

# Fun Mothering Facts

We've scoured our sources and gone to the corners of the Web to collect these fun mommy facts...



## Key Mom Stats:

**Number of Moms:** 2 billion in the World (82.5 million in the U.S.)

**First-time Moms:** Average age of new moms is 25, vs. 21 in 1970

**Number of Kids:** Modern moms average 2 kids  
(1950s: 3.5 kids; 1700s: 7-10 kids)

4.3 babies are born each second

## Working Moms

72% of moms with children over 1 year old work (about the same as childless women), vs. 39% in 1976

55% of moms with a child under 1 year old work, vs. 31% in 1976

Moms with a full-time job spend 13 hours working at the office or at home on family chores



## Misc Mommy & Baby Facts

**Cost of Raising a Child:** Middle-income families spend \$242,070 to raise a kid to 18 (not incl. college!)

**First Year Baby Costs:** \$7,000 of baby items before 1st birthday

**30 Pounds:** Average weight gain during pregnancy

**Baby Gender Gap:** 105 boys born for every 100 girls

**Most popular birth month:** July  
**Most popular birth day:** Tuesday

**Most Popular Names of 21st Century**  
**Baby Girls:** Emily, Madison, Hannah  
**Baby Boys:** Jacob, Michael, Joshua

Research suggests that moms who give birth later in life, live longer

Having kids may make you smarter



## Household Chores

**Chores:** Women average 2.2 hrs / day, vs. 1.3 hrs / day for men

**Laundry:** 88% is done by moms, totaling 330 loads of laundry & 5,300 articles of clothing each year

**Least Favorite Chore:** Vacuuming the stairs

**Bathroom Multi-Tasking for Moms:** Reading is the most common activity, followed by talking on the phone, meditating, watching TV, drinking coffee, eating and balancing the checkbook

## Baby Chores

**Diaper Changes:** 7,300 by baby's 2nd birthday

**Diaper Changing Speed:** Moms take 2 minutes, 5 seconds (adds up to 3 40-hour work weeks each year!), vs. 1 minute, 36 seconds for dads

**Giving Attention:** Preschooler requires mom's attention once every 4 minutes or 210 times / day

**Taking Care:** Preschooler moms spend 2.7 hrs / day on primary childcare, vs. 1.2 hours for dads

## Mommy Records

**Most Kids:** Mrs. Vassilyev of Russia gave birth to 69 children between 1725 and 1765

**Oldest Mom:** Rosanna Dalla Corte gave birth to a baby boy when she was 63 years old in Italy in 1994

**Heaviest Newborn:** Signora Carmelina Fedele gave birth to a 22 lb 8 oz boy in Italy in 1955



## Mother's Day

**1st Mother's Day:** May 10, 1908; Founded by Anna Jarvis; made a national holiday in 1914 by President Wilson

**Busiest Phone Day:** 68% of people plan to call Mom on Mother's Day, totaling 122.5 million phone calls

**Card Giving:** 50% of households give Mother's Day cards, totaling some 152 million cards

