**Ancient Egyptian Dynasties**

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This chart shows the 31 pre-Ptolemaic dynasties by the length of their rule (in 25-year bins). Each dynasty is 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. Further, dynastic reigning times are often very approximate; this chart uses the years of the Egyptian dynasty list template.

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| **Dynasties of** [**Ancient Egypt**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Egypt) |
| All years (rightmost column) are [BC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Before_Christ) ([BCE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Before_Common_Era)) |
| [Early](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_Dynastic_Period_of_Egypt)

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| [First Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | I | [c.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Circa) 3050–2890 |
| [Second Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | II | 2890–2686 |

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| [Old Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

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| [Third Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | III | 2686–2613 |
| [Fourth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | IV | 2613–2498 |
| [Fifth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | V | 2498–2345 |
| [Sixth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | VI | 2345–2181 |

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| [First Intermediate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

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| [Seventh and Eighth Dynasties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventh_and_Eighth_Dynasties_of_Egypt) | VII/VIII | 2181–2160 |
| [Ninth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | IX | 2160–2130 |
| [Tenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | X | 2130–2040 |
| Early [Eleventh Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XI | 2134–2061 |

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| [Middle Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

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| Late [Eleventh Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XI | 2061–1991 |
| [Twelfth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XII | 1991–1803 |
| [Thirteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XIII | 1803–1649 |
| [Fourteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XIV | 1705–1690 |

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| [Second Intermediate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

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| [Fifteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XV | 1674–1535 |
| [Sixteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XVI | 1660–1600 |
| [Abydos Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abydos_Dynasty) |  | 1650–1600 |
| [Seventeenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventeenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XVII | 1580–1549 |

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| [New Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

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| [Eighteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XVIII | 1549–1292 |
| [Nineteenth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nineteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XIX | 1292–1189 |
| [Twentieth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twentieth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XX | 1189–1077 |

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| [Third Intermediate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

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| [Twenty-first Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-first_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXI | 1069–945 |
| [Twenty-second Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-second_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXII | 945–720 |
| [Twenty-third Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-third_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXIII | 837–728 |
| [Twenty-fourth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-fourth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXIV | 732–720 |
| [Twenty-fifth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-fifth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXV | 732–653 |

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| [Late Period](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Late_Period_of_ancient_Egypt)

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| [Twenty-sixth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-sixth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXVI | 672–525 |
| [Twenty-seventh Dynasty(1st Achaemenid Period)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-seventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXVII | 525–404 |
| [Twenty-eighth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-eighth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXVIII | 404–398 |
| [Twenty-ninth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-ninth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXIX | 398–380 |
| [Thirtieth Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirtieth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXX | 380–343 |
| [Thirty-first Dynasty(2nd Achaemenid Period)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty-first_Dynasty_of_Egypt) | XXXI | 343–332 |

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| [Ptolemaic (Hellenistic)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Ptolemaic_Egypt)

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| [Argead Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argead_dynasty) | 332–305 |
| [Ptolemaic Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ptolemaic_Kingdom) | 305–30 |

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In Ancient Egyptian history, [dynasties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynasty%22%20%5Co%20%22Dynasty) are series of rulers sharing a common origin, who are usually, though not necessarily, of the same family.

Ancient Egypt's historical period is traditionally divided into thirty-one pharaonic dynasties. These divisions are due to the 3rd century BC Egyptian priest [Manetho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manetho%22%20%5Co%20%22Manetho), and first appeared in his work *Aegyptiaca*, which was perhaps written for the Greek-speaking [Ptolemaic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ptolemaic_Dynasty%22%20%5Co%20%22Ptolemaic%20Dynasty) Egyptian ruler of the time. The thirty-first Dynasty's name is not due to Manetho and is a later coining.

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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventh_and_Eighth_Dynasties_of_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Seventh%20and%20Eighth%20Dynasties%20of%20Egypt) might not have existed at all, the [Tenth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Tenth%20Dynasty%20of%20Egypt) seems to be a continuation of the [Ninth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninth_Dynasty_of_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Ninth%20Dynasty%20of%20Egypt), and there might have been [one or several Upper Egyptian Dynasties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naqada_III%22%20%5Co%20%22Naqada%20III) before the [First Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Dynasty_of_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22First%20Dynasty%20of%20Egypt).

This page lists articles on [dynasties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynasty%22%20%5Co%20%22Dynasty) of [Ancient Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Ancient%20Egypt). The cities in which power was held during these dynasties follow their names, in parentheses.

[**Late prehistory**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prehistoric_Egypt)

* [Protodynastic Period of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naqada_III)
	+ [Upper Egyptian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upper_Egypt) protodynastic (several concurrent centres of power: [Thinis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thinis%22%20%5Co%20%22Thinis), which succeeded from [Abydos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abydos%2C_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Abydos%2C%20Egypt), was northernmost, followed by [Naqada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naqada%22%20%5Co%20%22Naqada) and [Nekhen](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nekhen%22%20%5Co%20%22Nekhen))

[**Early Dynastic Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Early_Dynastic_Period_of_Egypt)

* [First Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thinis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thinis))
* [Second Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thinis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thinis))

[**Old Kingdom**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

* [Third Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt))
* [Fourth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt))
* [Fifth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt))
* [Sixth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt))

[**First Intermediate Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

* [Seventh Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt)), perhaps spurious
* [Eighth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt))
* [Ninth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ninth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Herakleopolis Magna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herakleopolis_Magna))
* [Tenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Herakleopolis Magna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herakleopolis_Magna)), continuation of the ninth

[**Middle Kingdom**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Middle_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

* [Eleventh Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eleventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt))
* [Twelfth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twelfth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Itjtawy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Itjtawy), [Faiyum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faiyum) region)
* [Thirteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Itjtawy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Itjtawy))

[**Second Intermediate Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

* [Fourteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Avaris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avaris))
* [Fifteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fifteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Avaris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avaris))
* [Sixteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sixteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) (obscure, [Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Thebes%2C%20Egypt) or [Avaris](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avaris%22%20%5Co%20%22Avaris))
* [Abydos dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abydos_dynasty) (obscure, [Abydos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abydos%2C_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Abydos%2C%20Egypt))
* [Seventeenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventeenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt)), concurrent to the Fifteenth Dynasty

[**New Kingdom**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Kingdom_of_Egypt)

* [Eighteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt), [Amarna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amarna), then again [Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt))
* [Nineteenth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nineteenth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt), [Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt), then [Pi-Ramesses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pi-Ramesses))
* [Twentieth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twentieth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Pi-Ramesses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pi-Ramesses))

[**Third Intermediate Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_Intermediate_Period_of_Egypt)

* [Twenty-first Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-first_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Tanis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanis))
	+ [High Priests of Amun at Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_Priests_of_Amun_at_Thebes)
* [Twenty-second Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-second_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Bubastis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bubastis))
* [Twenty-third Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-third_Dynasty_of_Egypt) (obscure, perhaps [Herakleopolis Magna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herakleopolis_Magna%22%20%5Co%20%22Herakleopolis%20Magna), [Hermopolis Magna](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermopolis_Magna), or [Thebes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thebes%2C_Egypt%22%20%5Co%20%22Thebes%2C%20Egypt))
* [Twenty-fourth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-fourth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Sais](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sais), Western [Nile Delta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nile_Delta%22%20%5Co%20%22Nile%20Delta))
* [Twenty-fifth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-fifth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Memphis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memphis%2C_Egypt), under foreign control of [Napata](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napata%22%20%5Co%20%22Napata), [Nubia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nubia))

[**Late Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Late_Period_of_ancient_Egypt)

* [Twenty-sixth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-sixth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Sais](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sais))
* [Twenty-seventh Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-seventh_Dynasty_of_Egypt) or the [First Egyptian Satrapy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Achaemenid_Egypt%22%20%5Cl%20%22The_first_Egyptian_Satrapy%22%20%5Co%20%22History%20of%20Achaemenid%20Egypt) (under control of the [First Persian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Persian_Empire%22%20%5Co%20%22First%20Persian%20Empire))
* [Twenty-eighth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-eighth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Sais](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sais))
* [Twenty-ninth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twenty-ninth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Mendes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mendes))
* [Thirtieth Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirtieth_Dynasty_of_Egypt) ([Sebennytos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sebennytos%22%20%5Co%20%22Sebennytos))
* [Thirty-first Dynasty of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty-first_Dynasty_of_Egypt) or the [Second Egyptian Satrapy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Achaemenid_Egypt#The_second_Egyptian_Satrapy) (under control of the [First Persian Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Persian_Empire))

[**Graeco-Roman Period**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graeco-Roman)

* [Ptolemaic Dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ptolemaic_Dynasty) ([Alexandria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria))
* [Roman Period](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt_%28Roman_province%29) ([Alexandria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexandria), under control of [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome))

**See also**

* [List of Pharaohs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Pharaohs)
* [Egyptian chronology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_chronology)
* [Conventional Egyptian chronology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conventional_Egyptian_chronology)

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