

# One-term U.S. presidents

With his failure to win re-election, Donald Trump becomes the 11th president to be denied a second term, out of 44 Commanders-in-Chief



**John Adams** (1797-1801)   **John Quincy Adams** (1825-29)   **Martin Van Buren** (1837-41)   **Grover Cleveland\*** (1885-1889)   **Benjamin Harrison** (1889-93)   **William Howard Taft** (1909-13)   **Herbert Hoover** (1929-33)



**Gerald Ford** (*Term: 1974-77*)  
***Lost re-election to Jimmy Carter***

Ford's controversial pardon of President **Richard Nixon** for all crimes committed while in office – along with low economic growth – cost him second presidency

**Jimmy Carter** (*1977-81*)  
***Lost to Ronald Reagan***

Poor economic performance, compounded by unsuccessful rescue attempt of U.S. hostages in Iran near end of Carter's term, contributed to defeat



**George H.W. Bush** (1989-93)  
***Lost to Bill Clinton***

While U.S.-led first Gulf War that ended Iraqi occupation of Kuwait was seen as successful, Bush's popularity suffered as economy faltered later in term

**Donald Trump** (2017-2021)  
***Lost to Joe Biden***

Trump narrowly defeated as coronavirus pandemic claims almost a quarter of a million American lives and economy falls into recession

\*Served second term 1893-97 – only president to serve two non-consecutive terms

Sources: Investopedia, The White House