

Chronology of China

ANCIENT

Neolithic c. 8500 – c. 2070 BC

Xia dynasty c. 2070 – c. 1600 BC

Shang dynasty c. 1600 – c. 1046 BC

Zhou dynasty c. 1046 – 256 BC

Western Zhou

Eastern Zhou

Spring and Autumn

Warring States

IMPERIAL

Qin dynasty 221–206 BC

Han dynasty 206 BC – 220 AD

Western Han

Xin dynasty

Eastern Han

Three Kingdoms 220–280

Wei, Shu and Wu

Jin dynasty 265–420

Western Jin	
Eastern Jin	Sixteen Kingdoms
Northern and Southern dynasties 420–589	
Sui dynasty 581–618	
Tang dynasty 618–907	
(Second Zhou dynasty 690–705)	
Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms 907–960	Liao dynasty 907–1125
Song dynasty 960–1279	
Northern Song	Western Xia
Southern Song	Jin
Yuan dynasty 1271–1368	
Ming dynasty 1368–1644	
Qing dynasty 1644–1911	
<u>MODERN</u>	
Republic of China 1912–1949	
People's Republic of China 1949–present	Republic of China (Taiwan) 1949–present