

Who Has Joe Biden Pardoned? Full List

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President [Joe Biden](#), like many of his predecessors, has used his constitutional power to issue pardons and commutations, offering clemency to individuals convicted of various offenses.

This authority allows the president to provide relief from penalties, restore civil rights, or acknowledge that a person has been rehabilitated.

On Thursday, Biden [announced he would pardon 39 people](#) convicted of nonviolent crimes, bringing the total number of people he has pardoned to 65.

He also commuted the sentence of an additional 1,500 people who were placed on home confinement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"America was built on the promise of possibility and second chances," Biden said in a statement. "As president, I have the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, restoring opportunity for Americans to participate in daily life and contribute to their communities, and taking steps to remove sentencing disparities for nonviolent offenders, especially those convicted of drug offenses."

In a statement, the White House described it as "the largest single-day grant of clemency in modern history." The second largest clemency action was by [Barack Obama](#) when he issued 330 commutations in his final days in office.

Newsweek has emailed the White House for comment.

What is the Difference Between Clemency and Pardons?

Presidential clemency is a broad term that includes actions like pardons, commutations, and reprieves, which reduce or eliminate criminal penalties. A pardon, specifically, is a form of clemency that forgives a crime and restores civil rights, but does not expunge the conviction from the record.

Following Thursday's set of pardons and clemencies, *Newsweek* has compiled a full list of the 65 individuals Biden has pardoned during his tenure.

Full List of People Biden Has Pardoned

2024 Pardons

On Thursday, Biden pardoned 39 people convicted of nonviolent offenses. Their names have not yet been released, but the White House said they included a woman who led emergency response teams during natural disasters, a church deacon who became an addiction and youth counselor, and a decorated military veteran.

Robert Hunter Biden (December 1, 2024)

Joe Biden's controversially pardoned his son after pledging he would not, for offenses committed between January 1, 2014, and December 1, 2024, including gun and tax charges prosecuted by Special Counsel David C. Weiss in federal courts in Delaware and California.



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Vadim Konoshchenok (July 26, 2024)

- Convictions: Conspiracy to defraud the U.S., violations of export control laws, and smuggling goods.
- Konoshchenok was pardoned on the condition he leave the United States as [part of a prisoner swap](#) with Russia to free *Wall Street Journal* reporter Evan Gershkovich.

In April, 2024, Biden [gave pardons to the following 11 people](#) for nonviolent drug offenses:

Pilar Alejandra Yelicie-Rodriguez (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Drug trafficking conspiracy.

Stacy L. Wilder (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Cocaine possession and distribution conspiracy.

Ricky Donnell Tyler, aka Rick Tyler (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Multiple drug-related offenses, including possession and distribution of cocaine.

Alexis Sutton (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Heroin distribution conspiracy.

Glenn Ray Royal, Jr. (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Cocaine manufacturing and distribution conspiracy.

Katrina Polk (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Crack cocaine distribution conspiracy.

Jesse Mosley, aka Jessie Mosley (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Cocaine-related offenses and use of communication for drug trafficking.

Bobby Darrell Lowery (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Drug trafficking and firearm possession.

Jeffrey Alan Lewis (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Using communication tools to facilitate a felony.

Beverly Denise Holcy, aka Beverly Canty (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Crack cocaine distribution.

Jason Hernandez (April 24, 2024)

Convictions: Extensive drug trafficking charges commuted in 2013 and later pardoned.

2023 Pardons

Alex Nain Saab Moran (December 20, 2023)

- Convictions: Money laundering conspiracy.
- Saab is an ally of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. He was pardoned and released as part of a [deal in which Maduro's government](#) released 10 detained Americans, as well as members of the Venezuelan political opposition.

In September 2023, Biden pardoned three Iranian nationals as part of a [prisoner swap deal with Iran](#), which saw five Americans returned. As part of this deal, the U.S. government unfroze \$6 billion of Iranian oil money.

Reza Sarhangpour Kafrani (September 14, 2023)

Convictions: Export violations and international money laundering related to Iran.

Amin Hasanzadeh (September 14, 2023)

Convictions: Technology export violations to Iran.

Kaveh Lotfolah Afrasiabi (September 14, 2023)

Convictions: Acting as an unregistered foreign agent.

2022 Pardons

In December 2022, Biden [pardoned six people](#) who have served out sentences after convictions on a murder charge and drug- and alcohol-related crimes

Beverly Ann Ibn-Tamas (December 30, 2022)

- Convictions: Second-degree murder while armed.
- Ibn-Tamas, who was 80 when she was pardoned, [shot and killed her husband](#) in 1976. She was pregnant at the time of the shooting and had been beaten, verbally abused and threatened by her husband, including in the moments before the shooting.

John Dix Nock III (December 30, 2022)

Convictions: Marijuana manufacturing.

Charlie Byrnes Jackson (December 30, 2022)

Convictions: Illegal distillation of alcohol.

Vincente Ray Flores (December 30, 2022)

Convictions: Drug use and underage drinking.

Edward Lincoln De Coito III (December 30, 2022)

Convictions: Marijuana trafficking.

Gary Parks Davis (December 30, 2022)

Convictions: Cocaine transaction facilitation.

In April 2022, Biden pardoned three people, marking the first time he used the power during his tenure.

Abraham W. Bolden Sr. (April 26, 2022)

- Convictions: Fraud and obstruction as a Secret Service agent.

- Bolden was the [first Black Secret Service agent](#) to work on a presidential detail, protecting John F. Kennedy. He was convicted of trying to sell a copy of a Secret Service file, even after witnesses admitted to lying for the prosecution in his case. Bolden had long maintained he had been wrongfully convicted.

Dexter Eugene Jackson (April 26, 2022)

Convictions: Marijuana distribution.

Betty Jo Bogans (April 26, 2022)

Convictions: Cocaine trafficking.

Mass Marijuana Pardons

In addition to individual pardons, Biden granted clemency to 6,500 individuals [convicted of simple marijuana possession](#) under federal law, part of his broader initiative to address racial and systemic inequities in drug enforcement.

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