

The 60's Chronology

1960

- US Population is 179,323,173 [1-1-60]
- Gary Powers American "U2" spy plane shot down over the USSR [1-5-60]
- NASA launched ECHO [8-12-60]
- The first debate for a presidential election was televised between Senator John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon [9-26-60]
- Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho released
- Birth Control Pill invented
- Rome Summer Olympics – Wilma Rudolf won 3 gold metals [8-25-60 to 9-11-60]
- There are 900 military advisors in Vietnam

1961

- President John F. Kennedy stood before a joint session of Congress and stated that the United States should set as a goal the 'landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth' by the end of the decade [5-25-61]
- Bob Dylan is 19 and moves to NYC
- Berlin Wall Erected [construction begins 7-13-61]
- Bay of Pigs Invasion [4-17-61]
- Russian Yuri Gagarin becomes the first astronaut [4-12-61]
- First stereo radio broadcasting.
- Allan Shepard sub orbital flight [5-5-61]
- President Kennedy tells Americans to build Fallout shelters [10-6-61]
- There are 2000 military advisors in Vietnam

1962

- Jackie Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House [2-14-62]
- John Glenn "Friendship 7" launch +3 orbits [2-20-62]
- K-Mart opens for business [3-1-62]
- Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the last time [3-29-62]
- Marilyn Monroe sings "Happy Birthday" to JFK at Madison Square Garden [5-19-62]
- Telstar Satellite launched [7-10-62]
- American intervention in Vietnam to counter Soviet help to the Vietcong.
- Cuban Missile Crisis [10-22-2 to 10-27-62]
- Marilyn Monroe found dead [8-5-62]
- Johnny Carson begins hosting NBC's "Tonight" show [10-1-62]
- Linus Pauling wins Nobel Peace Prize [10-62] [Pauling is the only person with two (unshared) Nobel Prizes - 1954 in Chemistry, 1962 Peace]

1963

- Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" with Marlin Perkins begins on NBC [1-6-63]
- George Wallace is sworn in as governor of Alabama – pledges "segregation forever" [1--4-63]
- First flight of the Boeing 727 [2-9-63]
- Patsy Cline (30) dies in a plane crash [3-5-63]
- USPS inaugurates five digit ZIP codes [7-1-63]
- Nuclear powered attack submarine USS Thresher fails to surface [129 officers, crewmen, military and civilian technicians lost at sea] [4-10-63]
- The Fugitive (starring David Jansen) premiered on ABC-TV [9-17-63]
- JFK Assassinated in Dallas [11-22-63]
- Jack Ruby shoots Lee Harvey Oswald on live TV [11-24-63]
- Martin Luther King Jr. Makes His "I Have a Dream" Speech [8-28-63]
- Martin Luther King Jr., receives the Nobel Peace Prize [12-10-64]
- There are 15,000 military advisors in Vietnam

1964

- LBJ - Gulf of Tonkin Resolution [8-7-64]
- Ed Sullivan presents the Beatles [2-9-64] The Beatles perform 3 consecutive weekends in February.
- First commercial mainframe computer by IBM.
- Animals – “House of the Rising Sun” #1 Billboard hit - [9-5-64]
- Cassius Clay (a.k.a. Muhammad Ali) becomes World Heavyweight Champion defeating Sonny Liston [2-25-64]
- Civil Rights bill was passed to stop racial discrimination.
- JBL elected President [11-3-64]

1965

- 3,500 U.S. Marines land near Da Nang in South Vietnam [3-8-65]
- Mini skirts become much shorter [summer-65].
- The Temptations “My Girl” reached #1 on Billboard charts [3-3-65]
- Los Angeles [Watts] Riots - \$200M in damage [8-11-65]
- Malcolm X Assassinated [2-21-65]
- The world's first roofed stadium was built, the Houston Astrodome [4-12-65]
- Rolling Stones – “Satisfaction” #1 Billboard hit [7-10-65]

1966

- Simon & Garfunkel's “Sounds of Silence” is released [1-17-66]
- A US Air Force B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast [1-17-66]
- MHS Seniors (Class of 1966) is released from scholastic jail [5-66]
- Lennon says the Beatles are more popular than Jesus [3-4-66]
- The Rolling Stones release “Paint it Black” [5-13-66]
- Ground breaking ceremony for World Trade Towers in NYC [8-5-66]
- The Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-92) required that the warning “Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health” be placed on each cigarette package.
- Charles Joseph Whitman (25), architectural engineering student and ex-Marine, shot and killed 14 people (wounded 31) from the University of Texas clock tower [8-1-66]
- Psychedelic clothing is very popular
- Star Trek TV series airs [9-8-66]
- The Monkees debuted on NBC-TV [9-12-66]
- The Zodiac killer murdered a female college student in Riverside CA [10-30-66]
- LSD was made illegal
- Walt Disney dies of cancer [12-5-01 to 12-15-66]

1967

- Three Apollo astronauts - Col. Virgil I. Grissom, Col. Edward White II, and Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee - killed in spacecraft fire during simulated launch [1-27-67]
- Summer of Love in San Francisco [summer-67]
- First Super Bowl - Packers and the Chiefs [1-15-67]
- Beatles – “Magical Mystery Tour” released [12-67]
- Six-Day War in the Middle East [6-5-67 to 6-10-67]
- Cassius Clay refuses induction to military service [4-28-67]
- Otis Redding dies in a plane crash [12-10-67]
- Cream releases “Disraeli Gears” [11-67]
- The Bad Seeds Band is formed in Kilgore, TX [9-12-67]

1968

- North Korea seizes U.S. Navy ship Pueblo and holds 83 on board as spies [1-23-68]
- The Vietcong Tet Offensive is launched [1-31-68]
- Planet of the Apes released [2-8-68]
- LBJ announces he will not seek re-election [3-31-68]
- Vietnam Peace Talks begin in Paris [5-10-68]
- Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated [6:01 p.m. on 5-4-68]
- James Earl Ray indicted in MLK murder [6-8-68]
- Robert F. Kennedy assassinated by Sirhan Sirhan [6-6-68]
- Easy Rider premieres [7-14-68]
- Barbarella released [10-10-68]
- Richard Nixon elected President [11-5-68]
- The Bad Seeds members Larry, Allan, and Dennis join the US Army.

1969

- Armstrong becomes the first man on the Moon - Apollo 11 – [7-20-69, 4:18 pm]
- US president Richard Nixon approves carpet bombing and land invasion of Cambodia.
- Charles Manson arrested at Spahn Ranch, Chatsworth, CA [8-16-69].
- Woodstock Festival at Max Yasgur's farm in Bethel, NY [8-15-69 to 8-18-69].
- Sesame Street First Airs [11-10-69].
- Senator Edward Kennedy leaves the scene of an accident on Chappaquiddick Island [7-18-69]. Mary Jo Kopechne was drowned, Kennedy gets two month suspended sentence.
- Yasser Arafat becomes Leader of the PLO [2-2-69]
- DDT banned in USA [11-20-69]
- Vietnam troop level reaches maximum of 543,400 [1-18-69]
- Smothers Brothers TV show is canceled [4-4-69]