

Sovereigns and rulers in principal countries.

80. A list is given below of the sovereigns and rulers of the principal countries in the world, with dates of birth, titles and dates of assumption of office.

Oldest and longest reigning sovereigns.

81. Dom Pedro II, Emperor of Brazil, who had reigned longer than any other ruler, was, by a revolution in November, 1889, driven from that country, and a Republic formed in place of the Empire, and it will be seen, therefore, that Queen Victoria has now reigned 11 years longer than any other ruler in the table, having succeeded to the throne in 1837, at the age of eighteen years. Her Majesty, however, is not the oldest sovereign, for the Kings of Denmark and Holland are her seniors in age. The King of Spain is still the youngest sovereign in the world.

SOVEREIGNS AND RULERS IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES, 1890.

Country.	Name.	Year of Birth.	Title.	Year of Accession or Assumption of Office.
Great Britain and Ireland.	Victoria.	1819	Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.	1837
	“		Empress of India.	1877
Afghanistan.	Abdurrahman Khan.		Ameer of Afghanistan.	1880
Austro-Hungarian Empire.	Francis Joseph I.	1830	Emperor of Austria.	1848
	“ “		King of Hungary and Bohemia.	1867
Belgium.	Leopold II.	1835	King of the Belgians.	1865
Brazil.	General Deodora da Fonseca.		President of the United States of Brazil.	1889
Bulgaria.	Ferdinand of Saxe-Cobourg.	1861	Prince.	1887
China.	Kuang Hsu.	1871	Emperor of China.	1875
Denmark.	Christian IX.	1818	King of Denmark.	1863
Egypt.	Mohammed Tewfik Pasha.	1853	Khedive of Egypt.	1879
France.	Marie F. Sadi-Carnot.	1837	President of the French Republic.	1887
German Empire.	William II.	1859	German Emperor.	1888
	“		King of Prussia.	1888
Greece.	George I.	1845	King of the Hellenes.	1864
Holland.	William III.	1817	King of the Netherlands.	1849
Italy.	Humbert.	1844	King of Italy.	1878
Japan.	Mutsuhito.	1852	Mikado of Japan.	1867