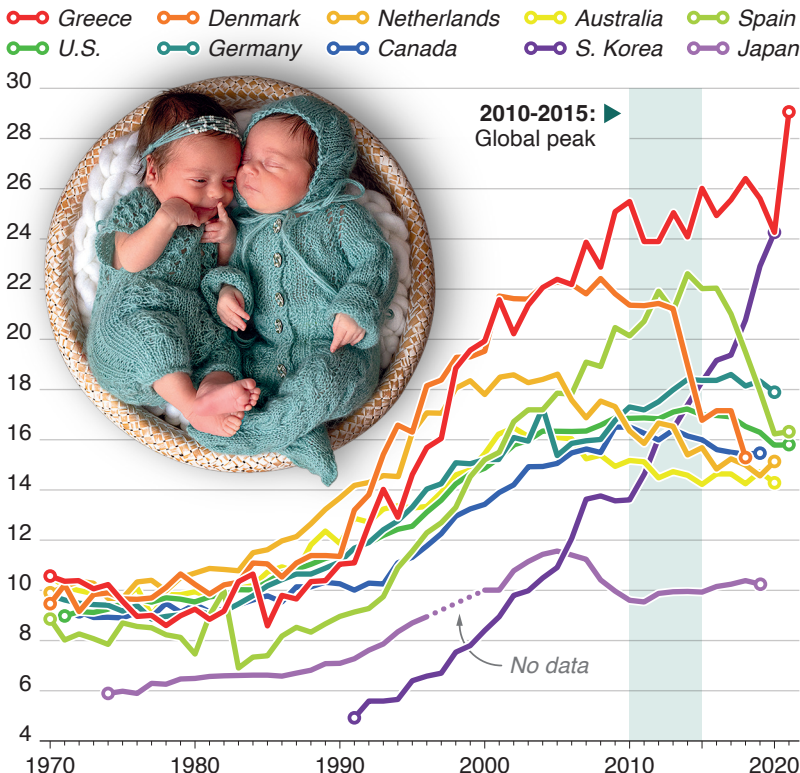


The global boom in twin births

The number of twins being born in developed countries has risen dramatically since 1970 – increasing by an average of 42% compared to an overall rise of 8% in all deliveries

TWINNING RATE (per 1,000 deliveries, select countries)



MAIN REASONS FOR RISE



Women are having children later in life, with likelihood of twin pregnancy increasing with mother's age (over age range of 15-37 years)



Medically assisted reproduction, such as IVF, accounts for up to 87% of increase (in 2013, 40% of IVF births were twins)*

*Rate of twin births is falling as IVF techniques improve

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