

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
January 1	New Year's Day	Celebrates beginning of year, marks traditional end of "holiday season"
January, third Monday	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., or Martin Luther King Day	Honors Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights leader; combined with other holidays in several states (traditionally January 15)
February 14	Valentine's Day	Traditional celebration of love and romance, including the exchange of cards, candy, flowers, and other gifts.
February, third Monday	Washington's Birthday, or Presidents' Day	Honors Washington, but also Lincoln and other past American Presidents as "Presidents' Day." (traditionally February 22)
April 1	April Fool's Day	A day to play tricks on family, friends, and coworkers, if so inclined.
Spring Sunday, date varies	Easter	Celebrates the Christian belief in the resurrection of Jesus. For Christians, Easter is a day of religious services and the gathering of family. Many Americans follow old traditions of coloring hard-boiled eggs and giving children baskets of candy. On the next day, Easter Monday, the President of the United States holds an annual Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn for young children. The holiday is also often celebrated as a nonsectarian spring holiday. Not generally observed by most businesses. Some financial markets and other businesses close early on the Friday prior, Good Friday. Roman Catholic and Protestant groups celebrate Easter on a different Sunday (most years) than Orthodox groups.
May, second Sunday	Mother's Day	Honors mothers and motherhood (made a "Federal Holiday" by Presidential order, although Federal offices are already closed on Sundays)
May, last Monday	Memorial Day	Honors the nation's war dead; marks traditional beginning of summer. (traditionally May 30)
June, third Sunday	Father's Day	Honors fathers and fatherhood.
July 4	Independence Day	Celebrates Declaration of Independence, usually called the Fourth of July.
September, first Monday	Labor Day	Celebrate achievements of workers and the labor movement, marks traditional end of summer.
October, second Monday	Columbus Day	Honors Christopher Columbus, traditional discover of the Americas. In some areas it is also a celebration of Italian culture and heritage. (traditionally October 12)
October 31	Halloween	Celebrates All Hallows' Eve, decorations include jack o'lanterns, costume wearing parties, and candy such as candy corn are also part of the holiday. Kids go trick-or-treating to neighbors who give away candy. Not generally observed by businesses.
November 11	Veterans Day	Honors all veterans of the United States armed forces. A traditional observation is a moment of silence at 11 AM remembering those who fought for peace.
November, fourth Thursday	Thanksgiving	A day to give thanks for the autumn harvest, marks traditional beginning of "holiday season."
December 25	Christmas	Celebrates the Nativity of Jesus. Secular aspects include giving gifts and decorating a Christmas tree.

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