



What Was Life Like in 1910?

UNITED STATES ECONOMY

- A first-class stamp cost 2 cents.
- A pound of sugar cost 5 cents.
- A Hershey bar cost 5 cents.
- A dozen eggs cost 34 cents.
- The average annual household income was \$750.
- The federal government spent \$.8 billion.
- Unemployment was at 5.9 percent.

LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

- The population of the United States was 92,228,496.
- New York was the most populated state. (According to the 1910 census, there were 9,113,614 residents in New York, compared to 7,665,111 in Pennsylvania.)

UNITED STATES HISTORY

- On May 11, Glacier National Park was established in Montana by the United States Congress.
- In just two days, a wildfire referred to as the “Great Fire of 1910” destroyed 3 million acres in northeast Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana.
- Angel Island, in San Francisco Bay, became the United States Asian immigration center.

WORLD HISTORY

- After the death of Edward VII, his son, George V, became king of the United Kingdom.
- Japan invaded and seized Korea.
- Mexican revolution was proclaimed on November 20.

FABULOUS FIRSTS AND FOUNDINGS

- The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
- Father’s Day was celebrated for the first time on June 19.
- Thomas Edison demonstrated the first talking motion picture.

- Photographers captured Halley's Comet for the first time.
- Theodore Roosevelt was the first United States president to ride in an airplane.
- When he threw out the first pitch on the opening day of baseball in Washington, William Howard Taft became the first president to ever do so.

MEDICINE

- The average life expectancy in the United States was 48.4 years for men and 51.8 years for women.
- Mark Frank Woodbury of the United States Army introduced tincture of iodine as a wound disinfectant.

ART AND LITERATURE

- L. Frank Baum published *The Emerald City of Oz*, the sixth of his 14 *Land of Oz* books.
- *The Rosary*, by Florence Barclay, was the bestselling book.
- Roger Fry organized the first exhibit to prominently feature impressionist artists, called "Manet and the Post-Impressionists," at the Grafton Galleries in London.

MUSIC

- "Come Josephine in My Flying Machine," music by Fred Fisher and lyrics by Alfred Bryan
- "Down by the Old Mill Stream" music and lyrics by Tell Taylor
- "Every Little Movement (Has a Meaning All Its Own)," music by Karl Hoschna and lyrics by Otto Harbach
- "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," music by Leo Friedman and lyrics by Beth Slater Whitson

SPORTS

- The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Chicago Cubs, 4 to 1, in the World Series.
- Jack Johnson won and defended his world heavyweight boxing title against Jim Jeffries in a 15th-round knockout.
- In car racing, Barney Oldfield set a new land-speed record of 131.7 mph in Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Harvard University was the NCAA football champion.
- The Montreal Wanderers won the Stanley Cup.
- Robert Herbert rode Donau to victory in the Kentucky Derby.

CELEBRITIES BORN IN 1910

- Joan Bennett, American actress (February 27)
- David Niven, English actor (March 1)
- Scatman Crothers, American actor, singer, dancer and musician (May 23)
- T-Bone Walker, American blues guitarist (May 28)
- Paulette Goddard, American actress (June 3)
- Kitty Carlisle Hart, American singer and actress (September 3)

CELEBRITIES WHO DIED IN 1910

- Mark Twain, American author and humorist (April 21)
- Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman to practice modern medicine (May 31)
- Florence Nightingale, English nursing pioneer (August 13)