

Date	Official Name	Details
January 1 (Fixed)	New Year's Day	Celebrates beginning of the Gregorian calendar year. Festivities include counting down to 12:00 midnight on the preceding night, New Year's Eve, often with fireworks display and party. The ball drop at Times Square in New York City has become a national New Year's festivity. Traditional end of Christmas and holiday season.
January 15-21 (Floating Monday)	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader, who was actually born on January 15, 1929;
February 15-21 (Floating Monday)	Washington's Birthday	Washington's Birthday was first declared a federal holiday by an 1879 act of Congress.
May 25-31 (Floating Monday)	Memorial Day	Honors the nation's war dead from the Civil War onwards; marks the unofficial beginning of the summer season (traditionally May 30, shifted by the Uniform Holidays Act 1968). The holiday is observed on the last Monday in May.
July 4 (Fixed)	Independence Day	Celebrates the signing of the Declaration of Independence from British rule, also called the Fourth of July. Fireworks celebrations are held in many cities throughout the nation.
September 1-7 (Floating Monday)	Labor Day	One 2012 survey of American adults found that 52% celebrate Labor Day as the unofficial end of summer.
October 8-14 (Floating Monday)	Columbus Day	Honors Christopher Columbus, an explorer of the Americas. In some areas .
November 11 (Fixed)	Veterans Day	Honors all veterans of the United States armed forces.
November 22-28 (Floating Thursday)	Thanksgiving Day	Traditionally celebrates the giving of thanks for the autumn harvest.
December 25 (Fixed)	Christmas Day	The most widely celebrated holiday of the Christian year, Christmas is observed as a commemoration of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.
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