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| **List of Roman legions** |
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| Late Republican legions |
| Republican legions were formed by compulsory levy of Roman citizens (who met a minimum property qualification) and raised whenever it was necessary. Usually they were authorized by the Roman Senate and later disbanded. |
| Throughout the late Republic, soldiers and commanders served only for short periods intending, respectively, to secure plunder or political advancement from military victory. There is little evidence of changes in the wealth and social backgrounds of the men who joined before and after the opening of recruitment, the pay remained pitiful Conscription remained the main method by which Rome mustered troopsThe evidence for the abolition of property requirements is very weak, and there were no significant changes in population size or demographics that would drive such a reduction. The bulk of recruits were still landed citizens, who would appear poor to the elites authoring the surviving sourcesAgain, their pay was not enough to sustain professional career in the military, and soldiers generally did not expect land grants after discharge. |
| In the last century of the Republic, proconsuls governing frontier provinces became increasingly powerful. Their command of standing legions in distant and arduous military campaigns resulted in the allegiance of those units transferring from the Roman state to themselves. These *imperatores* (lit: victorious generals, from the title imperator they were hailed with by their troops) frequently fell out with each other and started civil wars to seize control of the state, such as Sulla, Caesar, Pompey, Crassus, Mark Antony and Octavian (later Augustus, the first Emperor himself). In this context, the *imperatores* raised many legions that were not authorised by the Senate, sometimes having to use their own resources. As civil wars were resolved, many of these "private" units would be disbanded, only for more to be raised to fight the next civil war. By the time Augustus emerged as sole ruler of Rome in 31 BC, over 50 legions were in existence, many of which were disbanded. |
| The legions included in the following list had a long enough history to be somehow remarkable. Most of them were levied by Julius Caesar and later included into Octavian's army, some of them were levied by Marc Antony. |
| Legio I *Germanica* (*Germanic*): 48 BC – AD 70 (Revolt of the Batavi), Julius Caesar |
| Legio II *Sabina* (*Sabine*): 43 BC – c. AD 9, early name of the Legio II *Augusta* |
| Legio III *Cyrenaica* (*from Cyrene*): probably c. 36 BC to (at least) the 5th century, Mark Antony |
| Legio III *Gallica* (*Gallic*): around 49 BC to at least early 4th century, Julius Caesar (emblem: bull) |
| Legio IV *Macedonica* (*Macedonian*): 48 BC – AD 70 (renamed by Vespasian), Julius Caesar (emblem: bull, capricorn) |
| Legio IV *Scythica* (*from Scythia*): c. 42 BC to at least early 5th century, Mark Antony (emblem: capricorn) |
| Legio V *Alaudae* (*Larks*): 52 BC – AD 70 or 86 (destroyed either during the Batavian rebellion or by the Dacians in first Battle of Tapae), Julius Caesar (emblem: elephant) |
| Legio VI *Ferrata* (*Ironclad*): 52 BC – after 250, Julius Caesar (emblem: bull, she-wolf and Romulus and Remus); twin legion of Legio VI *Victrix* |
| Legio VI *Victrix* (*Victorious*): 41 BC – after 402, Octavian (emblem: bull) |
| Legio VII *Claudia Pia Fidelis* (*loyal and faithful to Claudius*): 51 BC – 44 BC, Julius Caesar; disbanded and re-formed by Vespasian as Legio VII *Gemina* |
| Legio VIII *Augusta*: 59 BC – 48 BC, Julius Caesar, disbanded and re-enlisted by Augustus as Legio VIII *Augusta* |
| Legio IX *Hispana* *Triumphalis* (*Triumphant*): 59 BC – 48 BC, Julius Caesar, disbanded and re-enlisted by Augustus as Legio IX *Hispana* |
| Legio X *Fretensis* (*of the sea strait*): levied by Augustus in 41–40 BC |
| Legio X Equestris (*Equestrian*): before 58 BC – 45 BC, Julius Caesar's personal legion |
| Legio XI Claudia: 58 BC – 45 BC, Julius Caesar (emblem: Neptune), disbanded, reconstituted by Augustus |
| Legio XII *Victrix* (*Victorious*): 57 BC – AD 45, Julius Caesar |
| Legio XII *Fulminata* (*Thunderbolt*): after being renamed by Augustus, first reconstituted by Lepidus in 43 BC, named by Mark Antony as Legio XII *Antiqua* (*Ancient*) |
| Legio XIII *Gemina* (*Twin*): 57 BC – 45 BC: Julius Caesar, later (41 BC) reconstituted by Augustus. The legion that crossed the Rubicon with Caesar on his assault on Rome. |
| Legio XIV *Gemina* (*Twin*): 57 BC – 48 BC: Julius Caesar, destroyed and reconstituted in 53 BC. Reconstituted by Augustus after 41 BC |
| Legio XVII *Classica* (*Of the Fleet*): raised by Mark Antony, disbanded in 31 BC by Octavian following his victory at the Battle of Actium. |
| Legio XVIII *Libyca* (*from Libya*): raised by Mark Antony, disbanded in 31 BC by Octavian following his victory at the Battle of Actium. |
| Legio XIX: raised by Mark Antony, disbanded in 31 BC by Octavian following his victory at the Battle of Actium. |
| Legio XX Siciliana: raised by Octavian for the purpose of launching an invasion of Sicily in 36 BC, which at the time was held by Sextus Pompeius. |
| Legio XXV Martia]: 49 BC – 42 BC, Julius Caesar, destroyed in 42 BC while crossing the Adriatic during the Liberators' civil war. |
| Legio XXVIII 47 BC – 31 BC, Julius Caesar |
| Legio XXIX 49 BC – 30 BC, Julius Caesar |
| Legio XXX Classica  (*Naval*): 48 BC – 41 BC, Julius Caesar |
| | Roman legions of the early Empire (units founded between 59 BC and AD 250) | | | | | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Legion no. and title (cognomen) | Main legionary base | Emblem | Date founded/ founder | Date disbanded | Castra legionaria (legion bases)[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Roman_legions#cite_note-legionaryfortresses.info-12) \* = main base. Start date 31 BC if unspecified | Notes | | I Adiutrix | Szőny, Hungary | Capricorn | 68 Nero | 444 | 70–86 Moguntiacum (GS); 86 – mid-5th century Brigetio\* (PAN) | "1st Rescuer". Was raised from marines of Classis Misenensis | | I Germanica | Bonn, Germany | Bull | 48 BC Caesar | 70 DD | to 16 BC HISP; c. 5 BC – AD 70 Bonna\* (GI) | Disbanded for cowardice in Batavi revolt | | I Italica | Svishtov, Bulgaria | Boar | 66 Nero | post 400 | 70 – early 5th century Novae\* (MI) | prima Italica:raised for aborted Caucasus war | | [I Macriana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legio_I_Macriana_liberatrix) |  |  | 68 [Macer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucius_Clodius_Macer) | 69 DD | (Raised for mutiny against [Nero](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nero) by Macer, gov of AFR) | liberatrix: "Liberator 1st". Disbanded by [Galba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galba) | | I Minervia | Bonn, Germany | [Minerva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minerva) | 82 Domitian | post 300 | 82 – 4th century Bonna\* (GI) | "Minerva-revering 1st" | | I Parthica | Sinjar, Iraq | Centaur | 197 S. Severus | post 400 | 197 – early 5th century Nisibis\* (SYR) | Raised for Severus' Parthian campaign in 197 | | II Adiutrix | Budapest, Hungary | Capricorn | 70 Vespasian | after 269 | 70–87 BRIT; 87–106 MS; 106 – at least 269 Aquincum\* (PAN) | "2nd Rescuer." Was raised from marines of Classis Ravennatis | | [II Augusta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legio_II_Augusta) | [Caerleon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caerleon), Wales | Capricorn | before 9 BC [Augustus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Augustus) | after 300 | to c. AD 9 HISP; 43–74 BRIT; 74 – at least 255 [Isca Augusta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isca_Augusta)\* (BRIT) | Failed to engage Boudica 60. c. 395 at [Rutupiae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rutupiae) (BRIT) | | II Italica | Enns, Austria | She-Wolf | 165 M Aurelius | after 400 | 180 – c. 400 Lauriacum\* (NR) | Capitoline Wolf Rome's national emblem | | II Parthica | Castra Albana, Italy | Centaur | 197 S. Severus | after 312 | 197–218 Castra Albana (IT); 218–234 Apamea (SYR); 238 – c. 300 Castra Albana(IT) | 4th century recorded at Bezabde (SYR) | | II Traiana | Alexandria, Egypt | Hercules | 105 Trajan | after 400 | 125 – 5th century Nicopolis\* (AEG) | secunda fortis "Trajan's valliant 2nd" | | III Augusta | Batna, Algeria | Pegasus | 43 BC Augustus | after 350 | to 20 AFR; 20–75 Ammaedara; 74 – after 350+ Lambaesis\* (MAUR) | Decimated for cowardice in Mauri war (AD 18) | | III Cyrenaica | Busra, Syria |  | 36 BC M Antony | after 400 | to 35 Thebes 35–125 Alexandria AEG; 125 – 5th century Bostra\* AR | "3rd from Cyrene" | | III Gallica | Raphanea, Syria | Two Bulls | 49 BC Caesar | after 300 | 31 BC– 4th century Raphanea\* (SYR) | tertia Gallica: "3rd from Gaul" | | III Italica | Regensburg, Germany | Stork | 165 M Aurelius | after 300 | 165 – 4th century Castra Regina\* (RT) | Raised for war on Marcomanni | | III Parthica | Ras al-Ayn, Syria | Bull | 197 S. Severus | after 400 | 197 – 4th century Resaena\* (SYR) | Raised for Severus' Parthian campaign in 197 | | IV Flavia Felix | Belgrade, Serbia | Lion | 70 Vespasian | before 400 | 86 –108 Singidunum\* MS, 108-118/9 Bersobis\* DC, 118/9-4th century Singidunum\* (MS) | Vespasian's lucky 4th. Reformed IV Macedon | | IV Macedonica | Mainz, Germany | Bull | 48 BC Caesar | 70 DD | to 43 HISP; 43–70 Moguntiacum\* (GS) | Disbanded in Batavi revolt | | IV Scythica | Gaziantep, Turkey | Capricorn | 42 BC M Antony | after 400 | to 58 MS; 68 – 5th century Zeugma\* (SYR) | quarta scythica: "Scythian-conquering 4th" | | V Alaudae | Xanten, Germany | Elephant | 52 BC Caesar | 70 or 86 XX | to 19 BC HISP; c. 10 BC – AD 70 Castra Vetera\* (GI) | "Larks 5th" Feathers in helmet? XX during Batavian rebellion in 70 or at the first Battle of Tapae in 86 | | V Macedonica | Turda, Romania | Eagle | 43 BC Augustus | after 600 | 6–101 Oescus, 107–161 Troesmis (MI); 166–274 Potaissa\* (DC) | quinta macedonica: "5th from Macedonia" | | VI Ferrata | Galilee, Israel | She-Wolf | 58 BC Caesar | at least 250 UF | to 71 Raphana (SYR); 135 – at least 250 Caparcotna\* (JUD) | "Ironclad 6th". XX at Battle of Edessa 260? | | VI Hispana |  |  | post 212 | after 250 UF | unknown | Only 1 record. XX at Battle of Abrittus 251? | | VI Victrix | York, England | Bull | 41 BC Augustus | after 400 | to 70 Castra Legionis HISP; 71–122 GI; 122 – c. 400 Eburacum\* BRIT | "Victorious 6th" built Hadrian's Wall 122–132 | | VII Claudia | Kostolac, Serbia | Bull | 58 BC Caesar | c. 400 | to AD 9 GAL; 9–58 DLM; 58 – c. 400 Viminacium\* (MS) | septima Claudia: title for crushing mutiny 42 | | VII Gemina | León, Spain |  | 68 Galba | c. 400 | 75 – c. 400 Castra Legionis\* HISP | Raised in Hispania by Galba for march on Rome | | VIII Augusta | Strasbourg, France | Bull | 59 BC Caesar | after 371 | 9-45 Poetovium; 45–69 Novae MI; 69–86 Mirebeau-sur-Bèze GS; 86 – at least 371 Argentorate\* GS | octava Augusta: | | IX Hispana | York, England | Bull | 41 BC Augustus | 132? 161? | to 13 BC HISP; AD 9–43 PAN?; 71–121 Eburacum\* BRIT; 121–130 Nijmegen GI? | nona Hispana: XX in Judaea (132)? XX by Parthians in Armenia (161) | | X Fretensis | Jerusalem | Boar | 40 BC Augustus | after 400 | to 25 BC JUD; 25 BC – AD 66 SYR; 73 – at least c. 400 Hierosolyma\* | fretum = Strait of Messina, Naulochus 36 BC | | X Gemina | Vienna, Austria | Bull | 42 BC Lepidus | after 400 | 30 BC – AD 63 Petavonium HISP; 63–68 Carnuntum PAN; Petavonium 68–71 HISP; 71–103 Noviomagus GI; 103 – c. 400 Vindobona\* PAN | Was X Equestris, Caesar's "mounted" legion | | XI Claudia | Silistra, Bulgaria | Neptune | 42 BC Augustus | after 400 | to 71 DLM; 71–104 Vindonissa RT; 104 – c. 400 Durostorum\* MI | undecima Claudia: honoured by Claudius | | XII Fulminata | Malatya, Turkey | Thunderbolt | 43 BC Lepidus | after 400 | to 14 AEG; 14–71 Raphana (SYR); 71 – c. 400 Melitene\* (CAP) | Thunderbolt 12th lost aquila in 1st Jewish War | | XIII Gemina | Alba Iulia, Romania | Lion | 57 BC Caesar | after 400 | 45–106 Poetovio PAN; 106–270 Apulum\* DC; 270–400 MI | "Twinned 13th". Crossed Rubicon with Caesar 49 BC | | XIV Gemina | Petronell, Austria | Capricorn | 57 BC Caesar | after 400 | AD 9–43 Moguntiacum GS; 43–58 Mancetter BRIT; 58–67 Wroxeter BRIT; 67–89 Balkans; 92–106 Vindobona PAN; 106 – c. 400 Carnuntum\* | Defeated Boudica's Britons at Watling Street (60) | | XV Apollinaris | Saddagh, Turkey | Apollo | 41 BC Augustus | after 400 | 14–62 Carnuntum PAN; 62–73 SYR 71–115 Carnuntum PAN; 115 – c. 400 Satala\* CAP | "Apollo-revering 15th". Fought in First Jewish War | | XV Primigenia | Xanten, Germany | Fortuna | 39 Caligula | 70 XX | 39–43 Moguntiacum (GS); 43–70 Castra Vetera\* (GI) | Primigenia goddess of Fate. XX in Batavi revolt | | XVI Flavia Firma | Samsat, Turkey | Lion | 70 Vespasian | post 300 | 70–117 Satala (CAP); 117 – at least 300 Samosata\* SYR | "Vespasian's steadfast 16th". Reformed XVI Gallica | | XVI Gallica | Mainz, Germany | Lion | 41 BC Augustus | 70 DD | to 43 Moguntiacum\* (GS); 43–70 Novaesium\* (GI) | Disbanded for cowardice in Batavi revolt | | XVII | Xanten, Germany |  | 41 BC Augustus | AD 9 XX | to 15 BC AQ?; 15 BC – AD 9 Castra Vetera\* (GI) | Destroyed in Teutoburg Forest, lost aquila standard, never rebuilt | | XVIII | Xanten, Germany |  | 41 BC Augustus | AD 9 XX | to 15 BC AQ?; 15 BC – AD 9 Castra Vetera\* (GI) | Destroyed in Teutoburg Forest, lost aquila standard, never rebuilt. | | XIX | Xanten, Germany |  | 41 BC Augustus | AD 9 XX | to 15 BC unknown; 15 BC – AD 9 somewhere in GI | Possibly saw action in the conquest of Rhaetia in 15 BC. Destroyed in Teutoburg Forest, lost aquila standard, never rebuilt. | | XX Valeria Victrix | Chester, England | Boar | 31 BC Augustus | after 250 UF | to AD 9 Burnum DLM; 9–43 Oppidum Ubiorum GI; 43–55 Camulodunum\* BRIT; 55–66 Burrium\* BRIT; 66–78 Viroconium\* BRIT; 78–88 Inchtuthil\* BRIT; 88 – at least 250 Deva\* BRIT | vigesima named for Messalla? XX in Allectus' fall 296? | | XXI Rapax | Vindonissa (Windisch, Switzerland) | Capricorn | 31 BC Augustus | 92 XX | AD 9–43 GI; 43–70 Vindonissa\* (RT); 70–89 GI; 89–92 PAN | "Predator 21st". XX by Roxolani [Sarmatian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarmatian) tribe PAN | | XXII Deiotariana | Alexandria, Egypt |  | 48 BC Deiotarus | 132? 161? XX | to c. 8 BC GAL; c. 8 BC – at least 123 Alexandria\* (AEG) | GAL king "Deiotarus's 22nd". XX by Jewish rebels in 132? or by Parthians in Armenia in 161? | | XXII Primigenia | Mainz, Germany | Hercules | 39 Caligula | after 300 | 39 – c. 300 Moguntiacum\* (GS) | Raised for Caligula's German war | | XXX Ulpia Victrix | Xanten, Germany | Jupiter | 105 Trajan | post 400 | 105–122 DC; 122 – c. 400 Castra Vetera\* (GI) | "Trajan's victorious 30th" (M Ulpius Traianus) | |



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