

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH BARACK OBAMA



Barack Obama was the first African American to be elected president of the United States. In 2008 he defeated John McCain to become the country's 44th president. Obama was reelected in 2012.

Barack Hussein Obama II was born on August 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii. His parents had met while they were both students at the University of Hawaii. His mother, who was white, came from Kansas; his father, Barack Obama, Sr., was from Kenya. When young Barack was 2 years old, his parents divorced. His father eventually returned to Kenya. His mother later married a man from Indonesia, and Barack lived in Indonesia between the ages of 6 and 10. He then returned to Hawaii and lived with his mother's parents.