

National
Organization of
Mothers
Of
Twins
Clubs, Inc.

SUBJECT: 1992 CONVENTION "FUN" SURVEY

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(1992 Nashville Convention)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this survey was to establish a profile of the type of member who attends the National Convention, to determine financial and childcare arrangements for those attending the National Convention, to determine why a member attends the National Convention, and to generate "fun" statistics.

METHOD: This survey was placed in the Registration Packets of those members attending the 1992 Nashville Convention. The sample consisted of 210 surveys (approximately 2/3 of those attending convention). The results were hand tabulated by the Research Department and presented at the general business meeting on Saturday.

MEMBER PROFILE:

1. The most frequent age of convention attendees was:

A. 2% - 18--25 years old	E. 16% - 56--65 years old
B. 20% - 26--35 years old	F. 3% - over 65 years old
C. 38% - 36--45 years old	
D. 20% - 46--55 years old	
2. Fifty-two percent of the convention attendees were employed full-time, while 22% worked part-time. Twenty-six percent did not work outside the home.
3. The current marital status of attendees was:

A. 85% - married	B. 8% - divorced
C. 4% - remarried	D. 3% - widowed
4. Only 2% (4 attendees) were twins themselves.
5. Attendees with twins in their families:

A. 28% - had twins on mother's side
B. 14% - had twins on father's side
C. 28% - had twins on both sides of the family
D. 23% - had no twins in their families' histories
6. Ninety-two percent of the convention attendees had one set of multiples, while 6% had two or more sets of multiples. One mother of triplets and a mother of supertwins also attended the convention.

7. Twin types followed standard trends with 60% being fraternal and 30% being identical. There were one percent fewer fraternal girls than fraternal boys. Identical girls outnumbered boy by seven percent. Twenty-six percent were girl/boy sets.
8. Current ages of multiples whose moms attended this convention were:
 A. 19% - 0--5 years
 B. 27% - 6--12 years
 C. 14% - 13--18 years
 D. 18% - 19--25 years
 E. 21% - older than 25 years
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9. How many National Conventions had the average conventioneer attended?
 A. 22% - first time
 B. 31% - 2--5
 C. 22% - 6--10
 D. 9% - 11--15
 E. 7% - 16--20
 F. 6% - 21--25
 G. 3% - 26--30
10. Sixty-three percent of the attendees came as delegates or alternates, 15% as National Workers, 14% as members, 4% as members of the Board of Directors, and 4% as Convention Workers.
11. Seventy-one percent of the attendees did NOT want a National job!
12. Eight-nine percent of the attendees were active in their local clubs, and 59% were active in their state organizations. Eighty-four percent report back to their clubs about convention.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS:

13. Forty-three percent of the attendees paid all their own expenses, while 6% have all expenses paid by their clubs.
14. Clubs did subsidize 55% of the attendees in one of the following ways:
 A. 96 - paid registration fees
 B. 21 - paid hotel
 C. 17 - paid transportation
15. Fifty-three percent said that finances have never kept them away from convention.
16. Who did attendees bring with them to the National Convention?
 A. 44% - another MOTC member
 B. 18% - alone
 C. 11% - kids only
 D. 7% - entire family
 E. 5% - husband only
17. Who stayed with the children while mom was attending the National Convention?
 A. 33% - father
 B. 15% - grandparents
 C. 7% - other family member
 D. 4% - paid sitter
 E. 3% - friends
18. Ages of multiple when mother attended her first National Convention:
 A. 4% - less than one year
 B. 32% - 1--3 years
 C. 32% - 4--6 years
 D. 24% - 7--12 years
 E. 6% - 13--18 years
 F. 2% - over 18 years
19. Seventy-eight percent prepared NO meals for the family left at home, while 19% prepared some meals. Two percent prepared all of the meals.

20. Fourteen percent of the attendees called home every day, while 41% called several times during the week. Sixteen percent did NOT call home at all while attending the convention.
21. Only 9% of the multiples seemed upset about mom attending the National Convention.

REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION:

22. Twenty-two percent came because convention was close to home, while 25% were interested in the city.
23. Forty-nine percent would come to convention no matter where it was held.
24. Fifty-seven percent participated in some tours, 18% participated in all of the tours, and 25% did NOT take any of the tours.
25. Attendees participated in the following convention events:
- A. 86% - attended all scheduled meals
 - B. 85% - attended all general business meetings
 - C. 87% - shopped at Showcase
 - D. 90% - looked forward to Sing-A-Long
 - E. 52% - attended most, if not all, workshops
 - F. 44% - attended some workshops
 - G. 40% - frequently visited Hospitality Room
 - H. 54% - visited Hospitality Room a few times

"FUN" STATISTICS:

26. Weight gain during multiple pregnancy:
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| A. 5% - 0--10 lbs. | D. 24% - 31--40 lbs. |
| B. 13% - 11--20 lbs. | E. 12% - 41--50 lbs. |
| C. 25% - 21--30 lbs. | F. 19% - over 50 lbs. |
27. The most frequent birth month of multiples was March, and the least frequent was November. The other months showed a fairly even distribution.
28. Sixty percent of multiples were breastfed, 18% were bottlefed, and 23% were a combination.
29. Of those who breastfed, 30% did so for one month or less, 24% did so for two or three months, 20% breastfed for four to six months, and 26% did so for more than six months.
30. Thirty percent use cloth diapers, while 41% used disposable diapers
31. Multiples shared a bedroom at home during the following times:
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| A. 92% - infants | C. 56% - school age |
| B. 85% - toddlers | D. 24% - teens |

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- 32. Multiples were placed in the same classroom at the following times:
 - A. 52% - preschool
 - B. 33% - kindergarten
 - C. 26% - elementary
 - D. 15% - junior high
 - E. 16% - never been in the same classroom

- 33. Multiples dress alike at the following times:
 - A. 91% - as infants (45% of those times were special occasions)
 - B. 89% - 1--3 years old (51% of those times were special occasions)
 - C. 64% - 4--6 years old (51% of those times were special occasions)
 - D. 37% - 7--10 years old (4% of those times were special occasions)
 - E. 25% - over 10 years old (23% of those times were special occasions)

- 34. Sixty-nine percent of the attendees did not have any more children after the birth of their multiples.

- 35. Fifty-three percent of the attendees would NOT choose to have another set of multiples.

- 36. Seventy-nine percent hope that their multiples have multiples.

- 37. Ninety-two percent enjoy the special attention that their multiples receive when out in public.

- 38. Ninety-two percent enjoy the special attention that they get as a mother of multiples when out in public with the children.

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