

Barack H. Obama

44th President

Born: August 4, 1961

Birthplace: Honolulu, Hawaii

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Spouse: Michelle Obama

Occupation: Lawyer & Professor of Law

Political Party: Democratic

Political Term: 2009 - 2017

Vice President: Joe Biden



Barack Obama was born of a father from Kenya and a mother from Kansas in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 4, 1961. Obama was raised by his mother with help from his grandparents.

Barack moved to New York City to attend Columbia University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He moved to Chicago after college and worked extensively in the inner city to improve living conditions and reduce the unemployment rate in high-crime neighborhoods. He then attended Harvard Law School, graduated Magna Cum Laude, and served as the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review. After receiving his degree from Harvard Law School, he returned to Chicago and practiced as a civil rights lawyer. He also taught law at the University of Chicago. Obama was elected to the Illinois Senate in 1996, and then to the U.S. Senate in 2004.

On January 20, 2009, he took the oath of office and became the first black United States President.

Obama is married to Michelle Obama, a Chicago native who also graduated from Harvard Law School. Barack and Michelle met in Chicago, where they both worked for the law firm Sidley and Austin. Barack and Michelle have two daughters, Malia and Sasha.