

**Chronological history of Vorarlberg****from: Karl Heinz Burmeister, Geschichte Vorarlbergs. Ein Überblick.  
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	500 B.C	Beginning of Celtic settlement
	15 B.C.	Conquest of the region by the Romans
	17 A.D.	Establishment of the Roman province of "Rhaetia"
ca.	50	Brigantium is granted Roman city rights
	69	Destruction of Bregenz in the upheavals of the Year of the Three Emperors
	212	All provinces are granted Roman citizenship
	233	Start of the Alemannian attacks
	259	Destruction of Brigantium by the Alemannians
	455	Occupation of the region by the Alemannians
	493	Rule of the East Goths
ca.	500	Settlement by the Alemannians
	536/37	Alemannia and Rhaetia join the Frankish Empire
	610	St. Columbanus and St. Gall attempt missionary work in Bregenz
	614	The Bishop of Chur attends the Frankish Synod in Paris
	719	Foundation of the (Alemannian) Monastery of St. Gallen
	724	Foundation of the (Frankish) Monastery of Reichenau
	735	Foundation of the (Rhaetian) Monastery of Pfäfers
	746	Bloodbath of Cannstatt
	806	Introduction of the Frankish county constitution in Rhaetia
	842	Chur-Rhaetian Imperial land register
	847	Synod of Mainz
	887	Emperor Charles III stays in Lustenau
	983	Foundation of the Monastery of Petershausen by St. Gebhard
	1079	Destruction of Bregenz by the Abbot of St. Gallen
	1080	Death of the hermit Diedo. Foundation of the Monastery of Mehrerau (first in Andelsbuch)
	1093	Prohibition of feuds in Alemannia
ca.	1150	Extinction of the Ulrichs (Counts of Bregenz)
	1165	Siege of Bregenz
	1168	Count Palatine Hugo von Tübingen inherits the county of Bregenz (expansion of Bregenz as a city)
	1182	Count Palatine Hugo von Tübingen, later von Montfort, becomes the new sovereign
ca.	1190	Foundation of the city of Feldkirch
ca.	1235	Death of Count Hugo I of Montfort
	1258	First Montfort division (Montfort and Werdenberg)
	1265	Foundation of the city of Bludenz by the Werdenbergers
ca.	1270	Second Montfort division (Feldkirch, Bregenz, Tettngang)
	1298	Battle at Göllheim
	1309	Acquisition of control of Gutenberg by the Habsburgers

	1313	Immigration of the Valaise to Laterns and Damüls
	1333	King Ludwig the Bavarian grants the village of Hohenems Lindau city rights
	1337 November 1	The Everlasting League of the Counts of Montfort-Feldkirch with Austria
	1338	Montfort-Feldkirch and Montfort-Tettnang divide the Bregenz estate
	1345	Siege of Feldkirch by Kaiser Ludwig the Bavarian
	1346	Privilege of unpledgeability conferred on Feldkirch
	1362	Alliance of the counts of Montfort-Bregenz with Austria
	1363	Acquisition of control of Neuburg by Austria
	1375	Sale of the county of Feldkirch to Austria
	1376	Feldkirch charter of freedom
	1386 July 9	Battle at Sempach
	1388 April 9	Battle at Näfels
	1390 November 13	Death of the last Count of Montfort-Feldkirch Rudolf
	1391 Aug. 18	Vorarlberg Confederacy
	1394	Sale of the County of Bludenz to Austria
	1397	Rule of Jagdberg goes to Austria
	1399	Recording of Feldkirch city rights
	1405 June 17	Battle on the Stoss
	1405 September 15	Feldkirch joins the Bund ob dem See (Appenzell, St. Gallen)
	1408 January 13	Defeat of the Bund ob dem See
	1417 - 1436	Pledging of the County of Feldkirch to count Friedrich von Toggenburg
	1420	Transfer of the County of Bludenz to Austria
	1445	The Confederates attack Vorarlberg
	1451	Transfer of the southern half of the County of Bregenz to Austria
	1453	Conquest of the Walsbergerichte Mittelberg and Tannenberg by Austria
	1460	The Confederates attack Vorarlberg
	1473	Conquest of the County of Sonnenberg by Austria
	1474	Ewige Richtung (Peace with the Confederates)
	1499 February 20	Battle at Hard
	1499 April 20	Battle at Frastanz
	1511	Erbeinigung (Peace with the confederates)
	1523	Transfer of the northern half of the County of Bregenz to Austria
	1525	Failure of the Reformation in Bludenz
	1548	Transfer of the City of Constance to Austria
	1560	Elevation of the Lords of Ems to the status of Imperial Counts
	1605	Elevation of Hohenems to the status of market
	1617	Settlement of Jews in Hohenems
	1622 April 24	Murder of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
	1632	Bregenz threatened by the Swedes

	1647	Conquest of Bregenz by the Swedes
	1649	Jesuits erect a Lyceum in Feldkirch
	1655	Prevention of the pledging of Dornbirn to the Counts of Hohenems
	1702	Prevention of the pledging of the province to the abbots of St. Gallen and Kempten
	1704 February 18	Execution of Count Philipp von Arco in Bregenz
	1706	March on Bregenz
	1722 January 12	Acceptance of the Pragmatic Sanction by the provincial diets
	1726	Establishment of a directory in Bregenz (1750 Regional Office, 1786 District Office)
	1744	Repulsion of the French near Bregenz and Sulzberg
	1752	Vorarlberg comes under the rule of the West Austrian government in Freiburg i. Br.
	1765	Acquisition of the County of Hohenems by Austria
	1768	Removal of the privileges of the City of Feldkirch
	1782	Vorarlberg returns to the Tyrolean Gubernium in Innsbruck
	1789	Upheavals against the Josephine reforms
	1796 Aug. 10	Murder of the regional governor Indermaur
	1799	Repulsion of the French in Feldkirch
	1800	Occupation of the province by the French
	1804	Acquisition of Blumenegg and St. Gerold by Austria
	1805	Transfer of Vorarlberg to Bavaria
	1808	Suspension of the provincial diet constitution
	1809	Upheaval against Bavarians and French
	1814 July 7	Return of Vorarlberg to Austria
	1816 May 16	Restoration of the diet constitution
	1820	Establishment of a vicariate general in Feldkirch
	1841	First workers' strike in a spinning mill in Kennelbach
	1848	Elaboration of a democratic constitution
	1849	Vorarlberg united with Tyrol
	1850 Oct. 10/15	Meeting of monarchs in Bregenz
	1857	Foundation of the Vorarlberg state museum association
	1861 April 6	Restoration of a Vorarlberg state parliament
	1872	Opening of the Vorarlberg railway
	1884	Opening of the Arlberg railway
	1887	Vorarlberg state exhibition
	1901	Dornbirn elevated to city status
	1918 November 3	Declaration of independence of the State of Vorarlberg
	1919 May 11	Referendum for the annexation of Vorarlberg to Switzerland
	1923	New state constitution
	1934 November 14	New (corporative) state constitution
	1938 March 11	Takeover by the National Socialists
	1942 November 9	Execution of Johan August Malin

1944 November 8	Execution of Karoline Redler
1945 April 29 – May 6	Occupation of Vorarlberg by the French
1945 November 25	First elections for the National Council and the State Parliament
1964	Fussach affair
1968	Establishment of the diocese of Vorarlberg in Feldkirch
1972	Establishment of the Association of Alpine Countries
1978	Opening of the Arlberg tunnel
1979	Citizens' initiative "Pro Vorarlberg"
1980 June 15	Referendum on greater state rights
1981	Opening of the new <i>Landhaus</i>
1981	Opening of the state education centre Schloss Hofen
1981 March 29	Opening of the study centre Bregenz
1982	Wolfurt elevated to market status, opening of the goods train station in Wolfurt
1983	Elevation of Hohenems to city status
1984 March 14	Reformed state constitution
1984 October 21	State parliament election, the Green Party enters the State Parliament
1985	Foundation of the Franz Michael Felder Archive
1986 June 27	Opening of the State Library
1986 October	Foundation of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Recent Austrian Intellectual History
1987 July 9	Dr. Martin Purtscher takes over from Dr. Herbert Kessler as State Governor
1989 March 5	Klaus Küng becomes Bishop of Feldkirch
1989 October 8	Election of the 25 <sup>th</sup> State Parliament (20 ÖVP, 8 SPÖ, 6 FPÖ, 2 AL/VG)
1990 May 8	Elisabeth Gehrler becomes the first woman in the State Government
1990 May 17	Steam ship "Hohentwiel" launched
1991 April 10	Opening of the Jewish Museum in Hohenems
1991 December 1	Introduction of the integrated transport system
1992 May 8	International exhibition "Rheinschauen" in Lustenau and Widnau (100 years of Rhine regulation)
1993 April 30	Opening of the dome room in the State Library
1993 June 4	Nenzing is elevated to the status of market community
1993 June 19	Frastanz is elevated to the status of market community
1993 September 6	Arnulf Häfele retires as state party chairman of the SPÖ
1994 June 12	EU referendum (66.4 % in favour of EU accession)
1994 September 19	Election of the 26 <sup>th</sup> State Parliament (20 ÖVP, 6 SPÖ, 7 FPÖ, 3 Greens)
1994 December	International Lake Constance Conference
1995 May 4	Elisabeth Gehrler switches to the Austrian Federal Government as education minister
1995 November	The State of Vorarlberg purchases the federal shares in the

		Illwerke
	1996 May 17	Dr. Eva Maria Waibel nominated as State Councillor
	1997 April 2	Election f Dr. Herbert Sausgruber as State Governor
	1997 July 25	Opening of the Bregenz Kunsthaus (art house)