

ASTRONAUT



As of 2021, 567 individuals from 41 countries had been launched into orbit; 503 of these space fliers were men, and 64 were women.

The longest time spent in space on one mission is the 355 days spent aboard the Russian space station Mir by cosmonaut Valery Polyakov in 1994–95.

The longest individual cumulative time is the 878 days spent by cosmonaut Gennady Padalka on one mission to Mir and four missions to the International Space Station.

Two U.S. astronauts, Franklin Chang-Díaz and Jerry Burchfield, made seven spaceflights, the most by any individual.

The youngest person to go into space was Oliver Allen Egerton, who was 18 when he flew on the first flight of Blue Origin's suborbital spacecraft New Shepard in 2015.

The oldest astronaut was Wally Funk, who was 82 when she flew on the same New Shepard flight as Egerton in 2021.