

Statistics



**The Aussie Hands
Foundation Inc.**

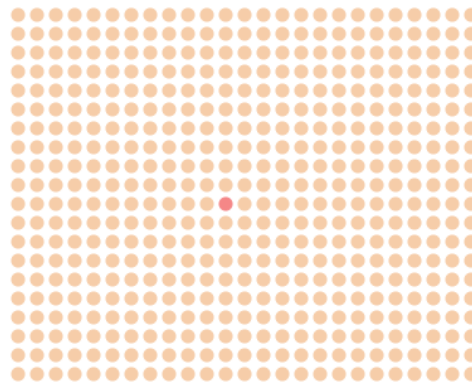
The term 'hand difference' includes a wide range of diversities in hands and/or arms. It can include upper limb differences that people are born with (congenital), and upper limb differences that are acquired throughout life.

The causes of congenital hand differences are multifactorial¹, meaning that they can be caused by many different environmental and biological interactions. Most hand differences happen simply by chance.

Approximately

1 in 500

babies are born with a
hand difference²



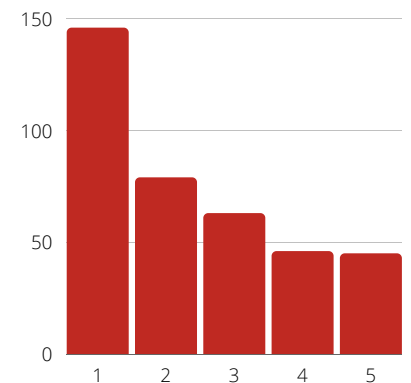
That's around

600

Australian babies per year!

Five Common Diagnoses³

1. Radial polydactyly
2. Symbrachydactyly
3. Ulnar polydactyly
4. Simple syndactyly
5. Radial longitudinal deficiency



1 in 5

congenital hand differences are found
during pregnancy³

874 children are currently registered with the
Australian Hand Difference Register³

525 people with a hand difference are
members of Aussie Hands⁴

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