

Janet Yellen factfile

Janet Yellen is to become the first woman to lead America's Federal Reserve – the world's most powerful central bank – in its 100-year history



■ **1946:** Born in Brooklyn, New York

■ **1971-76:** Gains economics PhD from Yale – takes assistant professorship at Harvard

■ **1978:** Marries Nobel Prize-winning economist ***George Akerlof***

■ **1994-97:** Member of Board of Governors of Federal Reserve

■ **1997-99:** Chair of White House Council of Economic Advisers under President ***Bill Clinton***

■ **2004-10:** President of San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank

■ **2010:** Appointed Fed Vice Chair

■ **Feb 1, 2014:** Succeeds outgoing Chairman ***Ben Bernanke*** as head of U.S. Federal Reserve