

King Abdullah of Jordan

King Abdullah was born in January 1962. He attended Deerfield Academy in the United States; Britain's Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst; and Oxford University, where he graduated in 1984 after special studies in international politics and world affairs.

Beginning a military career in 1984 as a first lieutenant in the 40th Armoured Brigade, the future king went on to command Jordan's Special Forces and in 1998 was promoted to major general.

He was crowned King of Jordan in February 1999.

King Abdullah and his wife, Queen Rania, have two children.