

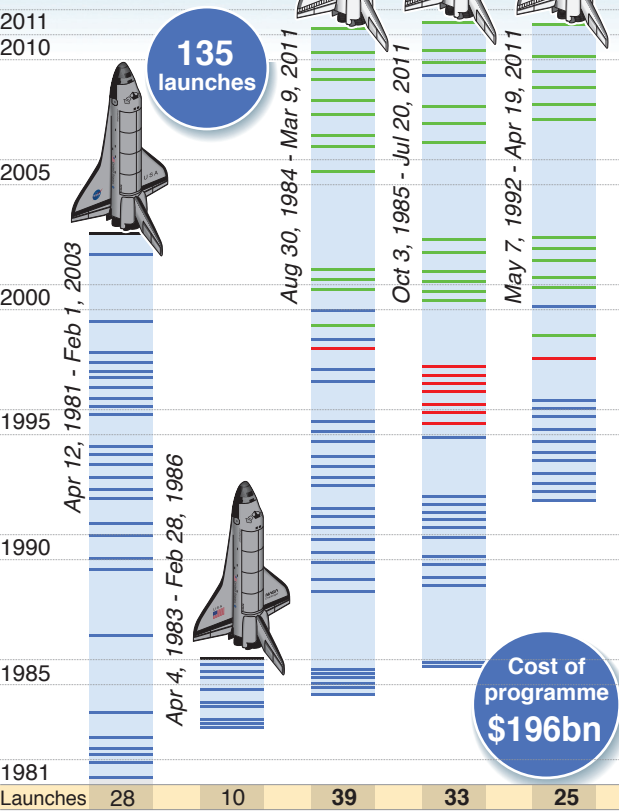
# Shuttle's three-decade space odyssey

Space shuttle *Atlantis* is scheduled to lift off in July on the final flight of NASA's 30-year shuttle programme. An April 2011 analysis of the programme's costs over its lifetime puts the price tag at \$1.45 billion per flight



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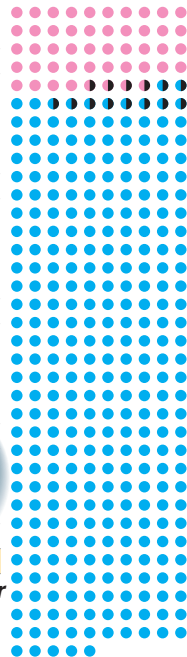
**870 million km**  
– total distance travelled

**355**  
space travellers

**14**  
fatalities

**48**  
women

**307**  
men



*Columbia Challenger Discovery Atlantis Endeavour*

**1977:** Shuttle *Enterprise* made 16 test flights, of which eight were manned, to perfect approach and landing techniques

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