

Chronology of Chinese Dynasties

Xia dynasty	2100–1600 BC
Shang dynasty	1600–1045 BC
Western Zhou dynasty	1046–771 BC
Eastern Zhou dynasty	771–256 BC
Qin dynasty	221–206 BC
Han dynasty	206 BC–220 AD
Western Han dynasty	206 BC–9 AD
Eastern Han dynasty	25–220
Three Kingdoms period	220–280
Western Jin dynasty	265–316
Eastern Jin dynasty	317–420
Southern and Northern dynasties	386–589
Sui dynasty	581–618
Tang dynasty	618–907
Five Dynasties & Ten Kingdoms	907–960
Liao dynasty	916–1125
Song dynasty	960–1279
Northern Song dynasty	960–1127
Southern Song dynasty	1127–1279
Jin dynasty	1115–1234
Yuan dynasty	1279–1368
*Ming dynasty	1368–1644
*Qing dynasty	1644–1911
Republic period	1912–1949
People's Republic period	1949–present

*Dynasties living in Forbidden City