

Left-hander Factoids

- There are twice as many left-handed boys as girls.
- Left-handers are twice as likely to qualify for membership in Mensa, the high IQ society.
- One person in ten is left-handed.
- One-third of all presidents since 1945 has been left-handed.
- President Ronald Reagan was born left-handed then switched.
- Left-handed people tend to have more industrial accidents.
- Left-handed people have a more acute sense of humor. Left-handed comics include: W.C. Fields, Harpo Marx, Carol Burnett, David Letterman, Charlie Chaplin, Richard Pryor, Jay Leno, and Dick VanDyke.
- Left-handers are more likely to have drinking problems.
- The French horn is valved for the left hand.
- Michelangelo was left-handed.
- Almost one-half of the major league batting and pitching stars is left-handed.
- Toll booths favor left-handers.
- Ben Franklin was left-handed.
- Hand preference is evident by age five.
- Joan of Arc was left-handed.

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