	s/29	384
1901	6	6	—	354
1902	5	7	—	355
1903	6	6	s/29	383
1904	6	6	—	354
1905	5	7	—	355
1906	6	6	L/30	384
1907	6	6	—	354
1908	5	7	—	355
1909	5	7	s/29	384
1910	6	6	—	354
1911	5	7	s/29	384
1912	6	6	—	354
1913	6	6	—	354
1914	6	6	L/30	384
1915	6	6	—	354
1916	5	7	—	355
1917	5	7	s/29	384
1918	5	7	—	355
1919	6	6	L/30	384
1920	6	6	—	354
1921	6	6	—	354
1922	5	7	s/29	384
1923	6	6	—	354
1924	6	6	—	354
1925	5	7	L/30	385
1926	6	6	—	354
1927	5	7	—	355
1928	5	7	s/29	384
1929	6	6	—	354
1930	6	6	s/29	383
1931	6	6	—	354
1932	5	7	—	355
1933	5	7	s/29	384
1934	5	7	—	355
1935	6	6	—	354
1936	6	6	L/30	384
1937	6	6	—	354
1938	6	6	L/30	384
1939	6	6	—	354

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
1940	6	6	—	354
1941	6	6	L/30	384
1942	5	7	—	355
1943	6	6	—	354
1944	5	7	L/30	385
1945	6	6	—	354
1946	6	6	—	354
1947	5	7	s/29	384
1948	6	6	—	354
1949	5	7	s/29	384
1950	6	6	—	354
1951	5	7	—	355
1952	6	6	L/30	384
1953	6	6	—	354
1954	5	7	—	355
1955	6	6	L/30	384
1956	6	6	—	354
1957	6	6	s/29	383
1958	5	7	—	355
1959	6	6	—	354
1960	5	7	s/29	384
1961	5	7	—	355
1962	6	6	—	354
1963	5	7	s/29	384
1964	5	7	—	355
1965	7	5	—	353
1966	5	7	s/29	384
1967	5	7	—	355
1968	5	7	s/29	384
1969	6	6	—	354
1970	5	7	—	355
1971	5	7	s/29	384
1972	6	6	—	354
1973	6	6	—	354
1974	5	7	s/29	384
1975	6	6	—	354
1976	5	7	s/29	384
1977	6	6	—	354
1978	5	7	—	355
1979	6	6	L/30	384

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
1980	5	7	—	355
1981	6	6	—	354
1982	5	7	s/29	384
1983	6	6	—	354
1984	5	7	s/29	384
1985	6	6	—	354
1986	6	6	—	354
1987	5	7	s/29	384
1988	5	7	—	355
1989	5	7	—	355
1990	5	7	s/29	384
1991	6	6	—	354
1992	6	6	—	354
1993	6	6	s/29	383
1994	5	7	—	355
1995	5	7	s/29	384
1996	6	6	—	354
1997	5	7	—	355
1998	5	7	s/29	384
1999	6	6	—	354
2000	6	6	—	354
2001	5	7	s/29	384
2002	6	6	—	354
2003	5	7	—	355
2004	5	7	s/29	384
2005	6	6	—	354
2006	4	8	s/29	385
2007	6	6	—	354
2008	6	6	—	354
2009	5	7	s/29	384
2010	6	6	—	354
2011	6	6	—	354
2012	5	7	s/29	384
2013	5	7	—	355
2014	5	7	s/29	384
2015	6	6	—	354
2016	5	7	—	355
2017	6	6	L/30	384
2018	6	6	—	354
2019	6	6	—	354

Short/long lunar months 1900–2100 (cont.)

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
2020	5	7	s/29	384
2021	6	6	—	354
2022	5	7	—	355
2023	5	7	s/29	384
2024	6	6	—	354
2025	5	7	s/29	384
2026	6	6	—	354
2027	6	6	—	354
2028	5	7	s/29	384
2029	5	7	—	355
2030	6	6	—	354
2031	5	7	s/29	384
2032	5	7	—	355
2033	5	7	s/29	384
2034	6	6	—	354
2035	6	6	—	354
2036	6	6	L/30	384
2037	6	6	—	354
2038	6	6	—	354
2039	5	7	s/29	384
2040	5	7	—	355
2041	5	7	—	355
2042	5	7	s/29	384
2043	6	6	—	354
2044	5	7	s/29	384
2045	6	6	—	354
2046	6	6	—	354
2047	6	6	L/30	384
2048	6	6	—	354
2049	5	7	—	355

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
2050	6	6	L/30	384
2051	5	7	—	355
2052	5	7	s/29	384
2053	6	6	—	354
2054	6	6	—	354
2055	7	5	L/30	383
2056	5	7	—	355
2057	6	6	—	354
2058	6	6	L/30	384
2059	5	7	—	355
2060	6	6	—	354
2061	5	7	s/29	384
2062	6	6	—	354
2063	5	7	s/29	384
2064	6	6	—	354
2065	5	7	—	355
2066	5	7	s/29	384
2067	6	6	—	354
2068	5	7	—	355
2069	5	7	s/29	384
2070	6	6	—	354
2071	5	7	s/29	384
2072	6	6	—	354
2073	6	6	—	354
2074	5	7	s/29	384
2075	5	7	—	355
2076	6	6	—	354
2077	5	7	s/29	384
2078	5	7	—	355
2079	6	6	—	354

Year	S	L	Leap month	D
2080	5	7	s/29	384
2081	6	6	—	354
2082	5	7	s/29	384
2083	6	6	—	354
2084	5	7	—	355
2085	6	6	L/30	384
2086	6	6	—	354
2087	5	7	—	355
2088	6	6	s/29	383
2089	6	6	—	354
2090	5	7	s/29	384
2091	6	6	—	354
2092	5	7	—	355
2093	6	6	L/30	384
2094	5	7	—	355
2095	6	6	—	354
2096	5	7	s/29	384
2097	6	6	—	354
2098	6	6	—	354
2099	5	7	s/29	384
2100	6	6	—	354

**Note:** In the years between 1900 and 2100 there were 74 leap months (37 per century), 19 of them long and 55 short.

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## List of all leap months 1900–2100

<i>Year</i>	<i>Leap month</i>	<i>Short/long</i>	<i>First day</i>	<i>Last day</i>
1900	8	s/29	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
1903	5	s/29	June 25	July 23
1906	4	L/30	May 23	June 21
1909	2	s/29	March 22	April 19
1911	6	s/29	July 26	Aug. 23
1914	5	L/30	June 23	July 22
1917	2	s/29	March 23	April 20
1919	7	L/30	Aug. 25	Sept. 23
1922	5	s/29	June 25	July 23
1925	4	L/30	May 22	June 20
1928	2	s/29	March 22	April 19
1930	6	s/29	July 26	Aug. 23
1933	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
1936	3	L/30	April 21	May 20
1938	7	L/30	Aug. 25	Sept. 23
1941	6	L/30	July 24	Aug. 22
1944	4	L/30	May 22	June 20
1947	2	s/29	March 23	April 20
1949	7	s/29	Aug. 24	Sept. 21
1952	5	L/30	June 22	July 21
1955	3	L/30	April 22	May 21
1957	8	s/29	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
1960	6	s/29	July 24	Aug. 21
1963	4	s/29	May 23	June 20
1966	3	s/29	April 21	May 19
1968	7	s/29	Aug. 24	Sept. 21
1971	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
1974	4	s/29	May 22	June 19
1976	8	s/29	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
1979	6	L/30	July 24	Aug. 22
1982	4	s/29	May 23	June 20
1984	10	s/29	Nov. 23	Dec. 21
1987	6	s/29	July 26	Aug. 23
1990	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
1993	3	s/29	April 22	May 20
1995	8	s/29	Sept. 25	Oct. 23
1998	5	s/29	June 24	July 22

<i>Year</i>	<i>Leap month</i>	<i>Short/long</i>	<i>First day</i>	<i>Last day</i>
2001	4	s/29	May 23	June 20
2004	2	s/29	March 21	April 18
2006	7	s/29	Aug. 24	Sept. 21
2009	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
2012	4	s/29	May 21	June 18
2014	9	s/29	Oct. 24	Nov. 21
2017	6	L/30	July 23	Aug. 21
2020	4	s/29	May 23	June 20
2023	2	s/29	March 22	April 19
2025	6	s/29	July 25	Aug. 22
2028	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
2031	3	s/29	April 22	May 20
2033	11	s/29	Dec. 22	Jan. 19*
2036	6	L/30	July 23	Aug. 21
2039	5	s/29	June 22	July 20
2042	2	s/29	March 22	April 19
2044	7	s/29	Aug. 23	Sept. 20
2047	5	L/30	June 23	July 22
2050	3	L/30	April 21	May 20
2052	8	s/29	Sept. 23	Oct. 21
2055	6	L/30	July 24	Aug. 22
2058	4	L/30	May 22	June 20
2061	3	s/29	April 20	May 18
2063	7	s/29	Aug. 24	Sept. 21
2066	5	s/29	June 23	July 21
2069	4	s/29	May 21	June 18
2071	8	s/29	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
2074	6	s/29	July 24	Aug. 21
2077	4	s/29	May 22	June 19
2080	3	s/29	April 20	May 18
2082	7	s/29	Aug. 24	Sept. 21
2085	5	L/30	June 22	July 21
2088	4	s/29	May 21	June 18
2090	8	s/29	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
2093	6	L/30	July 23	Aug. 21
2096	4	s/29	May 22	June 19
2099	2	s/29	March 22	April 19

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### Notes

- Between 1900 and 2100, every year with Lunar New Year falling on a day in January had/has a leap month.
- Leap years according to the solar calendar between 1900 and 2100 which also had a leap month according to the lunar calendar: 1928, 1936, 1944, 1952, 1960, 1968, 1976, 1984, 2004, 2012, 2020, 2028, 2036, 2044, 2052, 2080, 2088, 2096.

## The Chinese zodiac

Rat	Ox	Tiger	Rabbit	Dragon	Snake	Horse	Sheep	Monkey	Rooster	Dog	Pig
鼠	牛	虎	兔	龍	蛇	馬	羊	猴	雞	狗	豬
SHU	NIU	HU	TU	LONG	SHE	MA	YANG	HOU	JI	GOU	ZHU
1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790	1791
1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800	1801	1802	1803
1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815
1816	1817	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825	1826	1827
1828	1829	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
1840	1841	1842	1843	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850	1851
1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863
1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043
2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2048	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055
2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067
2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079
2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091
2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103
2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115
2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127
2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139
鼠/子	牛/丑	虎/寅	兔/卯	龍/辰	蛇/巳	馬/午	羊/未	猴/申	雞/酉	狗/戌	豬/亥

Some signs of the Chinese zodiac may have different English names in other sources than shown here—Rat = Mouse; Rabbit = Hare; Snake = Serpent; Sheep = Goat (or Ram); Rooster = Cock; and Pig = Boar. The Vietnamese zodiac replaces the Ox with the Water Buffalo and the Rabbit with the Cat; in northern Thailand, the 12<sup>th</sup> animal sign is represented not by the Pig but by the Elephant.

**Note:** The years of the Rat, the Dragon, and the Monkey are leap years according to the solar calendar.

## Table showing all sixty denominations of the *Ganzhi* cycle

The twelve animal signs in the Chinese zodiac—Rat (*shu* 鼠), Ox (*niu* 牛), Tiger (*hu* 虎), Rabbit (*tu* 兔), Dragon (*long* 龍), Snake (*she* 蛇), Horse (*ma* 馬), Sheep (*yang* 羊), Monkey (*hou* 猴), Rooster (*ji* 雞), Dog (*gou* 狗), Pig (*zhu* 豬).  
 The Five Elements (*wuxing* 五行)—Wood (*mu* 木), Fire (*huo* 火), Earth (*tu* 土), Metal (*jin* 金), and Water (*shui* 水).  
 The two aspects—*Yin* 陰 (darkness/dark; symbolizing female, cold etc.) and *Yang* 陽 (sunshine/light; symbolizing male, warm etc.).

<i>Ganzhi</i> 干支	Zodiac 生肖	Element 五行	Aspect ☯	Years 年度					
				1780	1840	1900	1960	2020	2080
1. <i>gengzi</i> 庚子	Rat 鼠	Metal 金	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1780	1840	1900	1960	2020	2080
2. <i>xinchou</i> 辛丑	Ox 牛	Metal 金	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1781	1841	1901	1961	2021	2081
3. <i>renyin</i> 壬寅	Tiger 虎	Water 水	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1782	1842	1902	1962	2022	2082
4. <i>guimao</i> 癸卯	Rabbit 兔	Water 水	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1783	1843	1903	1963	2023	2083
5. <i>jiachen</i> 甲辰	Dragon 龍	Wood 木	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1784	1844	1904	1964	2024	2084
6. <i>yisi</i> 乙巳	Snake 蛇	Wood 木	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1785	1845	1905	1965	2025	2085
7. <i>bingwu</i> 丙午	Horse 馬	Fire 火	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1786	1846	1906	1966	2026	2086
8. <i>dingwei</i> 丁未	Sheep 羊	Fire 火	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1787	1847	1907	1967	2027	2087
9. <i>wushen</i> 戊申	Monkey 猴	Earth 土	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1788	1848	1908	1968	2028	2088
10. <i>jiyou</i> 己酉	Rooster 雞	Earth 土	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1789	1849	1909	1969	2029	2089
11. <i>gengxu</i> 庚戌	Dog 狗	Metal 金	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1790	1850	1910	1970	2030	2090
12. <i>xinbai</i> 辛亥	Pig 豬	Metal 金	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1791	1851	1911	1971	2031	2091
13. <i>renzǐ</i> 壬子	Rat 鼠	Water 水	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1792	1852	1912	1972	2032	2092
14. <i>guichou</i> 癸丑	Ox 牛	Water 水	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1793	1853	1913	1973	2033	2093
15. <i>jiayin</i> 甲寅	Tiger 虎	Wood 木	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1794	1854	1914	1974	2034	2094
16. <i>yimao</i> 乙卯	Rabbit 兔	Wood 木	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1795	1855	1915	1975	2035	2095
17. <i>bingchen</i> 丙辰	Dragon 龍	Fire 火	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1796	1856	1916	1976	2036	2096
18. <i>dingsi</i> 丁巳	Snake 蛇	Fire 火	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1797	1857	1917	1977	2037	2097
19. <i>wuwu</i> 戊午	Horse 馬	Earth 土	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1798	1858	1918	1978	2038	2098
20. <i>jiwei</i> 己未	Sheep 羊	Earth 土	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1799	1859	1919	1979	2039	2099
21. <i>gengshen</i> 庚申	Monkey 猴	Metal 金	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1800	1860	1920	1980	2040	2100
22. <i>xinyou</i> 辛酉	Rooster 雞	Metal 金	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1801	1861	1921	1981	2041	2101
23. <i>renxu</i> 壬戌	Dog 狗	Water 水	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1802	1862	1922	1982	2042	2102
24. <i>guibai</i> 癸亥	Pig 豬	Water 水	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1803	1863	1923	1983	2043	2103
25. <i>jiǎzǐ</i> 甲子	Rat 鼠	Wood 木	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1804	1864	1924	1984	2044	2104
26. <i>yichou</i> 乙丑	Ox 牛	Wood 木	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1805	1865	1925	1985	2045	2105
27. <i>bingyin</i> 丙寅	Tiger 虎	Fire 火	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1806	1866	1926	1986	2046	2106
28. <i>dingmao</i> 丁卯	Rabbit 兔	Fire 火	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1807	1867	1927	1987	2047	2107
29. <i>wuchen</i> 戊辰	Dragon 龍	Earth 土	<i>Yang</i> 陽	1808	1868	1928	1988	2048	2108
30. <i>jisì</i> 己巳	Snake 蛇	Earth 土	<i>Yin</i> 陰	1809	1869	1929	1989	2049	2109

Table showing all sixty denominations of the *Ganzhi* cycle (cont.)

<i>Ganzhi</i> 干支	Zodiac 生肖	Element 五行	Aspect ☯	Years 年度					
31. <i>gengwu</i> 庚午	Horse 馬	Metal 金	Yang 陽	1810	1870	1930	1990	2050	2110
32. <i>xinwei</i> 辛未	Sheep 羊	Metal 金	Yin 陰	1811	1871	1931	1991	2051	2111
33. <i>renshen</i> 壬申	Monkey 猴	Water 水	Yang 陽	1812	1872	1932	1992	2052	2112
34. <i>guiyou</i> 癸酉	Rooster 雞	Water 水	Yin 陰	1813	1873	1933	1993	2053	2113
35. <i>jiawu</i> 甲戌	Dog 狗	Wood 木	Yang 陽	1814	1874	1934	1994	2054	2114
36. <i>yihai</i> 乙亥	Pig 豬	Wood 木	Yin 陰	1815	1875	1935	1995	2055	2115
37. <i>bingzi</i> 丙子	Rat 鼠	Fire 火	Yang 陽	1816	1876	1936	1996	2056	2116
38. <i>dingchou</i> 丁丑	Ox 牛	Fire 火	Yin 陰	1817	1877	1937	1997	2057	2117
39. <i>wuyin</i> 戊寅	Tiger 虎	Earth 土	Yang 陽	1818	1878	1938	1998	2058	2118
40. <i>jimao</i> 己卯	Rabbit 兔	Earth 土	Yin 陰	1819	1879	1939	1999	2059	2119
41. <i>gengchen</i> 庚辰	Dragon 龍	Metal 金	Yang 陽	1820	1880	1940	2000	2060	2120
42. <i>xinsi</i> 辛巳	Snake 蛇	Metal 金	Yin 陰	1821	1881	1941	2001	2061	2121
43. <i>renwu</i> 壬午	Horse 馬	Water 水	Yang 陽	1822	1882	1942	2002	2062	2122
44. <i>guiwei</i> 癸未	Sheep 羊	Water 水	Yin 陰	1823	1883	1943	2003	2063	2123
45. <i>jiashen</i> 甲申	Monkey 猴	Wood 木	Yang 陽	1824	1884	1944	2004	2064	2124
46. <i>yiyou</i> 乙酉	Rooster 雞	Wood 木	Yin 陰	1825	1885	1945	2005	2065	2125
47. <i>bingxu</i> 丙戌	Dog 狗	Fire 火	Yang 陽	1826	1886	1946	2006	2066	2126
48. <i>dinghai</i> 丁亥	Pig 豬	Fire 火	Yin 陰	1827	1887	1947	2007	2067	2127
49. <i>wuzi</i> 戊子	Rat 鼠	Earth 土	Yang 陽	1828	1888	1948	2008	2068	2128
50. <i>jichou</i> 己丑	Ox 牛	Earth 土	Yin 陰	1829	1889	1949	2009	2069	2129
51. <i>gengyin</i> 庚寅	Tiger 虎	Metal 金	Yang 陽	1830	1890	1950	2010	2070	2130
52. <i>xinmao</i> 辛卯	Rabbit 兔	Metal 金	Yin 陰	1831	1891	1951	2011	2071	2131
53. <i>renchen</i> 壬辰	Dragon 龍	Water 水	Yang 陽	1832	1892	1952	2012	2072	2132
54. <i>guisi</i> 癸巳	Snake 蛇	Water 水	Yin 陰	1833	1893	1953	2013	2073	2133
55. <i>jiawu</i> 甲午	Horse 馬	Wood 木	Yang 陽	1834	1894	1954	2014	2074	2134
56. <i>yimei</i> 乙未	Sheep 羊	Wood 木	Yin 陰	1835	1895	1955	2015	2075	2135
57. <i>bingshen</i> 丙申	Monkey 猴	Fire 火	Yang 陽	1836	1896	1956	2016	2076	2136
58. <i>dingyou</i> 丁酉	Rooster 雞	Fire 火	Yin 陰	1837	1897	1957	2017	2077	2137
59. <i>wuxu</i> 戊戌	Dog 狗	Earth 土	Yang 陽	1838	1898	1958	2018	2078	2138
60. <i>jihai</i> 己亥	Pig 豬	Earth 土	Yin 陰	1839	1899	1959	2019	2079	2139

Please note that in the *ganzhi* cycle each animal sign in the Chinese zodiac will eventually be paired with all of the five elements, but every animal sign will invariably have the same Yin-Yang aspect throughout the cycle.

☰ Yang animal signs: Rat 鼠, Tiger 虎, Dragon 龍, Horse 馬, Monkey 猴, Dog 狗

☷ Yin animal signs: Ox 牛, Rabbit 兔, Snake 蛇, Sheep 羊, Rooster 雞, Pig 豬

## 1874–1899: A brief overview

Year A. D.	Regular lunar months												Leap month	Total days	Major holidays		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			1-1	5-5	8-15
1874	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	L	s	—	354	Feb. 17	June 18	Sept. 25
1875	L	s	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	L	L	s	—	355	Feb. 6	June 8	Sept. 14
1876	L	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	5s	384	Jan. 26	May 27	Oct. 2
1877	L	L	s	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	—	354	Feb. 13	June 15	Sept. 21
1878	L	L	s	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	—	354	Feb. 2	June 5	Sept. 11
1879	L	L	s	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	L	3L	385	Jan. 22	June 24	Sept. 30
1880	L	s	L	L	s	L	L	s	L	s	s	L	—	355	Feb. 10	June 12	Sept. 19
1881	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	L	L	s	L	s	7s	384	Jan. 30	June 1	Oct. 7
1882	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	L	—	355	Feb. 18	June 20	Sept. 26
1883	s	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	L	L	s	L	—	354	Feb. 8	June 9	Sept. 15
1884	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	L	5s	384	Jan. 28	May 29	Oct. 3
1885	L	s	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	—	354	Feb. 15	June 17	Sept. 23
1886	L	s	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	—	354	Feb. 4	June 6	Sept. 12
1887	L	L	s	L	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	4s	384	Jan. 24	June 25	Oct. 1
1888	L	s	L	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	—	354	Feb. 12	June 14	Sept. 20
1889	L	s	L	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	—	355	Jan. 31	June 3	Sept. 9
1890	s	L	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	s	L	2s	384	Jan. 21	June 21	Sept. 28
1891	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	L	—	355	Feb. 9	June 11	Sept. 17
1892	s	s	L	s	s	L	L	L	s	L	L	L	6s	384	Jan. 30	May 30	Oct. 5
1893	s	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	L	—	354	Feb. 17	June 18	Sept. 24
1894	s	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	—	354	Feb. 6	June 8	Sept. 14
1895	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	5s	383	Jan. 26	May 28	Oct. 3
1896	L	L	L	s	L	s	s	L	s	L	s	L	—	355	Feb. 13	June 15	Sept. 21
1897	s	L	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	—	354	Feb. 2	June 4	Sept. 11
1898	L	s	L	L	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	s	3s	384	Jan. 22	June 23	Sept. 30
1899	L	s	L	s	L	s	L	L	s	L	s	L	—	355	Feb. 10	June 12	Sept. 19

## Official designations of the years

In Imperial China, the years were counted according to the reign of the ruling emperor (*nianhao* 年號). When an emperor died, the following year was counted as the first year of the next emperor. (See table below with information about the last three emperors of the Qing dynasty 清朝, 1644–1911.) In the case of Guangxu, the first year of his reign as counted in the solar calendar was the same as the year of his ascension because his predecessor had died that year (Jan. 12) before Lunar New Year (Feb. 6).

Emperor	Born	Ascended throne	Died	Reign Year 1	Lunar New Year
Daoguang 道光	1782, Sept. 16	1820, Oct. 3	1850, Feb. 25	1821	1821—Feb. 3
Xianfeng 咸豐	1831, July 17	1850, March 9	1861, Aug. 22	1851	1851—Feb. 1
Tongzhi 同治	1856, April 27	1861, Nov. 11	1875, Jan. 12	1862	1862—Jan. 30
Guangxu 光緒	1871, Aug. 14	1875, Feb. 25	1908, Nov. 14	1875	1875—Feb. 6
Xuantong 宣統	1906, Feb. 7	1908, Dec. 2	1967, Oct. 17	1909	1909—Jan. 22

After the Hsinhai Revolution (*xinbai geming* 辛亥革命) on Oct. 10, 1911 the power of the Qing court rapidly eroded. The Republic of China (*Zhonghua minguo* 中華民國, abbrev. ROC) was officially established on Jan. 1, 1912, shortly before the last Qing emperor abdicated on Feb. 12, 1912, and that year was duly designated as the first year of the Republic of China (*minguo yuannian* 民國元年).

In today's Taiwan, biographies in official records have yet another method to refer to the years prior to the Hsinhai Revolution—the “year before the Republic” (*minguoqian* 民國前). Accordingly, 1911 was not only emperor Xuantong's year 3, but also the year 1 before the Republic (*minguoqian yinian* 民國前一年), 1900 the year 12 before the Republic and so on, as years prior to 1912 can be counted backwards in that manner.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF THE YEARS' OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS

Pronunciation examples

1872—*Qing Tongzhi shiyi nian* 清同治 11 年 / *minguo qian sisbi nian* 民國前 40 年  
 1875—*Qing Guangxu yuannian* 清光緒元年 / *minguo qian sanshiqi nian* 民國前 37 年  
 1909—*Qing Xuantong yuannian* 清宣統元年 / *minguo qian san nian* 民國前 3 年  
 1912—*minguo yinian* 民國 1 年 (or *minguo yuannian* 民國元年)

Qing Dynasty	Before ROC	A. D.	ROC	A. D.	ROC	A. D.	ROC	A. D.
清同治 11 年	民國前 40 年	1872	民國 1 年	1912	民國 41 年	1952	民國 81 年	1992
清同治 12 年	民國前 39 年	1873	民國 2 年	1913	民國 42 年	1953	民國 82 年	1993
清同治 13 年	民國前 38 年	1874	民國 3 年	1914	民國 43 年	1954	民國 83 年	1994
清光緒元年	民國前 37 年	1875	民國 4 年	1915	民國 44 年	1955	民國 84 年	1995
清光緒 2 年	民國前 36 年	1876	民國 5 年	1916	民國 45 年	1956	民國 85 年	1996
清光緒 3 年	民國前 35 年	1877	民國 6 年	1917	民國 46 年	1957	民國 86 年	1997
清光緒 4 年	民國前 34 年	1878	民國 7 年	1918	民國 47 年	1958	民國 87 年	1998
清光緒 5 年	民國前 33 年	1879	民國 8 年	1919	民國 48 年	1959	民國 88 年	1999
清光緒 6 年	民國前 32 年	1880	民國 9 年	1920	民國 49 年	1960	民國 89 年	2000
清光緒 7 年	民國前 31 年	1881	民國 10 年	1921	民國 50 年	1961	民國 90 年	2001
清光緒 8 年	民國前 30 年	1882	民國 11 年	1922	民國 51 年	1962	民國 91 年	2002
清光緒 9 年	民國前 29 年	1883	民國 12 年	1923	民國 52 年	1963	民國 92 年	2003
清光緒 10 年	民國前 28 年	1884	民國 13 年	1924	民國 53 年	1964	民國 93 年	2004
清光緒 11 年	民國前 27 年	1885	民國 14 年	1925	民國 54 年	1965	民國 94 年	2005
清光緒 12 年	民國前 26 年	1886	民國 15 年	1926	民國 55 年	1966	民國 95 年	2006
清光緒 13 年	民國前 25 年	1887	民國 16 年	1927	民國 56 年	1967	民國 96 年	2007
清光緒 14 年	民國前 24 年	1888	民國 17 年	1928	民國 57 年	1968	民國 97 年	2008
清光緒 15 年	民國前 23 年	1889	民國 18 年	1929	民國 58 年	1969	民國 98 年	2009
清光緒 16 年	民國前 22 年	1890	民國 19 年	1930	民國 59 年	1970	民國 99 年	2010
清光緒 17 年	民國前 21 年	1891	民國 20 年	1931	民國 60 年	1971	民國 100 年	2011
清光緒 18 年	民國前 20 年	1892	民國 21 年	1932	民國 61 年	1972	民國 101 年	2012
清光緒 19 年	民國前 19 年	1893	民國 22 年	1933	民國 62 年	1973	民國 102 年	2013
清光緒 20 年	民國前 18 年	1894	民國 23 年	1934	民國 63 年	1974	民國 103 年	2014
清光緒 21 年	民國前 17 年	1895	民國 24 年	1935	民國 64 年	1975	民國 104 年	2015
清光緒 22 年	民國前 16 年	1896	民國 25 年	1936	民國 65 年	1976	民國 105 年	2016
清光緒 23 年	民國前 15 年	1897	民國 26 年	1937	民國 66 年	1977	民國 106 年	2017
清光緒 24 年	民國前 14 年	1898	民國 27 年	1938	民國 67 年	1978	民國 107 年	2018
清光緒 25 年	民國前 13 年	1899	民國 28 年	1939	民國 68 年	1979	民國 108 年	2019
清光緒 26 年	民國前 12 年	1900	民國 29 年	1940	民國 69 年	1980	民國 109 年	2020
清光緒 27 年	民國前 11 年	1901	民國 30 年	1941	民國 70 年	1981	民國 110 年	2021
清光緒 28 年	民國前 10 年	1902	民國 31 年	1942	民國 71 年	1982	民國 111 年	2022
清光緒 29 年	民國前 9 年	1903	民國 32 年	1943	民國 72 年	1983	民國 112 年	2023
清光緒 30 年	民國前 8 年	1904	民國 33 年	1944	民國 73 年	1984	民國 113 年	2024
清光緒 31 年	民國前 7 年	1905	民國 34 年	1945	民國 74 年	1985	民國 114 年	2025
清光緒 32 年	民國前 6 年	1906	民國 35 年	1946	民國 75 年	1986	民國 115 年	2026
清光緒 33 年	民國前 5 年	1907	民國 36 年	1947	民國 76 年	1987	民國 116 年	2027
清光緒 34 年	民國前 4 年	1908	民國 37 年	1948	民國 77 年	1988	民國 117 年	2028
清宣統元年	民國前 3 年	1909	民國 38 年	1949	民國 78 年	1989	民國 118 年	2029
清宣統 2 年	民國前 2 年	1910	民國 39 年	1950	民國 79 年	1990	民國 119 年	2030
清宣統 3 年	民國前 1 年	1911	民國 40 年	1951	民國 80 年	1991	民國 120 年	2031