

Read the article carefully. I hope you learn some interesting facts about Valentine's Day!

Fun Valentine's Day Facts

Chocolate, hearts, and cards are a few of the things that come to mind when you think of Valentine's Day. Red, pink, cupids and love are a few more. What other words come to mind?

Valentine's Day, which is celebrated on February 14th in the United States, is a day for people of all ages to show their love and appreciation for friends and family. Kids love to pass out cards to their friends at school and even give sweet treats to their teachers. Did you know that teachers get the most cards of any group of people on Valentine's Day? That's right! There are close to a billion cards sent each year on Valentine's, and teachers get more than anyone. After teachers, children are the recipients of the most cards, followed by moms, wives, boyfriends/ girlfriends, and then pets. Christmas is the only holiday where more cards are given.

Yummy confections are often given on Valentine's Day. Chocolate is one of those. Approximately 35 million heart shaped boxes of chocolate are given each year on Valentine's Day, with people spending about 1 billion dollars on the yummy sweet. Another favorite candy you often see sold in February is candy hearts. Candy hearts have fun little sayings on them, such as 'be mine' or 'love you'. Nearly 8 billion little candy hearts, sometimes called 'conversation hearts' are purchased by consumers in February.

More flowers are sent on Valentine's Day than any other holiday. Because roses are known as the flower of love, they are the most popular flower sent on February 14th. Over 189 million roses, mostly red, will be sent out on the few days leading up to Valentine's Day. Seventy-three percent of the people that send flowers for the holiday are men. Women do send flowers too, but you may find it interesting to know that 15% of the flowers that women send are sent to themselves. Mother's Day is second in line to Valentine's Day for flower sales.

As you can see, lots of money is spent each year on cards, chocolate, flowers, and other gifts. Men tend to spend the most money, spending an average of \$130. Women spend approximately half that amount.

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What is the meaning of recipient?

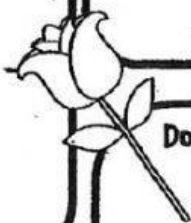
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What are Conversation Hearts?

Why are roses the most popular flower sent on Valentine's Day?

Do you think it is silly that people send Valentine cards to their pets?
Why or why not?

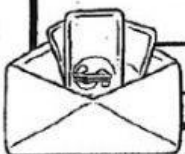


What are confections?
Give an example.



Do men or women spend the most money on Valentine's Day?
What is the average amount of money women spend?

Hint=You have to split the men's amount in half!



Make a list of words that come to mind when you think of Valentine's Day.

Try to write at least 4 words:

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