

Supplementary Table SI Absolute and relative number of twin and all deliveries, in the world and by UN Geographic Regions,^a in 1980–1985 and 2010–2015.

Region	Number of twin deliveries (thousands)		Share of all twin deliveries in the world		Total number of deliveries (thousands)		Share of all deliveries in the world		Twinning rate (twin deliveries per 1000 deliveries)	
	1980–1985	2010–2015	1980–1985	2010–2015	1980–1985	2010–2015	1980–1985	2010–2015	1980–1985	2010–2015
North Europe	11	19	1%	1%	1,161	1,215	1%	1%	9.9	15.8
West Europe	20	33	2%	2%	2,046	1,908	2%	1%	9.9	17.4
South Europe	16	24	1%	1%	1,863	1,375	1%	1%	8.9	17.8
East Europe	41	36	4%	2%	4,873	3,380	4%	2%	8.6	10.8
Central Asia	9	13	1%	1%	1,413	1,579	1%	1%	6.6	8.3
West Asia	36	64	3%	4%	4,360	5,525	3%	4%	8.4	11.7
South Asia	272	323	23%	19%	36,858	37,125	29%	27%	7.4	8.7
East Asia	155	194	13%	12%	25,409	19,440	20%	14%	6.1	10.0
South-East Asia	82	97	7%	6%	11,965	11,765	9%	8%	6.9	8.3
Oceania ^b	4	9	0%	1%	481	640	0%	0%	10.1	14.8
North Africa	73	104	6%	6%	4,700	6,121	4%	4%	15.5	17.0
West Africa	128	243	11%	15%	6,806	12,902	5%	9%	18.9	18.8
Central Africa	48	105	4%	6%	2,679	5,952	2%	4%	18.2	17.7
South Africa	13	21	1%	1%	1,250	1,377	1%	1%	10.9	15.4
East Africa	109	200	9%	12%	7,247	13,205	6%	10%	15.0	15.2
North America	38	71	3%	4%	3,937	4,251	3%	3%	9.9	16.9
Central America	29	34	2%	2%	3,301	3,327	3%	2%	8.8	10.5
Caribbean	8	8	1%	1%	825	742	1%	1%	9.7	12.1
South America	65	56	6%	3%	7,644	6,754	6%	5%	8.5	8.4
World	1 165	1 663	100%	100%	128,827	138,590	100%	100%	9.1	12.0

Notes: Own calculations.

^a<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>.^bOceania includes Australia, New Zealand, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.