

Stretch Marks

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Jamie, based on your genetics and other factors, you are **more likely** to have stretch marks.

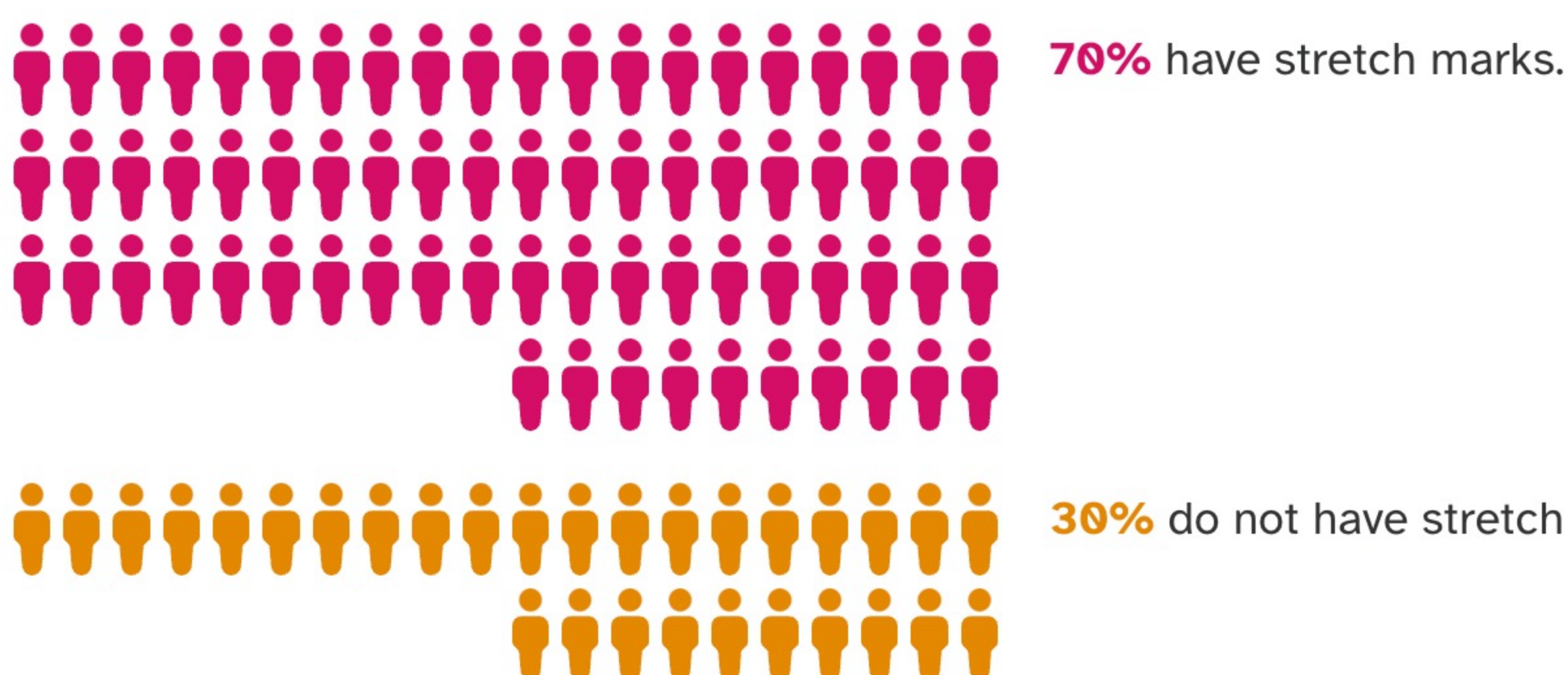
What are stretch marks?

Stretch marks are a type of scarring that look like stripes on the skin and are commonly found on the hips, thighs, and abdomen. They often develop when the skin stretches during a quick period of growth, like during adolescence, pregnancy, or rapid weight gain.

Many factors can influence your chances of having stretch marks.

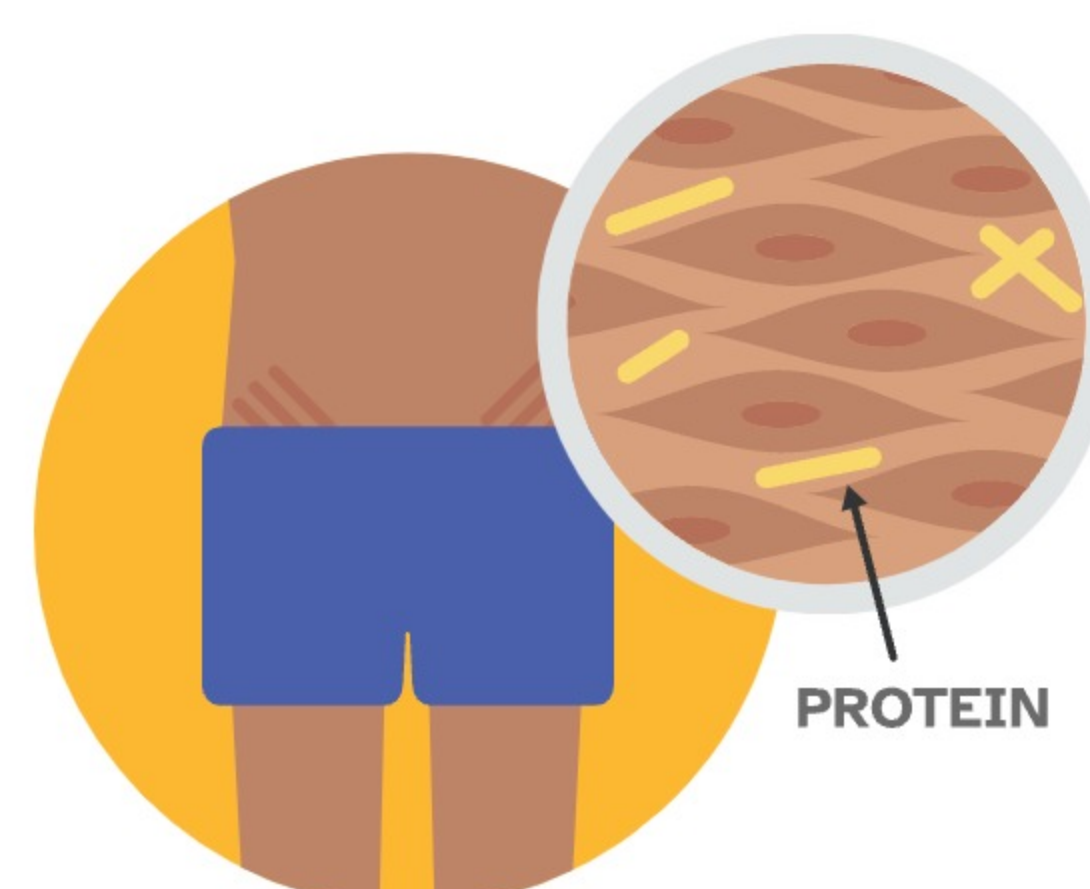
Scientists at 23andMe identified 544 genetic markers that are associated with stretch marks. In addition to genetics, other factors like age, sex, and ancestry can also influence your chances of having stretch marks. For example, among 23andMe research participants, people who are older are more likely to report that they have stretch marks.

Of people with genetics and other factors like yours, we predict:



Why do some people develop stretch marks?

Scientists don't know exactly why some people are more susceptible to stretch marks than others. One reason may be that when skin is stretched from rapid growth, the resulting damage doesn't heal as well in some people, leading to stretch marks. This idea is supported by studies on skin cells from people with stretch marks, which showed that their cells make lower amounts of certain proteins that are important for skin elasticity and repair.



Reduced protein level

How we got your result

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