

Multiples-Related Articles and Trivia

Guinness Book of Records (1998 & 2012 edition)

- **MOST SETS OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS IN A FAMILY**
 - Between 1725 & 1765, the wife of a Russian peasant was reported to have had 27 multiple births, including 16 sets of twins, 7 sets of triplets and 4 sets of quadruplets.
 - Maddalena Granata, born 1839 in Italy gave birth to 15 sets of triplets.
 - Mary Jonas of United Kingdom (died 1899) gave birth to 15 sets of twins.
 - Barbara Zula of South Africa gave birth to 6 sets of twins between 1967 and 1973.
 - Anna Steynvaait of South Africa gave birth to 2 sets of twins in 10 months in 1960.
 - Laura Shelley of the USA and Caroline Cargado of the USA share the record for having two sets of twins on the same day in different years.
- **OLDEST TWINS**
 - The Phipps twins, Eli and John were born in 1803. Eli died first in 1911 aged 108.
- **OLDEST TRIPLETS**
 - The Cardwell triplets, Faith, Hope & Charity, were born in 1899. Faith died first in 1994, aged 95.
- **OLDEST QUADS**
 - The Ottman quadruplets, Adolf, Anne-Marie, Emma and Elisabeth, were born in 1912. Adolf died first in 1992, aged 79.
- **MOST MULTIPLES IN ONE CLASS**
 - The Grade 10 class at J J Pearce High School in Richardson, Texas in 2009/10 had 10 sets of twins and one set of triplets.
- **MOST MULTIPLES IN ONE SCHOOL**
 - There were 29 sets of twins at the Louis Marshall School in Brooklyn, NY for the 1999/2000 school year.
- **MOST SETS OF MIXED TWINS**
 - Mixed race parents Dean Durrant (of West Indian descent) and Alison Spooner of the UK, have two sets of mixed twins, dark-skinned Hayleigh & fair-skinned Layren (2001) and fair-skinned Leah & dark-skinned Miya (2009).
- **LARGEST GATHERING OF MULTIPLES**
 - On November 12, 1999, 3,961 pairs of twins gathered in Taipei, Taiwan. The twins ranging in age from 1 month to 88 years came from as far as UK, Germany, India & the United States.