

The Chronology of Chinese Dynasties

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Xia 夏	ca. 21st–ca. 16th centuries BCE
Shang 商	ca. 1600–1045 BCE
Zhou 周	1045–256 BCE
Western Zhou 西周	1045–771 BCE
Eastern Zhou 東周	770–256 BCE
Spring and Autumn 春秋	770–476 BCE
Warring States 戰國	475–221 BCE
Qin 秦	221–206 BCE
Han 漢	202 BCE–220 CE
Western Han 西漢	202 BCE–8 CE
Xin 新	9–23 CE
Eastern Han 東漢	25–220
Three Kingdoms 三國	220–280
Wei 魏	220–265
Shu 蜀	221–263
Wu 吳	222–280
Jin 晉	265–420
Western Jin 西晉	265–316
Eastern Jin 東晉	317–420

Northern and Southern Dynasties 南北朝	420–589
Southern Dynasties 南朝	420–589
Liu Song 劉宋	420–479
Qi 齊	479–502
Liang 梁	502–557
Chen 陳	557–589
Northern Dynasties 北朝	386–581
Northern Wei 北魏	386–534
Eastern Wei 東魏	534–550
Western Wei 西魏	535–556
Northern Qi 北齊	550–577
Northern Zhou 北周	557–581
Sui 隋	581–618
Tang 唐	618–907
The Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms 五代十國	902–979
Five Dynasties 五代	907–960
Ten Kingdoms 十國	902–979
Song 宋	960–1279
Northern Song 北宋	960–1127
Southern Song 南宋	1127–1279
Liao 遼	916–1125
Jin 金	1115–1234
Yuan 元	1279–1368
Ming 明	1368–1644
Qing 清	1644–1912