

Risks of singletons, Twins and triplets

	Singletons	Twins	Triplets
Risk of loss after 12 weeks gestation <i>following a normal US</i>	2.5%	8%	15%
Average Gestational Age at Delivery	38.5 weeks	36 weeks	32 weeks
Risk of Cerebral Palsy	1:700	1:100	1:33
Risk of Impairment	2%	8%	18%
Risk of Pre-Eclampsia	5%	15%	20%

* go to www.asrm.org for more details

* all data is variable by age and health

The “soft” data:

- In a French study, 4:11 mothers of triplets regretted their decision in continuing triplets.
- The same study indicated that multiples increased the risk of major depression by 70% in the first 4 years following delivery.
 - In a later study, these same psychologists indicated the risk of depressive disorder in the mothers of triplets to be 100%.
- An excellent overview of the risks of multiples including the psychological and financial concerns: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/students/orgs/jlg/vol322/463-504.pdf>
- Risks to other children in the home.
- Financial risks for the family.

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