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The question of the age of some one of the governors of our state having frequently arisen, or the question as to who was the youngest, or who among them was the oldest at time of service, we have tabulated the following:

TERRITORIAL GOVERNORS

	Date of Taking Office	Age at time of Taking Office		
Robert Lucas ¹	Aug. 15, 1838	57 yrs.	4 mos.	14 days
John Chambers	May 12, 1841	60 "	7 "	6 "
James Clarke	Nov. 18, 1845	33 "	4 "	13 "

STATE GOVERNORS

Ansel Briggs	Dec. 3, 1846	40 yrs.	10 mos.	0 days
Stephen Hempstead	Dec. 4, 1850	38 "	2 "	3 "
James W. Grimes	Dec. 9, 1854	38 "	1 "	19 "
Ralph P. Lowe	Jan. 13, 1858	52 "	1 "	16 "
Samuel J. Kirkwood	Jan. 11, 1860	47 "	0 "	21 "
William M. Stone	Jan. 14, 1864	36 "	3 "	0 "
Samuel Merrill	Jan. 16, 1868	45 "	5 "	9 "
Cyrus C. Carpenter	Jan. 11, 1872	44 "	1 "	17 "
Samuel J. Kirkwood	Jan. 13, 1876	63 "	0 "	23 "
Joshua G. Newbold	Feb. 1, 1877	46 "	8 "	19 "
John H. Gear	Jan. 17, 1878	52 "	9 "	10 "
Buren R. Sherman	Jan. 12, 1882	45 "	7 "	14 "
William Larrabee	Jan. 14, 1886	53 "	11 "	24 "
Horace Boies	Feb. 27, 1890	62 "	2 "	27 "
Frank D. Jackson	Jan. 11, 1894	39 "	11 "	15 "
Francis M. Drake	Jan. 16, 1896	65 "	0 "	16 "
Leslie M. Shaw	Jan. 13, 1898	49 "	2 "	11 "
Albert B. Cummins	Jan. 16, 1902	51 "	11 "	1 "
Warren Garst	Nov. 24, 1908	57 "	11 "	20 "
Beryl F. Carroll	Jan. 14, 1909	48 "	9 "	29 "
George W. Clarke	Jan. 16, 1913	60 "	2 "	18 "
William L. Harding	Jan. 11, 1917	39 "	3 "	8 "
Nathan E. Kendall	Jan. 13, 1921	52 "	9 "	26 "
John Hammill	Jan. 15, 1925	49 "	3 "	1 "

¹We have taken the date of "assuming their duties" to be, with Lucas and Chambers, when they arrived in the territory; with James Clarke, when he was appointed, as he was already residing in the territory; and with the state governors, when they were inaugurated.

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