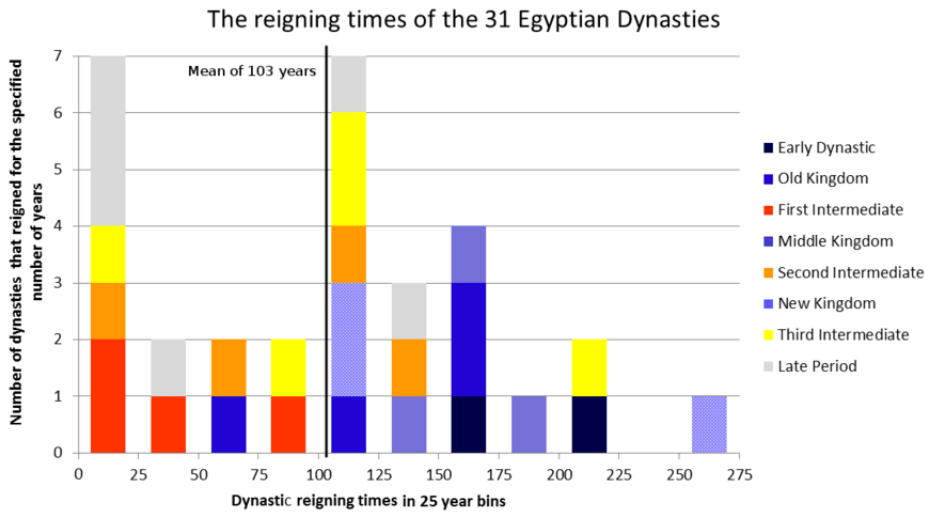


List of ancient Egyptian dynasties



The 31 pre-Ptolemaic dynasties by the length of their rule (in 25-year bins),^[example 1] each dynasty being a coloured box. The early dynasties and the three Kingdoms are blue, with darker colours meaning older. Intermediate periods are red, orange, and yellow. Note that multiple dynasties could reign from different cities simultaneously in intermediate periods and at the end of the Middle Kingdom. Dynastic reigning times are often very approximate; the above uses the dates of the Egyptian dynasty list template.

In Ancient Egyptian history, [dynasties](#) are series of rulers sharing a common origin. They are usually, but not always, traditionally divided into thirty-two pharaonic dynasties. The first thirty divisions are due to the 3rd century BC Egyptian priest [Manetho](#), and appeared in his now-lost work *Aegyptiaca*, which was perhaps written for the Greek-speaking [Ptolemaic](#) ruler of Egypt. The names of the last two, the

Dynasties of ancient Egypt		
All years are BC		
Early [show]		
First Dynasty	I	c. 3150–2890
Second Dynasty	II	2890–2686
Old Kingdom [show]		
Third Dynasty	III	2686–2613
Fourth Dynasty	IV	2613–2498
Fifth Dynasty	V	2498–2345
Sixth Dynasty	VI	2345–2181

short-lived [Thirty-First Dynasty](#) and the longer-lasting [Ptolemaic Dynasty](#), are later coinings.

While widely used and useful, the system does have its shortcomings. Some dynasties only ruled part of Egypt and existed concurrently with other dynasties based in other cities. The [Seventh](#) might not have existed at all, the [Tenth](#) seems to be a continuation of the [Ninth](#), and there might have been [one or several Upper Egyptian Dynasties](#) before the [First Dynasty](#).

This page lists articles on dynasties of [Ancient Egypt](#). The cities in which power seems to have been held in each dynasty follow their names, in brackets.

Early Dynastic Period

- [First Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thisis](#))
- [Second Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thisis](#))

[First Intermediate](#)[show]

Seventh Dynasty	VII	spurious
Eighth Dynasty	VIII	2181–2160
Ninth Dynasty	IX	2160–2130
Tenth Dynasty	X	2130–2040
Early Eleventh Dynasty	XI	2134–2061

[Middle Kingdom](#)[show]

Late Eleventh Dynasty	XI	2061–1991
Twelfth Dynasty	XII	1991–1803
Thirteenth Dynasty	XIII	1803–1649
Fourteenth Dynasty	XIV	1705–1690

[Second Intermediate](#)[show]

Fifteenth Dynasty	XV	1674–1535
Sixteenth Dynasty	XVI	1660–1600
Abydos Dynasty		1650–1600
Seventeenth Dynasty	XVII	1580–1549

[New Kingdom](#)[show]

Eighteenth Dynasty	XVIII	1549–1292
Nineteenth Dynasty	XIX	1292–1189
Twentieth Dynasty	XX	1189–1077

[Third Intermediate](#)[show]

Twenty-first Dynasty	XXI	1069–945
Twenty-second Dynasty	XXII	945–720

Old Kingdom

- [Third Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#))
- [Fourth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#))
- [Fifth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#))
- [Sixth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#))

First Intermediate Period

- [Seventh Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#), according to [Manetho](#)),^{[1]:396} usually considered spurious.
^{[1]:393}^{[2]:xiii}
- [Eighth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#), according to [Manetho](#))^{[1]:396}
- [Ninth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Herakleopolis Magna](#))
- [Tenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Herakleopolis Magna](#)), continuation of the ninth^[3]

Middle Kingdom

- [Eleventh Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thebes](#))
- [Twelfth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Itjtawy](#), [Faiyum](#) region)
- [Thirteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Itjtawy](#))

Twenty-third Dynasty	XXIII	837–728
Twenty-fourth Dynasty	XXIV	732–720
Twenty-fifth Dynasty	XXV	732–653

[Late Period](#)[\[show\]](#)

Twenty-sixth Dynasty	XXVI	672–525
Twenty-seventh Dynasty (1st Persian Period)	XXVII	525–404
Twenty-eighth Dynasty	XXVIII	404–398
Twenty-ninth Dynasty	XXIX	398–380
Thirtieth Dynasty	XXX	380–343
Thirty-first Dynasty (2nd Persian Period)	XXXI	343–332

[Ptolemaic \(Hellenistic\)](#)[\[show\]](#)

Argead Dynasty	332–305
Ptolemaic Kingdom	323–30

See also: [List of Pharaohs by Period and Dynasty](#)

- [v](#)
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- [e](#)

Second Intermediate Period

- [Fourteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Avaris](#))
- [Fifteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Avaris](#))
- [Sixteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) (obscure, [Thebes](#) or [Avaris](#))
- [Abydos dynasty](#) (obscure, [Abydos](#))
- [Seventeenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thebes](#)), concurrent with the Fifteenth Dynasty

New Kingdom

- [Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thebes](#), [Amarna](#), then again [Thebes](#)^[*citation needed*])
- [Nineteenth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Thebes](#), [Memphis](#), then [Pi-Ramesses](#)^[*citation needed*])
- [Twentieth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Pi-Ramesses](#))

Third Intermediate Period

- [Twenty-first Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Tanis](#))
 - [High Priests of Amun at Thebes](#)
- [Twenty-second Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Bubastis](#))
- [Twenty-third Dynasty of Egypt](#) (obscure, perhaps [Herakleopolis Magna](#), [Hermopolis Magna](#), or [Thebes](#))
- [Twenty-fourth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Sais](#), Western [Nile Delta](#))
- [Twenty-fifth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Memphis](#), under foreign control of [Napata](#), [Nubia](#))

Late Period

- [Twenty-sixth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Sais](#))
- [Twenty-seventh Dynasty of Egypt](#) or the [First Egyptian Satrapy](#) (under control of the [First Persian Empire](#))

- [Twenty-eighth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Sais](#)^[*citation needed*])
- [Twenty-ninth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Mendes](#))
- [Thirtieth Dynasty of Egypt](#) ([Sebennytos](#)^[*citation needed*])
- [Thirty-first Dynasty of Egypt](#) or the [Second Egyptian Satrapy](#) (under control of the [First Persian Empire](#))

Graeco-Roman Period

- [Argead dynasty](#) ([Alexandria](#))
- [Ptolemaic dynasty](#) ([Alexandria](#))
- [Roman Period](#) ([Alexandria](#), under control of [Rome](#))

See also

- [List of Pharaohs](#)
- [Egyptian chronology](#)

Footnotes

1. Starting on the far right of this chart, only one dynasty lasted over 250 years (18th dynasty). Two dynasties lasted between 200 and 225 years (two boxes). One dynasty lasted between 175 and 200 years (one box), etc.

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