



**From Party line to online:** The telephone had as big an impact. It changed the way we live, work and play. In the next 10 years we can expect wireless Internet connections in your car or briefcase, phone numbers you keep for life and voice activated dialing at the touch of a button at home, work, or on the go.



### 1870s-1910s

- 1876: Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone
- 1891: First dial phone; 512,000 phones in the U.S.
- 1887: First coin-operated telephone installed.
- 1915: The first "official" coast-to-coast call is made from Alexander Graham Bell in New York City to Thomas Watson in San Francisco.



### 1920s

- 1929: Herbert Hoover becomes first president of the United States with a phone on his desk.



## 1950s-1960s

**1958:** Princess Phone introduced. First phone with a lighted dial.

**1960:** The first Touch-Tone telephones developed. These telephones had 10 buttons, rather than the 12 buttons of today.



## 1970s-1980s

**1984:** First cellular phones



## 1990s

**1991:** Caller ID introduced.

