

# How can I get the first day of the month in Excel?

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To obtain the first day of the month in Excel, you can use the "DATE" function combined with the "MONTH" and "YEAR" functions. This will allow you to specify a specific month and year, and automatically return the first day of that month. Alternatively, you can use the "EOMONTH" function to return the last day of the previous month and then add one day to get the first day of the desired month. Using these functions will provide an efficient and accurate way to retrieve the first day of the month in Excel.

## Get First Day of Month in Excel (With Examples)

You can use one of the following formulas to get the first day of the month for a date in Excel:

### Formula 1: Use DAY() Function

**=A2-DAY(A2)+1**

### Formula 2: Use EOMONTH() Function

**=EOMONTH(A2,-1)+1**

Both formulas will return the first day of the month for the date in cell A2.

The following examples show how to use each formula in practice with the following dataset in Excel:

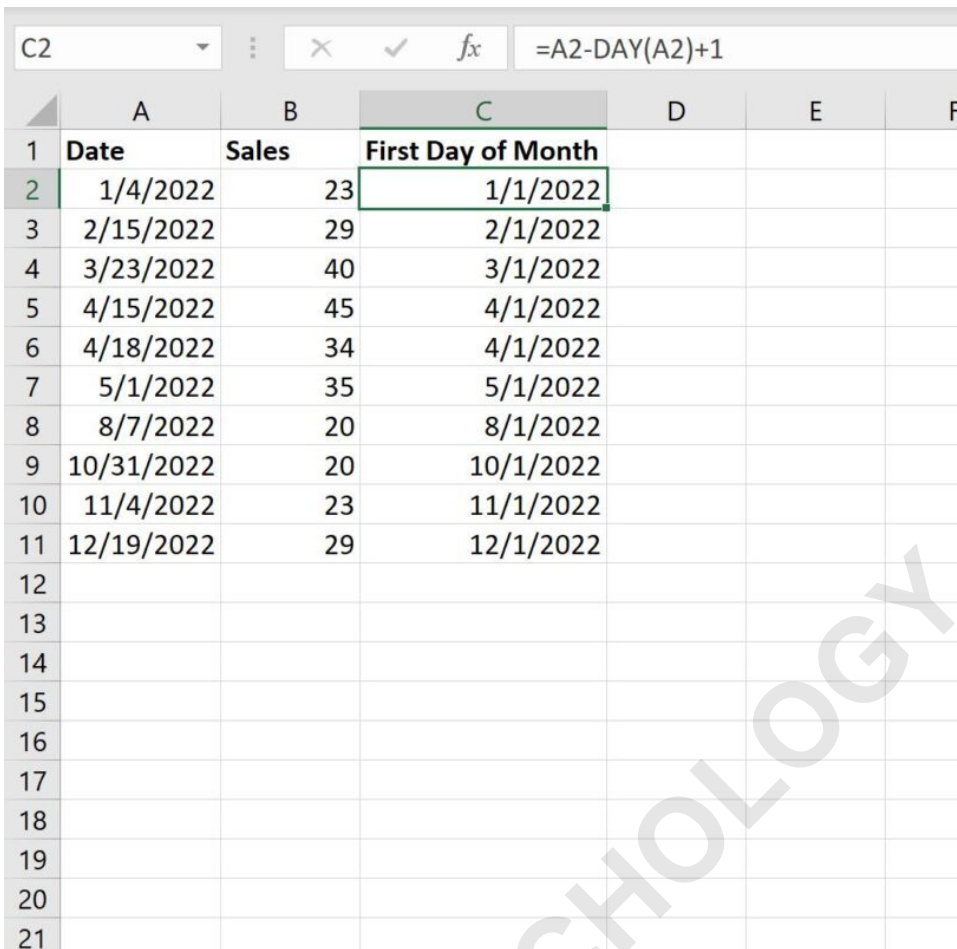
	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sales</b>				
2	1/4/2022	23				
3	2/15/2022	29				
4	3/23/2022	40				
5	4/15/2022	45				
6	4/18/2022	34				
7	5/1/2022	35				
8	8/7/2022	20				
9	10/31/2022	20				
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### Example 1: Get First Day of Month Using DAY()

We can type the following formula into cell C2 to get the first day of the month for the date in cell A2:

**=A2-DAY(A2)+1**

We can then drag and fill this formula down to each remaining cell in column C:



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>First Day of Month</b>			
2	1/4/2022	23	1/1/2022			
3	2/15/2022	29	2/1/2022			
4	3/23/2022	40	3/1/2022			
5	4/15/2022	45	4/1/2022			
6	4/18/2022	34	4/1/2022			
7	5/1/2022	35	5/1/2022			
8	8/7/2022	20	8/1/2022			
9	10/31/2022	20	10/1/2022			
10	11/4/2022	23	11/1/2022			
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**Column C now displays the first day of the month for each date in column A.**

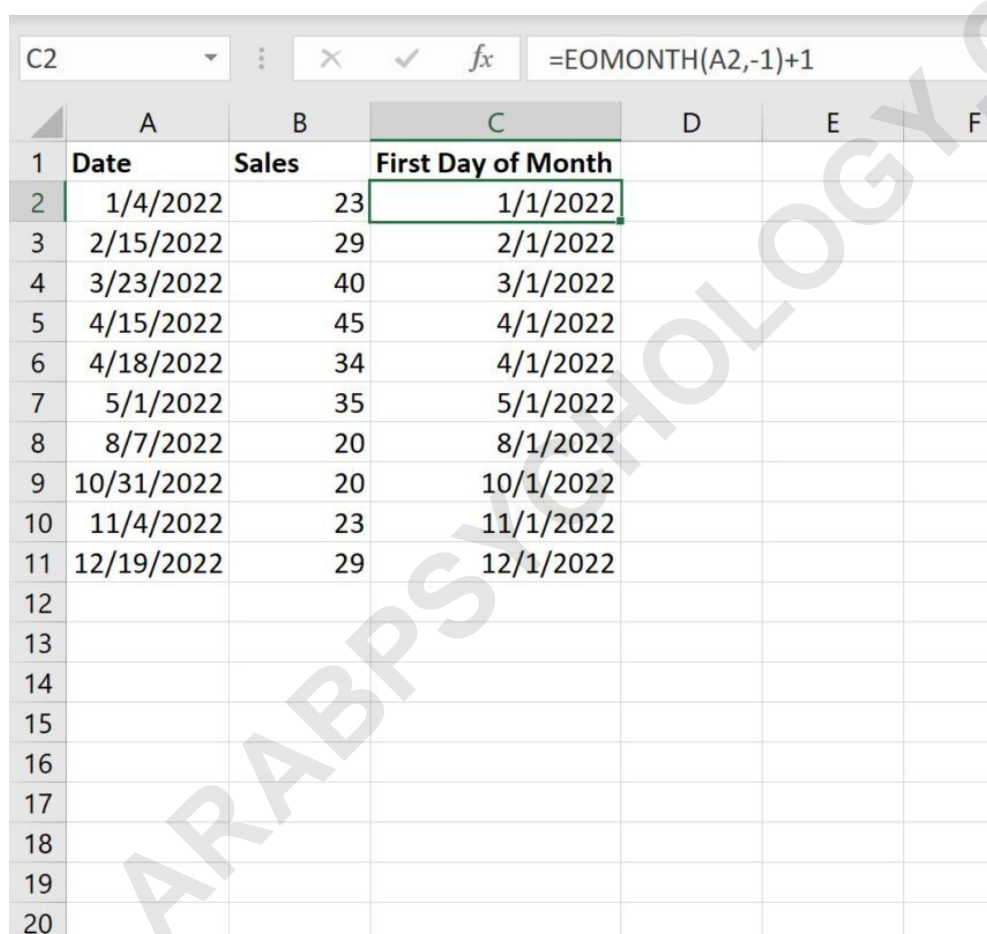
**Here's how this formula works:**

**The DAY() function returns the day of the month between 1 and 31. Thus, A2 - DAY(A2) returns the last day of the previous month. Then, we add one to get the first day of the month for the date in cell A2.**

## Example 2: Get First Day of Month Using EOMONTH()

**=EOMONTH(A2,-1)+1**

We can then drag and fill this formula down to each remaining cell in column C:



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>Date</b>	<b>Sales</b>	<b>First Day of Month</b>			
2	1/4/2022	23	1/1/2022			
3	2/15/2022	29	2/1/2022			
4	3/23/2022	40	3/1/2022			
5	4/15/2022	45	4/1/2022			
6	4/18/2022	34	4/1/2022			
7	5/1/2022	35	5/1/2022			
8	8/7/2022	20	8/1/2022			
9	10/31/2022	20	10/1/2022			
10	11/4/2022	23	11/1/2022			
11	12/19/2022	29	12/1/2022			
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Column C now displays the first day of the month for each date in column A.

Here's how this formula works:

The **EOMONTH()** function returns the last day of the month for a date. The function **EOMONTH(A2, -1)** returns the last day of the previous month. Then, we add one to get the first day of the month for the date in cell A2.

You can find the complete documentation for the **EOMONTH()** function in Excel .

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common operations in Excel:

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