

## What is the cause?



Down syndrome is caused when a person is born with one extra copy of the 21st chromosome.

## Who was John Langdon Down?



British physician best known for his description of the genetic condition now known as Down syndrome.

## How common is the condition?



Down syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition. There are over 400,000 people in the US with Down syndrome.

## Who is affected?



Older mothers are more likely to have a baby affected by Down syndrome than younger mothers.

## What is the life expectancy?



Today, life expectancy for people with Down syndrome is 60 years old. In past years it was between 9 and 25.

## What is the job situation?



According to [nchpad.org](http://nchpad.org) only 57% of adults with Down syndrome are employed.