

# Factsheet 2



– children's shoes –  
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## Bigfoot

The largest feet in the world belong to a Mr Matthew McGrory who lives in America whose feet are a whopping size 28½ (US size). The 7ft4in resident of Florida, USA has to fork out a massive \$22,745 for a pair of shoes to fit his unusually large feet.

## My job stinks!

The record for the most feet sniffed belongs to a Madeline Albrecht, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. So far, throughout her career working for a research company testing footcare products for Scholl, Madeline has sniffed approximately 5,600 feet.

## The walk of life

The average person walks about 10,000 steps a day. During a lifetime it is thought that a person has walked enough steps to have travelled around the planet more than 4 times, which is approximately 115,000 miles!

## A Philosopher's thoughts

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates once claimed "When our feet hurt, we hurt all over".

## Those bones

25% of bones in the human body are located in the feet, which are made up from 52 bones.

## Achilles tendon

The Achilles tendon located in the heel of the foot was named after one of the most famous mythical characters. In an attempt to immortalize her son, Thetis (Achilles' Mother) dipped Achilles into the River Styx, holding him by his ankle. Therefore his ankle became the only part of his body capable of sustaining a mortal wound. This is why the strongest tendon in the foot acquired the name of Achilles tendon.

## Thick skinned

The skin on your feet is thicker than it is anywhere else on your body.

## Cold feet

It is estimated by scientists and historians that the first shoes were created during the ice age 5000,000 years ago and were made from animal skins.