

Longest royal record holders

Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning monarch in British history, still has some way to go to match other royal record holders past and present

Pepi II: Ancient Egyptian pharaoh succeeded to throne around 2278 BC at age six following premature death of father. Believed to have ruled for **94 years**, longest reign of any monarch in history

Bhumibol Adulyadej

87-year-old Thai ruler is world's longest-serving current head of state. He became King **69 years** ago, in June 1946

Louis XIV: King of France for **72 years** (1643-1715), presided over period of great cultural and military expansion – longest reign in European history

Queen Victoria: Great-great-grandmother of Elizabeth II. Reign of **63 years** and 216 days from 1837 to 1901 held British record until now

Elizabeth II: Reign of more than **63 years** now exceeds that of Victoria. Longest-ruling living monarch behind king of Thailand