**Julio-Claudian dynasty**

Main article: [Julio-Claudian dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julio-Claudian_dynasty)

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| [Augustus of Rome.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Augustus_of_Rome.jpg) | | [**Augustus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustus) IMPERATOR CAESAR DIVI FILIVS **AVGVSTVS** | | Great-nephew and adopted son of [Julius Caesar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_Caesar); became *de facto* emperor as a result of the 'first settlement' between himself and the [Roman Senate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Senate). | January 16, 27 BC  – August 19, 14 AD | August 19, 14 AD [Natural causes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_causes) or perhaps poisoning by his wife, Livia [[12]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_emperors#cite_note-12) | | | 40 Years, 7 Months and 3 days | |
| [Tiberius NyCarlsberg01.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Tiberius_NyCarlsberg01.jpg) | | [**Tiberius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiberius) **TIBERIVS** IVLIVS CAESAR AVGVSTVS | | Natural son of [Livia Drusilla](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Livia_Drusilla), Augustus' third wife, by a previous marriage, and Augustus' son-in-law; adopted by Augustus as his son and heir. | September 18, 14 AD  – March 16, 37 AD | March 16, 37 AD Probably natural causes, possibly assassinated  by Caligula | | | 22 Years, 5 Months and 27 days | |
| [Caligula - MET - 14.37.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Caligula_-_MET_-_14.37.jpg) | | [**Caligula**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caligula) **GAIVS** IVLIVS CAESAR AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS | | Great-nephew and adoptive grandson of Tiberius, natural son of [Germanicus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanicus), great-grandson of Augustus. | March 18, 37 AD – January 24, 41 AD | January 24, 41 AD Assassinated in a conspiracy involving senators  and [Praetorian Guards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorian_Guard). | | | 3 Years, 10 Months and 6 days | |
| [Claudius crop.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Claudius_crop.jpg) | | [**Claudius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claudius) TIBERIVS **CLAVDIVS** CAESAR AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS | | Nephew of Tiberius, brother of Germanicus, uncle of Caligula, great-nephew-in-law and stepgrandson of Augustus; proclaimed emperor by the [Praetorian Guard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorian_Guard). | January 25/26, 41 AD – October 13, 54 AD | October 13, 54 AD Probably poisoned by his wife [Agrippina the Younger](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agrippina_the_Younger),  in favour of her son Nero, possibly natural causes. | | | 13 Years, 9 Months | |
| [Nero 1.JPG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Nero_1.JPG) | | [**Nero**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nero) **NERO** CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVGVSTVS GERMANICVS | | Grandson of Germanicus, nephew of Caligula, great-great-nephew of Tiberius, and great-great-grandson of Augustus; great-nephew, stepson, son-in-law, and adopted son of Claudius. | October 13, 54 AD – June 9, 68 AD | June 9, 68 AD Committed suicide after being declared a public  enemy by the Senate. | | | 13 Years, 8 Months | |

**Year of the Four Emperors and Flavian dynasty (Barracks Emperors)**

Main articles: [Year of the Four Emperors](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Year_of_the_Four_Emperors) and [Flavian dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flavian_dynasty)

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| [Stockholm - Antikengalerie 4 - Büste Kaiser Galba.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Stockholm_-_Antikengalerie_4_-_B%C3%BCste_Kaiser_Galba.jpg) | [**Galba**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galba) SERVIVS SVLPICIVS **GALBA** CAESAR AVGVSTVS | December 24 3 BC, Near [Terracina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terracina), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Seized power after [Nero](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nero)'s suicide, with support of the Spanish legions | June 8, 68 AD – January 15, 69 AD | January 15, 69 AD Murdered by [Praetorian Guard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorian_Guard) in coup led  by [Otho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otho). | 7 months and 7 days |
| [Oth001.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Oth001.jpg) | [**Otho**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otho) MARCVS SALVIVS **OTHO** CAESAR AVGVSTVS | April 28, 32 AD, [Ferentinum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferentinum), [Etruria](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Etruria), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Appointed by [Praetorian Guard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorian_Guard) | January 15, 69 AD – April 16, 69 AD | April 16, 69 AD Committed suicide after losing  [Battle of Bedriacum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Bedriacum) to [Vitellius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitellius) | 3 months 1 day (91 days) |
| [Pseudo-Vitellius Louvre MR684.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Pseudo-Vitellius_Louvre_MR684.jpg) | [**Vitellius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitellius) AVLVS **VITELLIVS** GERMANICVS AVGVSTVS | September 24, 15 AD, [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | Seized power with support of German Legions (in opposition to [Galba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galba)/[Otho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otho" \o "Otho)) | April 17, 69 AD – December 20, 69 AD | December 20, 69 AD Murdered by [Vespasian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vespasian)'s troops | 8 Months |
| [Vespasianus01 pushkin edit.png](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Vespasianus01_pushkin_edit.png) | [**Vespasian**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vespasian) TITVS FLAVIVS CAESAR **VESPASIANVS** AVGVSTVS | November 17, 9 AD, [Falacrine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falacrina), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Seized power with the support of the eastern Legions (in opposition to [Vitellius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vitellius)) | December 21, 69 AD – June 24, 79 AD | June 24, 79 AD Natural causes | 10 years |
| [Titus of Rome.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Titus_of_Rome.jpg) | [**Titus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Titus) **TITVS** FLAVIVS CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVGVSTVS | December 30, 39 AD, [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | Son of [Vespasian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vespasian) | June 24, 79 AD – September 13, 81 AD | September 13, 81 AD Natural causes (fever) | 2 years, 3 months |
| [Domiziano da collezione albani, fine del I sec. dc. 02.JPG](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Domiziano_da_collezione_albani,_fine_del_I_sec._dc._02.JPG) | [**Domitian**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domitian) TITVS FLAVIVS CAESAR **DOMITIANVS** AVGVSTVS | October 24, 51 AD, [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | Son of [Vespasian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vespasian) | September 14, 81 AD – September 18, 96 AD | September 18, 96 AD Assassinated by court officials | 15 years |

**Nerva–Antonine dynasty (Good Emperors)**

Main article: [Nerva–Antonine dynasty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nerva%E2%80%93Antonine_dynasty)

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| [Nerva Tivoli Massimo.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Nerva_Tivoli_Massimo.jpg) | [**Nerva**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nerva) MARCVS COCCEIVS **NERVA** CAESAR AVGVSTVS | November 8, 30 AD, [Narni](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Narni), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Appointed by the [Senate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Senate) | September 18, 96 AD – January 27, 98 AD | | January 27, 98 AD Natural causes | | 1 year, 4 months |
| [Traianus Glyptothek Munich 336.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Traianus_Glyptothek_Munich_336.jpg) | [**Trajan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trajan) CAESAR MARCVS VLPIVS NERVA **TRAIANVS** AVGVSTVS | September 18, 53 AD, [Italica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italica), [Hispania Baetica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispania_Baetica) | Adopted son and heir of [Nerva](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nerva) | January 28, 98 AD – August 7, 117 AD | August 7, 117 AD Natural causes | | | 19 years, 7 months |
| [Bust Hadrian Musei Capitolini MC817.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bust_Hadrian_Musei_Capitolini_MC817.jpg) | [**Hadrian**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian) CAESAR PVBLIVS AELIVS TRAIANVS **HADRIANVS** AVGVSTVS | January 24, 76 AD, [Italica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italica), [Hispania Baetica](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispania_Baetica) (or [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome)) | Adopted son and heir of [Trajan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trajan) | August 11, 117 AD – July 10, 138 AD | July 10, 138 AD Natural causes | | | 21 years |
| [Antoninus Pius Glyptothek Munich 337.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Antoninus_Pius_Glyptothek_Munich_337.jpg) | [**Antoninus Pius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoninus_Pius) CAESAR TITVS AELIVS HADRIANVS **ANTONINVS** AVGVSTVS **PIVS** | September 19, 86 AD, Near [Lanuvium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lanuvium), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Adopted son and heir of [Hadrian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadrian) | July 10, 138 AD – March 7, 161 AD | March 7, 161 AD Natural causes | | | 22 years, 7 months |
| [Marcus Aurelius Glyptothek Munich.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Marcus_Aurelius_Glyptothek_Munich.jpg) | [**Marcus Aurelius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aurelius) CAESAR **MARCVS AVRELIVS** ANTONINVS AVGVSTVS | April 26, 121 AD, [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | Adopted son, son-in-law and heir of [Antoninus Pius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoninus_Pius); Co-emperor with [Lucius Verus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Verus) until 169 AD | March 7, 161 AD – March 17, 180 AD | March 17, 180 AD Natural causes | | | 19 years |
| [Lucius Verus - MET - L.2007.26.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Lucius_Verus_-_MET_-_L.2007.26.jpg) | [**Lucius Verus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Verus) CAESAR **LVCIVS** AVRELIVS **VERVS** AVGVSTVS | December 15, 130 AD, [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome) | Adopted son and heir of [Antoninus Pius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antoninus_Pius) and son-in-law of Marcus Aurelius; Co-emperor with [Marcus Aurelius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aurelius) until death | March 7, 161 AD – ? March 169 AD | March 169 AD Natural causes ([Plague](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonine_Plague)) | | | 8 years |
| [Commodus Musei Capitolini MC1120.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Commodus_Musei_Capitolini_MC1120.jpg) | [**Commodus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commodus) CAESAR MARCVS AVRELIVS **COMMODVS** ANTONINVS AVGVSTVS | August 31, 161 AD, [Lanuvium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lanuvium), [Italia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italia_%28Roman_province%29) | Natural son of [Marcus Aurelius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aurelius); joint emperor from 177 AD | 177 AD – December 31, 192 AD | December 31, 192 AD Assassinated in palace, strangled to death | | | 15 years |

**The Dominate**

**Tetrarchy and Constantinian dynasty**

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| [Istanbul - Museo archeol. - Diocleziano (284-305 d.C.) - Foto G. Dall'Orto 28-5-2006.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Istanbul_-_Museo_archeol._-_Diocleziano_%28284-305_d.C.%29_-_Foto_G._Dall%27Orto_28-5-2006.jpg) | [**Diocletian**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian) CAESAR GAIVS AVRELIVS VALERIVS **DIOCLETIANVS** AVGVSTVS | c. December 22, 244 AD, [Salona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salona) | Proclaimed emperor by army after death of [Numerian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Numerian), and in opposition to [Carinus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carinus); adopted [Maximian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximian) as senior co-emperor in 286 AD | November 20, 284 AD – May 1, 305 AD | 3 December 311 AD Abdicated; died of natural causes in  [Aspalatos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Split_%28city%29) | 20 years |
| [Toulouse - Musée Saint-Raymond - Maximien Hercule1.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Toulouse_-_Mus%C3%A9e_Saint-Raymond_-_Maximien_Hercule1.jpg) | [**Maximian**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximian) CAESAR GAIVS AVRELIVS VALERIVS **MAXIMIANVS** AVGVSTVS | c. 250 AD, near [Sirmium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sirmium), [Pannonia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pannonia) | Adopted as senior co-emperor ('Augustus') in the west by [Diocletian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian) in 286 AD | April 1, 286 AD – May 1, 305 AD | 310 AD Abdicated with [Diocletian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian); twice tried to  regain throne with, and then from  [Maxentius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxentius); captured by [Constantine I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_I)  and committed suicide at his behest | 19 years |
| [Const.chlorus01 pushkin.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Const.chlorus01_pushkin.jpg) | [**Constantius I Chlorus**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantius_Chlorus) CAESAR GAIVS FLAVIVS VALERIVS **CONSTANTIVS** AVGVSTVS | March 31 c. 250 AD, [Dardania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dardania_%28Europe%29), [Moesia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moesia) | Adopted as junior co-emperor ('Caesar') and heir by [Maximian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximian) in 293 AD | May 1, 305 AD – July 25, 306 AD | 306 AD Natural causes | 1 year and 2 months |
| [Romuliana Galerius head.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Romuliana_Galerius_head.jpg) | [**Galerius**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galerius) CAESAR **GALERIVS** VALERIVS MAXIMIANVS AVGVSTVS | c. 260 AD, [Felix Romuliana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gamzigrad), [Moesia Superior](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moesia_Superior) | Adopted as junior co-emperor ('Caesar') and heir by [Diocletian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diocletian) in 293 AD. Also son-in-law of Diocletian. | May 1, 305 AD – May 311 AD | 311 AD Natural causes | 6 years |
| [Follis-Flavius Valerius Severus-trier RIC 650a.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Follis-Flavius_Valerius_Severus-trier_RIC_650a.jpg) | [**Severus II**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Severus_II) **FLAVIVS VALERIVS SEVERVS** AVGVSTVS | ? | Adopted as junior co-emperor ('Caesar') and heir by [Constantius I Chlorus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantius_I_Chlorus) in 305 AD; succeeded as Augustus in 306; opposed by [Maxentius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxentius) and [Constantine I](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_I) | Summer 306 AD – March/ April 307 AD | September 16, 307 AD Captured by [Maxentius](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maxentius) and forced to  commit suicide (or murdered) | 1 year |
| [Rome-Capitole-StatueConstantin.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Rome-Capitole-StatueConstantin.jpg) | [**Constantine I**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_I) CAESAR FLAVIVS **CONSTANTINVS** VALERIVS AVGVSTVS | February 27 c. 272 AD, [Naissus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naissus), [Moesia Superior](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moesia_Superior) | Son of [Constantius I Chlorus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantius_I_Chlorus), proclaimed emperor by his father's troops; accepted as Caesar (west) by Galerius in 306 AD; promoted to Augustus (west) in 307 AD by Maximian after death of [Severus II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flavius_Valerius_Severus); refused relegation to Caesar in 309 AD | 25 July 306 AD – May 22, 337 AD | May 22, 337 AD Natural causes | 31 years |