

## The Weaker Sex

115 males are conceived for every 100 females

The male fetus is at greater risk of miscarriage and stillbirth

Male births outnumber female births – 105 males to 100 females

Boys are 22% more likely to be born prematurely

More newborn males die than females – 5 to 4

Sudden infant death syndrome is one and a half times more common among boys than girls

Boys are 3 to 4 times more likely to be autistic and 1.5 times more likely to develop cognitive issues

Dyslexia is diagnosed 2-3 times more often in boys

As teenagers boys die at twice the rate of girls

Boys ages 15-19 are five times as likely to die in homicide

Boys are 11 times more likely to die by drowning

Boys ages 16-19 are nearly twice as likely to die from car accident

Men suffer hearing loss at twice the rate of women

Men are 16 times more likely to be colorblind than women

By the age of 36 women outnumber men

Women attempt suicide 2-3 times more often than men

Men are four times more deadly when attempting suicide

Among people 65 and older, men account for 84% of all suicides

Men ages 55-74 are twice as likely as women to die in car accident

Men are twice as likely to have a heart disease

Stroke, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and accidents kill men at a higher rate than women

Life expectancy for American men is 76 years compared to 81 years for women

By the age 100, women outnumber men eight to one

Men who live to be 100 tend to be in better shape than their female counterparts

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