

Year	1954
Population Shown every 10 years	
President	Dwight Eisenhower #34 (Republican) - Two terms
Events	<p>Public school segregation was ruled illegal in the U.S. by a Supreme Court case which overturned all of the segregation laws in the country; however, the enactment of integration took many years, turmoil and bloodshed to integrate the country.</p> <p>The words "under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>Hurricane Hazel becomes the first recorded category 4 hurricane to make landfall as far north as North Carolina.</p> <p>The first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, is launched.</p>
Wars, battles, & the military	Veterans Day finally became a federal holiday to mark the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI on November 11, 1918.
Financial & monetary events	<p>Employer contributions to employee health plans became exempt from employee taxable income, and as a result, the demand for group health insurance increased.</p> <p>The DJIA closes above the peak it reached just before the 1929 crash for the first time ever.</p>
Transportation	<p>Power windows become available in some cars.</p> <p>The radar gun used by police to catch speeders was invented.</p> <p>The Nash Ambassador was the first American car to include fully-integrated heating, ventilating, and AC.</p>
Communication & publishing	<p>The first issue of Sports Illustrated is published.</p> <p>After 2,956 episodes over 21 years, the last new episode of "The Lone Ranger" is aired on radio.</p> <p>"Flash Gordon" becomes a TV series for two seasons.</p>
Medicine, discoveries & exploration	<p>The first successful kidney transplant was performed in Boston.</p> <p>Chlorpromazine, discovered in 1952 and later trade named Thorazine, was approved by the FDA in 1954 as a preferred alternative to electroshock therapy.</p>
Inventions	<p>The first remote-control garage door opener was introduced by Genie.</p> <p>Although filter-tipped cigarettes were first invented in 1927, it wasn't until 1954 that the machinery became available to mass produce them in significant numbers.</p>
Cultural & entertainment	<p>"Captain Kangaroo", the first network children's TV show on CBS, begins airing.</p> <p>NBC launches "The Tonight Show" featuring comedian Steve Allen. The Tonight Show would dominate late night TV until 1993.</p> <p>The Miss America Pageant is broadcast on TV for the first time.</p>
Conveniences	<p>Swanson introduced the TV Dinner in 1954, but began removing the name "TV Dinner" from packaging in the 1960's.</p> <p>CPR was first introduced.</p> <p>The first successful electric toothbrush was developed in Switzerland.</p>
Buildings, landmarks & cities	The J. Paul Getty Museum opened in Los Angeles, CA.