2002 History, Fun Facts & Trivia

How much things cost in 2002

Average Cost of new house $228,700.00
Average Median Income $42,409.00
Cost of a gallon of Gas $1.61

Popular Culture 2002

Kelly Clarkson Wins First American Idol Contest

The Winter Olympic Games are held in Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

The plan to create a single Nuclear Waste Dump in the United States at Yucca Mountain, Nevada to replace 130 separate dumps around the US is passed by the US Senate

The No Child Left Behind Act is passed and President George W. Bush signs into law

George Bush creates the Department of Homeland Security to fight threats of terrorism

Elizabeth Smart is kidnapped from her family's Salt Lake City home (Found Alive in 2003)

Two Snipers in Washington DC area kill 10 people and injure 3 more spreading panic and fear

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SALT LAKE 2002

Popular Musicians

- Michelle Branch
- Vanessa Carlton
- Good Charlotte
- Counting Crows
- Puddle of Mudd
- Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Eminem
- Kylie Minogue
- Avril Lavigne
- The Offspring
- Madonna
- Christina Aguilera
- Pink
- The Rolling Stones
- The Coral
- U2
- Bon Jovi
- Pink
- Alanis Morissette
- No Doubt
- Oasis
- Céline Dion
- Shania Twain
- Coldplay
- Linkin Park
- Justin Timberlake
- Creed

Best Film Oscar Winner:

Chicago

Popular Films

- The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- Spider-Man
- Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones
- Men in Black II
- Die Another Day
- Signs
- Ice Age
- My Big Fat Greek Wedding
- Minority Report
- Chicago
- The Pianist
- About Schmidt
- Gangs of New York

Popular TV Programs

- CSI
- American Idol-Wednesday
- Joe Millionaire
- Friends
- Survivor: Thailand
- ER
- Survivor: Amazon
- Everybody Loves Raymond
- Law & Order

Sports

World Series Champions: Anaheim Angels

Superbowl XXXVI Champions: New England Patriots

NBA Champions: Los Angeles Lakers

Stanley Cup Champs: Detroit Red Wings

U.S. Open Golf: Tiger Woods

U.S. Tennis: (Men/Ladies) Pete Sampras/Serena Williams

Wimbledon (Men/Women): Lleyton Hewitt/Serena Williams

NCAA Football Champions: Ohio State

NCAA Basketball Champions: Maryland

Kentucky Derby: War Emblem

World Cup (Soccer): Brazil

The Scandal:

Michael Jackson dangled Prince Michael II, off a balcony from a Berlin hotel room.

Enron's 2001 surprise bankruptcy was just the beginning when its accounting firm, Arthur Andersen, was implicated in a huge accounting fraud scandal. AA was also dissolved in this scandal.

R & B singer R. Kelly liked to twiddle with underage girls, according to the visual evidence of videos he made.

Winona Ryder was sentenced to three years' probation, 480 hours of community service, $3,700 in fines, $6,355 in restitution, and ordered to attend psychological and drug counseling after being found guilty of stealing $5,500 worth of merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue.

Raelian UFO sect/sex cult scientists announced that they, through their company called Clonaid had cloned the first human baby. They didn't.

Pop Star Car Crash Death: Lisa 'Left Eye' Lopes

Beloved TV Character Death: ER's Dr. Green, played by Anthony Edwards, while Isreal Kamakawiwoole's *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* played.

Hip Hop Violent Death: Jam Master Jay (gunshot)

TV Star Murder?: Robert Blake, best known as TV's *Baretta* was charged, then acquitted for murdering his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley

Ted Williams had his head seperated from his body and frozen - he and his children agreed to each have it done so they could once again be together at some point in the future.

Nerd News:

Steve Fossett finished his non-stop trip around the world via balloon on July 4th. It took him 14 days, 19 hours and 51 minutes.

Claritin, invented as a prescription medication in 1993, became an over-the-counter allergy medicine.

Cost of a Superbowl ad in 2002: $1,900,000

The Mars Odyssey finds signs of huge water ice deposits on the planet Mars

A Huge 660 pound meteorite plunges into Earth’s atmosphere and explodes in a fireball over southern Bavaria a piece of the meteorite is found and named Neuschwanstein after the local castle

2002's Most Popular Christmas Gifts, Toys and Presents:

- Ugly Dolls
- Trivial Pursuit 20th Anniversary Edition

2002 Billboard Number One Song

December 15, 2001 - January 25, 2002:
U Got It Bad - Usher

January 26 - February 22:
How You Remind Me - Nickelback

February 23 - March 8:
Always On Time - Ja Rule featuring Ashanti

March 9 - April 19:
Ain't It Funny - Jennifer Lopez featuring Ja Rule

April 20 - June 28:
Foolish- Ashanti

June 29 - August 16:
Hot In Herre - Nelly

August 17 - October 25:
Dilemma - Nelly featuring Kelly Rowland

October 26 - November 8:
A Moment Like This - Kelly Clarkson

November 9, 2002- January 31, 2003:
Lose Yourself - Eminem