

"I hope that seeing the excitement of solving this problem will make young mathematicians realize that there are lots and lots of other problems in mathematics which are going to be just as challenging in the future."

—Sir Andrew Wiles

## Andrew Wiles Stats:

Earliest indexed publication: 1977

Total publications: 26

Total author/related publications: 38

Total citations: 1,645

PhD University of Cambridge 1979

Advisor: John Henry Coates

According to the MathSciNet® database, as of December 9, 2016, Andrew Wiles has 21 students and 178 descendants.

## Two most cited works:

Modular elliptic curves and Fermat's last theorem, *Ann. of Math.* (1995).

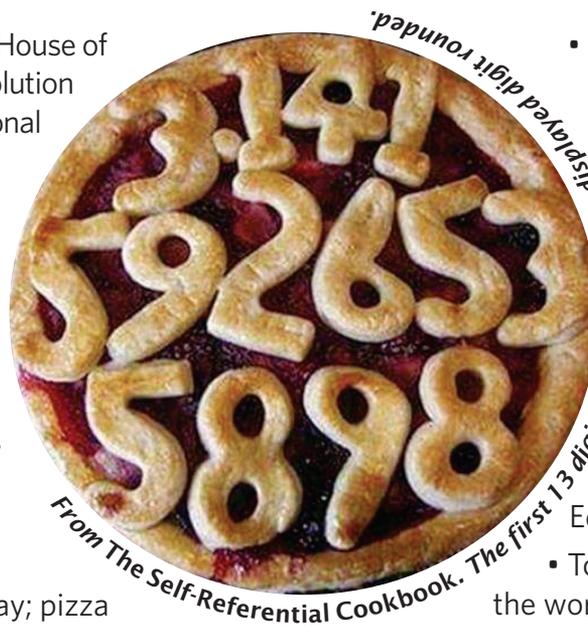
With Richard Taylor, Ring-theoretic properties of certain Hecke algebras, *Ann. of Math.* (1995).

## Facts About Pi Day:

- On March 12, 2009, the US House of Representatives passed a resolution recognizing March 14 as National Pi Day.

- The earliest large-scale celebration of Pi Day was organized by Larry Shaw in 1988 at the San Francisco Exploratorium. The staff and public participants marched around one of the museum's circular spaces and then partook of fruit pies.

- The Exploratorium holds Pi Day celebrations to this day; pizza pie has been added to their official Pi Day menu.



From *The Self-Referential Cookbook*. The first 13 digits of pi with the last displayed digit rounded.

- In Rhode Island, the AMS will be holding its annual *Who Wants to Be a Mathematician* game with local high school students.

- Read more about Pi Day on AMS Blogs: *The Pi Day Link Roundup of the Century*, by Evelyn Lamb; *Pi Day and Other Math Holidays*, by Maya Sharma; and *The Ubiquity of Pi Day: It's Not Just for Math Geeks*, by Edray Goins. See [blogs.ams.org](http://blogs.ams.org).

- To see celebrations from around the world and to add evidence of your own Pi Day celebration go to Twitter and use hashtag #PiDay.

## QUESTIONABLE MATHEMATICS

The *Boston Globe* (April 2003) reported on data suggesting that "15 percent of US youngsters are severely overweight or obese, defined as having a body-mass index that is greater than the index for 95 percent of their peers."

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