

# Re: can I format dates older than 1900

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Excel doesn't support dates before 1900.

You could just enter the date as text, though.

But if you're doing arithmetic with these dates, you could get John Walkenbach's addin:

<http://j-walk.com/ss/excel/files/xdate.htm>

demangeo wrote:

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> I manage a database for my church and i ran into a problem. Can I format a  
> date to YYYY/MM/DD before the year 1900? I changed the format in my file but  
> it only affected dated after 1900.

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Dave Peterson  
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- *References:*

- ◆ [\*can I format dates older than 1900\*](#)  
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