

# World's longest reigning monarchs

On September 9, Queen Elizabeth II will become the longest-reigning monarch in British history. She is the second longest current reigning monarch, behind only King Bhumibol of Thailand

**1. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thailand**

Born 1927 *Enthroned Jun 9, 1946*

*Reign (years)*

**69**

**2. Queen Elizabeth II, UK, Canada, Australia, N. Zealand, others**

b1926 *Feb 6, 1952*

**63**

**3. Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, Brunei**

b1946 *Oct 5, 1967*

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**4. Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said, Oman**

b1940 *Jul 23, 1970*

**45**

**5. Queen Margrethe II, Denmark**

b1940 *Jan 14, 1972*

**43**

**6. King Carl XVI Gustaf, Sweden**

b1946 *Sep 15, 1973*

**41**

**7. King Mswati III, Swaziland**

b1933 *Apr 25, 1986*

**29**

**8. Emperor Akihito, Japan**

b1938 *Jan 7, 1989*

**26**

**9. King Letsie III, Lesotho**

b1933 *Nov 12, 1990*

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**10. King Harald V, Norway**

b1933 *Jan 17, 1991*

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*List restricted to heads of state*

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