

Figure 12.1 ► Chronology of Key Events in Colombia

Date	Event
1958	Conservatives and liberals agree to form the National Front in a bid to end a civil war that has caused more than two hundred thousand deaths.
1965	National Liberation Army (ELN) and Maoist People's Liberation Army (EPL) are founded.
1966	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is founded.
1971	Left-wing M-19 movement emerges.
1978	President Julio César Turbay (liberal) begins intensive fight against the drug traffickers.
1982	President Belisario Betancur (conservative) grants guerrillas amnesty and frees political prisoners.
1985	M-19 guerrillas kill eleven judges and ninety other people in attack on Palace of Justice.
1989	M-19 becomes legal party after concluding peace agreement.

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