

## Labor Day

Labor Day is an annual holiday celebrated all over the world that resulted from efforts of the labour union movement, to celebrate the economic and social achievements of workers. The majority of countries celebrate Labour Day on May 1, and it is popularly known as May Day and International Workers' Day.

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September. The holiday started in 1882 and devoted to celebrate "a day off for the working citizens". Labor Day is held in honor of working people in all the states and territories, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The day was originally established in 1882 by Peter J. McGuire, the founder of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of New York. He proposed a "labor day" to be set as the first Monday in September, because it fell midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day. As a celebration of it workers of New York held a large parade and a festival.

This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Political speeches were introduced later, as more stress was upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Today, Labor Day is often held as a day of rest and parades. Political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labour Day celebrations in most countries, although labor organizations' events are sometimes held, especially in election years.

Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer. Some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to school. However, of late,