




List of heads of state of Nigeria

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	
	
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Incumbent Goodluck Jonathan since 6 May 2010	
Residence	Aso Rock Presidential Villa
Appointer	Direct Popular Election
Term length	Four years, renewable once
Inaugural holder	Nnamdi Azikiwe
Formation	1 October 1963

This is a **list of the heads of state of Nigeria**, from the declaration of independence in 1960 until the present.

Heads of State of Nigeria (1960–Present)

Tenure	Portrait	Incumbent	Notes	
Federation of Nigeria				
1 October 1960 to 1 October 1963		Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of Nigeria <i>represented by:-</i>		
1 October 1960 to 16 November 1960		Sir James Wilson Robertson , Governor-General		
16 November 1960 to 1 October 1963		Nnamdi Azikiwe , Governor-General		
Tenure	Portrait	Incumbent	Affiliation	Notes
Federal Republic of Nigeria				
1 October 1963 to 16 January 1966		Nnamdi Azikiwe , President	NCNC	Deposed
16 January 1966 to 29 July 1966		Johnson Aguiyi-Ironsi , Head of the Federal Military Government	Mil	Deposed and murdered
1 August 1966 to 29 July 1975		Yakubu Gowon , Head of the Federal Military Government	Mil	Deposed
29 July 1975 to 13 February 1976		Murtala Mohammed , Head of the Federal Military Government	Mil	Assassinated
13 February 1976 to 1 October 1979		Olusegun Obasanjo , Head of the Federal Military Government	Mil	1st term; Returned power to civilian government
1 October 1979 to 31 December 1983		Shehu Shagari , President	NPN	Deposed
31 December 1983 to 27 August 1985		Muhammadu Buhari , Chairman of the Supreme Military Council	Mil	Deposed
27 August 1985 to 26 August 1993		Ibrahim Babangida , President of the Armed Forces Ruling Council	Mil	Resigned
26 August 1993 to 17 November 1993		Ernest Shonekan , Interim Head of State	n-p	Deposed
17 November 1993 to 8 June 1998		Sani Abacha , Chairman of the Provisional Ruling Council	Mil	Died in office
8 June 1998 to 29 May 1999		Abdulsalami Abubakar , Chairman of the Provisional Ruling Council	Mil	Transitioned to civilian rule
29 May 1999 to 29 May 2007		Olusegun Obasanjo , President	PDP	2nd term
29 May 2007 to 5 May 2010		Umaru Musa Yar'Adua , President	PDP	Died in office

9 February 2010 to 6 May 2011		Goodluck Jonathan , Acting President	PDP	Acting for Yar'Adua
6 May 2011 to Present		Goodluck Jonathan , President		

Affiliations

- NCNC - National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons
- NPN - National Party of Nigeria
- PDP - People's Democratic Party
- Mil - Military of Nigeria
- n-p - Non-party

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