

# Universe 1920s




Home	Up	All Nations	Ambar
American Continent	Asia Pacific	Atlantico	Baltic Sea
Baltic/Scandinavia	Banana	Charming Int'l	Coffee
Earth	Europe 1929-1938	Europe	Europe (unofficial)
Flower Queen	Friendship	Global Beauty Queen	Globe Int'l
Harvest	Hispanidad	Hispano-American	India Worldwide
Intercontinental	International	Italy in the World	Leisure
Maja Int'l	Manhunt	Mister International	Mr Intercontinental
Mr International	Mr World	Mrs World	Nations
Nuestra Belleza	Oktoberfest	Queen/Pacific	Queen/World
Queen/Year	Scandinavia	South America	Supranational
Sugar Cane	Teen Int'l 1960s	Teen Int'l	Teen Princess
Tourism International	Tourism Queen	Tourism pageants	Universe 1920s
Universe	Universe 1976	University	Wonderland
	World	Young Int'l	

Between 1920 and 1925, the city of Galveston, Texas, organized the Annual Bathing Girl Revue. In 1926, international contestants began to compete, so the pageant became known as the International Pageant of Pulchritude, with the winner named Miss Universe. It became so popular that every year 150,000 people gathered to view the bathing suit parade on Galveston Boulevard.

In 1927 began the contest to select Miss United States who would compete against the foreign participants in the next night's finals, though the rest of the American contestants were eligible to vie for the final prizes.

The pageant was discontinued in 1932 for three reasons:  
 1) The Great Depression;  
 2) Bishop C. E. Byrne had long waged a fight against the

"leg show on the sea wall"; and  
 3) Chewing gum magnate Colonel W. E. Easterwood complained that the home girls of Texas were discriminated against, and that the foreign contestants wore enough makeup "to paint the Washington Monument".

		
<p align="center"><b>1926 May 17</b>          37 U.S.A. &amp; 2 foreign</p>	<p align="center"><b>1927 May 23</b>          29 U.S.A. &amp; 8 foreign</p>	<p align="center"><b>1928 June 4</b>          32 U.S.A. &amp; 10 foreign</p>
<p><u>Results</u>          1 DALLAS (TX) - Catherine Moylan          2 NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Gladys Moore          3 WINNIPEG (CANADA) - Patricia O'Shea          4 MEXICO - Maria Martha Parres          5 TULSA ROSE (OK) - Pauline Mason          6 PALESTINE (TX) - Arylie Mae Hiser          7 NEBRASKA - Grace Tolsen          8 SHREVEPORT (LA) - Pauline Zacharias          9 WICHITA FALLS (TX) - Frances Rutledge          10 JEFFERSON CITY (MO) - Evelyn Manchester          11 GROESBECK (TX) - Lois Ford          12 Rosebud Blondell (Dallas, TX)</p>	<p><u>Results</u>          1 UNITED STATES - Dorothy Britton (Miss New York City)          2 FLORIDA - Ada Williams          3 LUXEMBOURG - Rosa Blanq          4 SPAIN - Maria Casajuana          5 PINE BLUFF (AR) - Dorothy Fisk          6 CANADA - Madeline Woodman          7 BROOKLYN (NY) - Lesley Storey          8 FRANCE - Roberte Cusey          9 DALLAS (TX) - Moselle Ransom          10 ITALY - Maria Gallo</p>	<p><u>Results</u>          1 UNITED STATES - Ella Van Hueson (Miss Chicago)          2 FRANCE - Raymonde Allain          3 ITALY - Livia Marracci          4 COLORADO - Mildred Ellene Golden          5 WEST VIRGINIA - Audrey Reilley          6 CANADA - Irene Hill          7 LUXEMBOURG - Anna Friedrich          8 OHIO - Mary Horlocker          9 SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Anna Debrow          10 TULSA (OK) - Helen Paris</p>
<p align="center"><b>Full lists of contestants</b></p>		
<p><u>Foreign</u>          MEXICO - Maria Martha Parres          WINNIPEG (CANADA) - Patricia O'Shea</p> <p><u>U.S.A. states or regions</u>          JEFFERSON COUNTY (TX) - Dorothy Burnham          NEBRASKA - Grace Tolsen          TARRANT COUNTY (TX) - Gladys Bullock</p>	<p><u>Foreign</u>          CANADA - Madeleine Woodman          CUBA - Angelina Anduiza          FRANCE - Roberte Cusey          ITALY - Maria Gallo          LUXEMBOURG - Rosa Blanq          MEXICO - Lucero Guzman          PORTUGAL - Marguerita Bastos Ferrier          SPAIN - Maria Casajuana</p>	<p><u>Foreign</u>          BELGIUM - Anne Koyaert          CANADA - Irene Hill          CUBA - Nila Garrido          ENGLAND - Nonni Shields          FRANCE - Raymonde Allain          GERMANY - Hella Hoffman          ITALY - Livia Marracci          LUXEMBOURG - Anna Friedrich          MEXICO - Maria Teresa de Landa          SPAIN - Agueda Adams</p>

<p>WICHITA COUNTY (TX) - Frances Oden</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>          BEAUMONT (TX) - Estelle Johnston          BROWNSVILLE (TX) - Mary Stillwell          CADDO (LA) - Jacquetta Calvin          CANE RIVER LAKE (LA) - Louella Porter          CLEVELAND (OH) - Constance Martin          DALLAS (TX) - Catherine Moylan          ELLINGTON FIELD (TX) - Margie Collins          FORT WORTH (TX) - Vivian Cayce          GROESBECK (TX) - Lois Ford          HOUSTON (TX) - Karen Hall          JEFFERSON CITY (MO) - Evelyn Manchester          MONROE (LA) - Mary McVay          NACHITOCHEs (LA) - Peggy O'Neil          NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Gladys Moore          PALESTINE (TX) - Arylie Mae Hiser          PORT ARTHUR (TX) - Beatrice Smith          SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Lola Beazley          SHREVEPORT (LA) - Pauline Zacharias          TULSA ROSE (OK) - Pauline Mason          WACO (TX) - Maurice Reed          WICHITA FALLS (TX) - Frances Rutledge</p> <p><u>At large</u>          Barbara Brewer (Dallas)          Clyde McConathy (Beaumont)          Elalu Watts (Dallas)          Freddie Mae Henkel (Dallas)          Grace Weber (Houston)          Lola Bernhardt (Beaumont)          Lorraine Gazzaway (Dallas)          Lulu Buchanan (Houston)          Maiden Maxwell (Dallas)          Marie Evans (Dallas)          Pearl Flint (Dallas)          Rosebud Blondell (Dallas)</p>	<p><u>U.S.A. states or regions</u>          FLORIDA - Ada Williams</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>          ALEXANDRIA (VA) - Nellie Mae Pace          AMARILLO (TX) - Bonny Winslow          AUSTIN (TX) - Hannah Joseph          BATON ROUGE (LA) - Dorothy Rex          BEAUMONT (TX) - Ada Hayden          BESSEMER (AL) - Lillian Rowett          BROOKLYN (NY) - Lesley Storey          CHICAGO (IL) - Frances Dempsey          CLEBURNE (TX) - Gladys Payne          DALLAS (TX) - Moselle Ransome          DENVER (CO) - Dulcy Burke          DOUGLAS (AZ) - Mary Alice Nichols          FORT WORTH (TX) - Gertrude Sheffield          GREEN BAY (WI) - Betty Hopkins          HOUSTON (TX) - Alberta McKellop          KERRVILLE (TX) - Bess Nance          MILWAUKEE (WI) - Frances Gadors          MONROE (LA) - Jessie Rogers          NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Mabel Riley          NEW YORK CITY (NY) - Dorothy Britton          OAK CLIFF (TX) - Bertha Mae Meechan          OGDEN (UT) - Mae Elizabeth Letts          OMAHA (NB) - Katherine Hamer          OTTAWA (IL) - Mabel Iliff          PINE BLUFF (AR) - Dorothy Fisk          POINT ISABEL (TX) - Bess Enness          SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Florence Zoeller          SHREVEPORT (LA) - Janet Currie</p> <p><u>Disqualified</u>          VANCOUVER, Canada - Eliza Dixon</p>	<p>SPAIN - Agueda Adorna</p> <p><u>U.S.A. states or regions</u>          CALIFORNIA - Geraldine Grimsley          COLORADO - Mildred Golden          CONNECTICUT - Mary Deano          INDIANA - Betty Dumpres          IOWA - Ethel Mae Frette          KENTUCKY - Vergie H. Hendricks          LOUISIANA - Evelyn Smith          MINNESOTA - Delores Davitt          MISSISSIPPI - Louise Fayard          MISSOURI - Margaret Woods          NEBRASKA - Bernice Graf          NEW JERSEY - Elizabeth K. Smith          NEW YORK STATE - Winnifred Watson          OHIO - Mary Horlocker          PENNSYLVANIA - Anna Dubin          UTAH - Eldora Pence          WEST VIRGINIA - Audrey Reilley          WISCONSIN - Betty Porter</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>          AUSTIN (TX) - Irene Wilson          BILOXI (MS) - Fleeta Doyle          CHICAGO (IL) - Ella Van Hueson          DALLAS (TX) - Hazel Peck          FORT WORTH (TX) - Cleo Belle Marshall          GREATER NEW YORK (NY) - Isabel Waldner          HOUSTON (TX) - Katherine Miller          LITTLE ROCK (AR) - Frances McCroskey          MILWAUKEE (WI)          NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Georgia Payne          OKLAHOMA CITY (OK) - Mary Kate Drew          SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Anna Debrow          ST. LOUIS (MO) - Eunice Gerling          TULSA (OK) - Helen Paris</p>
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**1929 June 11**  
27 U.S.A. & 7 foreign

**1930 August 5**  
32 U.S.A. & 7 foreign

**1931 June 16**  
28 U.S.A. & 8 foreign

Results  
1 AUSTRIA - Lisl Goldarbeiter  
2 UNITED STATES - Irene Ahlberg (Miss Greater New York)  
3 OHIO - Dorothy Jean Davis  
4 MASSACHUSETTS - Marjorie Barrett  
5 DALLAS (TX) - Millie Bush  
6 ROMANIA - Magda Demetrescu  
7 OREGON - Mary Benoit  
8 CUBA - Elvira Moreno  
9 TULSA (OK) - Theda Delrey  
10 CALIFORNIA - Ruby Smith

Results  
1 UNITED STATES- Dorothy Dell Goff (Miss New Orleans)  
2 NEW JERSEY - Helen Hannan  
3 ROMANIA - Mariana Mirica  
4 RUSSIA - Nadia de Kozurin  
5 KENTUCKY - Iola Sibbrell  
6 DETROIT (MI) - Greta Stockhold  
7 NEW YORK CITY (NY) - Lorna Rodionoff  
8 PENNSYLVANIA - Pauline Scott  
9 BROOKLYN (NY) - Elsie Rossi  
10 PITTSBURGH (PA) - Ruth Yoss

Results  
1 BELGIUM - Netta Duchateau  
2 UNITED STATES - Ann Lee Patterson (Miss Northern Kentucky)  
3 MEMPHIS (TN) - Lena Thomas  
4 GERMANY - Daisy Freiberg  
5 ATLANTA (GA) - Pat Hall

Top 7  
DALLAS (TX) - Eugenie Tullis  
JOPLIN (MO) - Gertrude Hoffman

Semi-finalists  
DENMARK - Karen Schentz  
NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Dorothy Lamour  
NORWAY - Gerd Johansen  
SAN ANGELO (TX) - Dorothea Lee  
ST. LOUIS (MO) - Gene Rafal  
WICHITA (KS) - Gunda Lee Selling  
WICHITA FALLS (TX) - Lois Campbell

**Full lists of contestants**

Foreign  
BRAZIL - Olga Bergamine de Sá  
ENGLAND - Benny Dicks  
FRANCE - Germaine Laborde  
GERMANY - Ingeborg Grahn  
HOLLAND - Johanna Koopman  
LUXEMBOURG - Ketty Hipp  
SPAIN - Rosario Velásquez

U.S.A. states or regions  
COLORADO - Elva Yvette Roy  
CONNECTICUT - Mildred Horst  
ILLINOIS - Geraldine Crumly  
INDIANA - Mary Frances Lininger  
KENTUCKY - Katherine Arnold  
MAINE - Ethel Mae Stoddard

Foreign  
GERMANY - Carla Bohl  
FRANCE - Madeleine Mourgues  
BUCHAREST (ROMANIA) - Liliana Andreascu  
HUNGARY - Gjorgyko Gero  
ROMANIA - Mariana Mirica  
TURKEY - Farlha Tofyik  
RUSSIA - Nadia de Kozurin

U.S.A. states or regions  
ALABAMA - Billie Bennington  
INDIANA - Lorraine Woods  
IOWA - Margaret Samuelson  
KANSAS - Barbara Findlay  
KENTUCKY - Iola Sibbrell  
MINNESOTA - Lillian Narkle  
NEW JERSEY - Helen Hannan

Foreign  
AUSTRIA - Inez Monlassa  
BELGIUM - Netta Duchateau  
DENMARK - Karen Schentz  
FRANCE - Lucienne Ahmias  
GERMANY - Daisy Freiberg  
NORWAY - Gerd Johansen  
SWEDEN - Inga Norberg  
ROMANIA - Erastle Perets

U.S.A. states or regions  
CENTRAL TEXAS - Audina Pruitt  
EASTERN KENTUCKY - Alice Pelero  
GEORGIA - Sally Jackson  
HUDSON VALLEY (NY) - Louise O'Neill  
LONG ISLAND (NY) - Ann Rose Jablonski  
LOUISIANA - Mildred Kingsbury

<p>MICHIGAN - Wilma Holacker  MISSOURI - Doris Bryan  NEW JERSEY - Estelle Leah  NEW YORK STATE - Sylvia Kennedy  PENNSYLVANIA - Inez Everly  TENNESSEE - Willie Taylor  WASHINGTON - Edna Mae Metcalfe  WEST VIRGINIA - Lucille Havilland  WISCONSIN - Olive Mayer</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>  BIRMINGHAM (AL) - Noreane Stephens  CHICAGO (IL) - Eleanor Wagner  CLEVELAND (OH) - Julia M. Klenzing  FORT WORTH (TX) - Lillian Haas  HOUSTON (TX) - Jeanne Lott  LITTLE ROCK - Arbie Tyler  NASHVILLE (TN) - Margaret Garrett  NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Virginia Wilson  OKLAHOMA CITY (OK) - Margaret Lynch  OLEAN (NY) - Ruth Rafferty  PHILADELPHIA (PA) - Ethel Mae Moody  SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Geneva Reed</p>	<p>OHIO - Elizabeth Gregg  OREGON - Lillian Willworth  PENNSYLVANIA - Pauline Scott  SOUTH DAKOTA - Ruth Brooks  TENNESSEE - Hazel Tomlin  UPPER NEW YORK - Patricia Lee</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>  ABERNATHY (TX) - Justine Law  BROOKLYN (NY) - Elsie Rossi  CHICAGO (IL) - Bernice Decker  CLEVELAND (OH) - Dorothy Lewis  DALLAS (TX) - Margaret LeBlanc  DETROIT (MI) - Greta Stockhold  FORT STOCKTON (TX) - Velma Evelyn James  FORT WORTH (TX) - Sybil Levy  HOUSTON (TX) - Lena Mae Lane  LOUISVILLE (KY) - Cleo Elizabeth Snyder  LUBBOCK (TX) - Frances Gunn  NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Dorothy Dell Goff  NEW YORK CITY (NY) - Lorna Rodionoff  PHILADELPHIA (PA) - Vera Waters  PITTSBURGH (PA) - Ruth Yoss  PLAINS (TX) - Thelma Arnold  SAN ANTONIO (TX) - Florida Edwards  SIOUX CITY (IA) - Juanita Hansel  ST. LOUIS (MO) - Fern Auen</p>	<p>NORTH TEXAS - Estelle Martin  NORTHERN KENTUCKY - Anne Lee Patterson  WEST TEXAS - Leona Leedom  WYOMING VALLEY (PA) - Mary Dvorsak</p> <p><u>U.S.A. cities</u>  ATLANTA (GA) - Pat Hall  COUNCIL BLUFFS (IA) - Lula McDonald  DALLAS (TX) - Eugenie Tullis  FORT WORTH (TX) - Selma Milling  JOPLIN (MO) - Estelle Gertrude Hoffman  MEMPHIS (TN) - Lena Thomas  NEW ORLEANS (LA) - Dorothy Lamour  NEW YORK CITY (NY) - Peggy Helen Coleman  OAK CLIFF (TX) - Frances Allison  POTTSVILLE (PA) - Ethel Brown  SAN ANGELO (TX) - Dorothea Lee  SCRANTON (PA) - Elinor Klein  SPRINGFIELD (IL) - Helen Westenberger  SPRINGFIELD (MO) - Helen Eugenia Bennett  ST. LOUIS (MO) - Gene Rafal  WICHITA (KS) - Gunda Lee Selling  WICHITA FALLS (TX) - Lois Campbell  WILKES-BARRE (PA) - Ruth Loughran</p>
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