

Falling sperm counts

A study of 26,600 men has found that average sperm counts fell by a third between 1989 and 2005 – the amount of healthy sperm was also reduced by a similar proportion

73.6 million sperm per millilitre (1989)

55 million/ml
World Health Organisation threshold which lengthens time to conceive

49.9 million/ml
(2005)

15 million/ml
Threshold of male infertility

Study of 26,609 men, aged 18-70, by Institut de Veille Sanitaire, St Maurice, France

Fall of 32.2%