

LITHUANIAN PRESIDENTS

Republic of Lithuania (1918-1940)

Title: President (Lithuanian: *Prezidentas*)

Term	Officeholder	Remarks
April 4, 1919- June 19, 1920	Antanas Smetona	
June 19, 1920- June 7, 1926	Aleksandras Stulginskis	Until assuming his duties as elected President in December 21, 1922 was acting President (as the leader of Parliament). Reelected in June, 1923.
June 7, 1926- December 18, 1926	<u>Kazys Grinius</u>	Elected by the parliament, but overthrown by a military <u>coup d'etat</u>
December 18, 1926- December 19, 1926	<u>Jonas Staugaitis</u>	Formally, for one day, as the head of <u>Seimas</u> (renounced the office after the coup d'etat)
December 19, 1926	Aleksandras Stulginskis	Formally, as the new head of <u>Seimas</u> , only for several hours
December 19, 1926-June 15, 1940	Antanas Smetona	Second term, elected president after a military coup d'etat; after the Soviet ultimatum of 1940 he defected to <u>Germany</u> and then to the <u>USA</u>
June 15, 1940- June 17, 1940	<u>Antanas Merkys</u>	The Prime Minister, <i>de facto</i> acting president after Smetona's defection. Not recognised by Lithuanian diplomats abroad; he assumed the role of president illegally, as Antanas Smetona did not resign nor died.
June 17, 1940- July 21, 1940	<u>Justas Paleckis</u>	Chosen unconstitutionally by leaders of Lithuanian communists under pressure from the <u>Soviet Union</u> , not recognized internationally nor by the Lithuanian diplomatic service

Republic of Lithuania (from 1990)

The leader of the Parliament was the official head of state from declaration of Independence in 1990 until the new Constitution came into force in 1992 thus establishing the office of President.

The state and its leadership was not recognized internationally until September 1991.

Title 1990-1992: Chairmen of the Supreme Council (Parliament) (Lithuanian: *Aukščiausiosios Tarybos pirmininkas*)

Title 1992-onwards: President (Lithuanian: *Prezidentas*)

Term	Officeholder	Remarks
<u>March 11, 1990-</u> <u>November 25,</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Vytautas</u> <u>Landsbergis</u>	As leader of the Parliament.
<u>November 25,</u> <u>1992-February</u> <u>25, 1998</u>	<u>Algirdas Brazauskas</u>	First post-Soviet President. Acting President (as leader of Parliament) until <u>February 25, 1993</u> , by which time he won the first President elections. Didn't run for second elected term.
<u>February 26,</u> <u>1998-February</u> <u>25, 2003</u>	<u>Valdas Adamkus</u>	Wasn't reelected for second turn.
<u>February 26,</u> <u>2003-April 6,</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Rolandas Paksas</u>	Impeached and removed from office.
<u>April 6, 2004-</u> <u>July 12, 2004</u>	<u>Artūras Paulauskas</u>	As the leader of Parliament, temporarily performed the duties of the President until next election.
<u>July 12, 2004-</u>	<u>Valdas Adamkus</u>	

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