

## Homer Simpson

**Homer Jay Simpson** (born May 12, 1950)<sup>[40]</sup> is a man from **Springfield**. He is the spouse of **Marge Simpson** and father of **Bart**, **Lisa** and **Maggie Simpson**. Homer is overweight (said to be 313.1 pounds)<sup>[41]</sup>, lazy, and often ignorant to the world around him. Although he has many flaws, he has shown to have great caring, love, and even bravery to those he cares about and, sometimes, even others he doesn't.

His favorite color is blue, and he enjoys dancing, eating donuts, drinking, hugging, driving a sit-down arcade racer, playing the piano and horse riding. His favorite kiddie rides are "Stuart Little", "Barney Train" and "Ride the Champion Mechanical Horse".

Homer works as a low-level safety inspector at the **Springfield Nuclear Power Plant** in **Sector 7G**, although he is often incompetent and negligent towards his duties. He spends a great deal of his time at **Moe's Tavern** with his friends **Barney Gumble**, **Carl Carlson**, **Lenny Leonard**, and **Moe Szyslak**. At **home**, he can often be found sitting on the couch mindlessly watching TV while snacking on food and drinking **Duff**. Homer is also the only son of **Abraham Simpson II** and **Mona Simpson**. When

provoked, he often strangles Bart for pressuring him. Even though he mutually hates his wife's sisters **Patty** and **Selma Bouvier**, he played Selma's husband for her to adopt **Ling** and agreed to be the minister for Patty's intended homosexual marriage. As a result of this, Homer is her legal adoptive father.<sup>[42]</sup>

Homer may just be a normal man, but he has had many great achievements and experiences in his life. He has won a Grammy, an Academy Award, a Pulitzer Prize, been to space and saved Springfield many times.

**Homer Jay Simpson**



## Biography

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Homer Jay Simpson was born on May 12, 1956, to [Abraham Simpson II](#) and [Mona Olsen](#). He was raised on the Simpson family farm until they were forced to move out due to Homer jumping out of a hay bale and scaring the cows into giving sour milk, causing the bank to foreclose it. At some point in his childhood, Homer began drinking alcohol like his father and accidentally caused a traffic jam in a Playskool car. According to a family tree designed by the creator of the show, [Matt Groening](#), [Mr. Burns](#), his boss, is a distant relative of him.

His father forced him to attend [Camp See-A-Tree](#), where he went on a date with Marge Bouvier from [Camp Land-A-Man](#); unfortunately, he lied about his name and sustained an injury while Marge changed her appearance. Homer then accidentally stumbled into [Camp Flab-Away](#) and escaped too late to meet with her again, something that left him as heartbroken as Marge.<sup>[43]</sup>

When Homer was around twelve, his mother went into hiding following a run-in with the law and Abe faked her death<sup>[44]</sup>; before that, she took Homer and Abe to Woodstock, where he ended up briefly adopting the hippie lifestyle, much to Abe's disapproval. Homer, along with Lenny, Carl, and Moe, went to a deep gorge to swim but the water was drained. When investigating why the lake was reduced to a muddy pit, he stumbled upon [a decomposing corpse](#) inside a nearby pipe, greatly traumatizing him.

When he was 15, Homer participated in a drinking contest by lying that he was 22. However, he became so intoxicated he ended up drinking a whole beer keg used to fill the other contestants' cups. Eventually he was so hungover he missed almost an entire month of school.

Before beginning high school, Homer convinced Barney to have a beer can while his father was asleep. Barney, an aspiring student preparing for Harvard, was annoyed and reluctantly drank it. However, he took to alcohol so quickly he nigh-permanently became a worse drunken wreck than Homer and presumably failed his SAT tests.<sup>[45]</sup>

Homer attended [Springfield High School](#), falling in love with an older and unrecognizable Marge after she ultimately rejected [Artie Ziff](#).<sup>[46]</sup> After finishing (but not graduating from) high school, Marge and Homer bought an apartment at Springfield Place together. During this time, Marge got a letter accepting her into a college. To pay for her tuition, Abe gave his son a job at [Simpson Laser Tag](#). The couple broke up for some time after Homer started a grunge band called [Sadgasm](#). Marge later realized that she really loved Homer and went back to him.<sup>[47]</sup> At some point between finishing high school and marrying Marge, Homer briefly served in the U.S. Army but never saw combat. Due to a clerical error, he was discharged early, and years later, after a disastrous dinner party with his old sergeant, Homer was forced to complete his tour of duty.

In his early 20s, Homer was working at [Sir Putt-A-Lot's Merrie Olde Fun Centre](#), turning the crank that spun the windmill. After a night out with Marge, he learned that he'd prematurely impregnated her with their first child, who they decided to name "Bart" if it was a boy. He got married with Marge at [Shotgun Pete's](#), a small wedding chapel across the state line. They spent their wedding reception alone at a truck stop before ending up at the Bouvier house.

After failing to get a job at the power plant, Homer eventually left Marge to support his family. He went to work at the restaurant **Gulp 'n' Blow** until Marge convinced him to return home with her. As a result, Homer confronted **Charles Montgomery Burns** and secured a job at the plant.<sup>[48]</sup> Two years after Bart was born, Marge became pregnant again with Lisa shortly before they bought **their first house**.<sup>[49]</sup> Homer's second leap to stardom was his success as the lead singer and songwriter for the barbershop quartet **The Be Sharps**, even winning a **Grammy**. During his time with the group, Homer was frequently absent which put stress on his marriage. After the group broke up due to creative differences, Homer went back to Springfield.<sup>[50]</sup>

When in his 30s, Homer prepared a budget so that he could work at his dream job, a pin monkey at the Bowlarama Bowling Alley, owned by Barney's uncle **Al Gumble**. The budget included buying regular toilet paper and that only one of the kids could go to college. Unfortunately for Homer, Marge became pregnant once more with Maggie around this time, and he reluctantly went back to the nuclear plant in order to support his family.<sup>[51]</sup> Since then, Homer has started many **jobs**, but in the end, he always comes back to his job at the Nuclear Plant.

## Childhood Summary

Homer's childhood was a tragic one. His mother had to exile at a young age and his father never took notice to Homer. This caused Homer to be very insecure about himself and underachieving things, thinking he lacked the skills to do so, which left him behind in almost everything and likely caused him to be what he is today.

## Jobs

In "**Homer Scissorhands**", he worked as a hairdresser, but then he got tired of it and returned to his old job at the **Springfield Nuclear Power Plant**.<sup>[52]</sup>

In "**Homer's Odyssey**", he worked at the **Springfield Nuclear Power Plant** as a technical supervisor. He was fired by **Barry Mackleberry** (right in front of Bart), who was his supervisor, for creating a deadly gas leak. He was later rehired to safety inspector for **Sector 7G**, after complaining about the safety of the plant itself. Ironically, the accidents that occur at the plant have doubled every year since Homer was made safety inspector.<sup>[53]</sup>

Homer rarely attends his job, and yet seldom gets fired (and when he does get fired, he always ends up rehired somehow) and always has his job waiting when he plans to get rehired and has impulsively quit occasionally to pursue other careers, although he always ends up losing or quitting these jobs. On **one occasion**, Homer has misinterpreted a threat about losing his job as a hint that he can take the following day off.

Homer also applied for a job as Santa, to make up for his missed Christmas bonus at the power plant.<sup>[54]</sup>

## Criminal Record

Homer has committed a wide range of crimes and infractions, from ticket-worthy offenses to felonies. He's spent little time in jail for his actions, but if he were to be found guilty of all the counts detailed below, he could find himself sentenced to life in jail plus 350 years and fined somewhere in the range of \$120 million (and lose custody of his children, in the child abuse/neglect case). Here's a run-down of Homer's crimes, along with some prime examples:

- **Animal cruelty:** In "[Homer Goes to College](#)", Homer steals mascot [Sir Oinks-A-Lot](#) and makes it drink malt liquor. In "[Girly Edition](#)", he allows a helper monkey to eat to exhaustion. In "[Marge Simpson in: 'Screaming Yellow Honkers'](#)", he hits a lemur at the zoo with a slingshot, triggering rhinos to escape. In "[Kill the Alligator and Run](#)", he runs over and injures an alligator with an airboat. In "[She of Little Faith](#)", he shoots a hamster into the air in a model rocket. In "[The Frying Game](#)", he injures an endangered species, the [Screamapillar](#). In "[Bonfire of the Manatees](#)", he sends a manatee to work as his replacement, causing it to dehydrate. In "[We're on the Road to D'oh-where](#)", he runs over a horse on the way to pick up Bart from camp; asks Bart to wipe the blood off the car before getting in. In "[Ice Cream of Margie \(with the Light Blue Hair\)](#)", he drives off-road to get to Marge's art show, running over an owl, a bear, and a boy scout. In "[Homerazzi](#)", he has a photo of him strangling a deer. In [Goo Goo Gai Pan](#), he strangles a baby panda after he gets bitten by him.
- **Enforced murder:** In [Treehouse of Horror XXII](#), in the story "Dial 'D' for Diddily", Homer impersonates [God](#) and, by using a voice-changer and a speaker, gets [Ned Flanders](#) to murder his enemies including [Snake Jailbird](#), [Charles Montgomery Burns](#), [Robert Terwilliger](#), [Patty Bouvier](#) and [Selma Bouvier](#). However, the cover is blown when he greets [Bart](#).
- **Fraud** in "[The Great Money Caper](#)" Homer and [Bart](#) scam people using guilt.
- **Bail jumping:** In "[Sex, Pies, and Idiot Scrapes](#)", Homer jumps bail on fighting charges; pursued by [Flanders](#).
- **Blast fishing:** In [The Simpsons Movie](#), Homer uses a bug zapper to electrocute the fish in a lake.
- **Burglary (Unarmed):** In "[Thirty Minutes Over Tokyo](#)", Homer tries to rob [Flanders' house](#). In "[Insane Clown Poppy](#)", he steals a violin from [Fat Tony](#). In "['Tis the Fifteenth Season](#)", he steals the town's Christmas presents, a la the [Grinch](#). In "[Fat Man and Little Boy](#)", he steals plutonium from the power plant.
- **Buying illegal fireworks:** In "[Summer of 4 Ft. 2](#)", Homer buys illegal fireworks from a convenience store at the beach.
- **Telemarketing**
- **Destruction of Property:** In the episode "[Homer Badman](#)", Homer opens a can of [Buzz Cola](#) and pop rocks and puts the cola in the pop rocks, then shaking it up to agitate the contents. He then throws it at the angry mob in the candy convention and the mixture explodes, causing the windows to shatter as Homer exits flying out of the building.
- **Grifting:** Homer and Bart swindle people out of their money in "[The Great Money Caper](#)".
- **Endangerment**
- **Extreme pollution:** The events of the [Simpsons Movie](#) revolve around the family saving Springfield after Homer Simpson dumps a silo of pig poo into Lake Springfield, severely polluting it.
- **Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol**

- **Theft:** Just a *single* example would be "[King-Size Homer](#)", where an obese Homer tried to get a ride, but then stole an ice cream truck.
- **Trespassing**
- **Panhandling**
- **Child neglect/abuse:** Homer often [strangles Bart](#) and has also choked others. In "[Like Father, Like Clown](#)", when he tells Bart he doesn't have to follow in his footsteps, Bart says he won't even use the bathroom after him, and Homer strangles him. In "[Lisa's Pony](#)", a home video of him being too busy strangling Bart to notice Lisa saying "Dada". In "[Radio Bart](#)", he strangles Bart after he realizes Bart fooled him with a fake radio announcement. In "[Lisa's First Word](#)", he strangles baby Bart for calling him "Domer" and for flushing his wallet down the toilet. In "[So It's Come to This: A Simpsons Clip Show](#)", he strangles Bart after he admits to shaking up the beer can. In "[Secrets of a Successful Marriage](#)", while teaching a class on building a successful marriage, Homer strangles Bart when he says that Homer dared him to steal mail and throw it down a sewer. In "[Lisa the Tree Hugger](#)", while protesting in a tree, Lisa looks at the house through binoculars and sees Homer strangling Bart. In "[Simpsoncalifragilisticexpiala-D'oh-cious](#)", just when magical nanny [Shary Bobbins](#) thinks she's cured the family's problems, she sees Homer strangling Bart. In "[Children of a Lesser Clod](#)", he strangles Bart after he shows video of Homer's bad behavior as he's receiving a citizenship award. In "[Brawl in the Family](#)", he strangles Bart after he discovers that he's been cheating at Monopoly by using Lego blocks as hotels. In "[Mayored to the Mob](#)", he knocks Bart and Lisa unconscious with a Vulcan death grip maneuver.
- **Defying a court order:** In "[The Parent Rap](#)", Homer escapes with Marge from a tether and stocks.
- **Driving without a license:** In "[Homer vs. Patty and Selma](#)", Homer drives a limousine without a chauffeur's license.
- **Manslaughter:** Homer had inadvertently killed [Maude Flanders](#).
- **Hit & Run:** In "[Dogtown](#)", Homer hit [Gil Gunderson](#) with his car, breaking his neck.
- **Attempted Hate Crime:** Probably Homer's worst crime in "[Mypods and Boomsticks](#)". He tried to kill a Muslim family using an American flag cake that had poison in it.
- **Discrimination:** In "[Homer's Phobia](#)", he made various homophobic comments. In "[Wild Barts Can't Be Broken](#)", he made ageist comments against children and the elderly. In "[Mypods and Boomsticks](#)", he made Islamophobic comments against [Bashir bin Laden](#)'s family.
- **Cannibalism:** In "[Treehouse of Horror XXVIII](#)", he ate himself and he also ate several people as a blob in "[Treehouse of Horror XVII](#)".
- **Attempting to smuggle a panda:** In "[Goo Goo Gai Pan](#)", Homer attempted to smuggle a giant panda cub from [Beijing, China](#).
- **Drink Driving:** Homer has drove drunk numerous times, usually after visiting [Moe's Tavern](#).
- **Piracy:** In "[Steal This Episode](#)", Homer started an outdoor cinema screening pirated movie, with no ads. The FBI arrested him after Marge told them about Homer's illegal cinema, however he escaped them. The [Simpson family](#) then sought asylum at the [Consulate of Sweden](#) in [Springfield](#).

## Appearance

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Homer's appearance is that of an overweight balding man. Despite his overweight status, and hate for exercise, he has on occasion shown surprising physical prowess and agility for a man of his body type, such as when training for **Whacking Day** and he hits several pop-up Snakes with kicks and even back-flipping. His baldness is contributed by several factors, such as upon finding out whenever Marge was pregnant, he would tear out a substantial amount of his hair. Another contribution is working at the nuclear plant for so many years that the exposure to radioactivity has caused most of his hair to fall out. Another frequent topic on Homer's obesity is his large posterior which is often joked about by Bart. His eyes are blue, and he is **6 feet tall (183 cm)** (<https://imgur.com/a/1GSaw7y>).<sup>[55]</sup> While his weight is debatable, the most common weight given is 239 pounds (though many jokes about his weight would suggest he is much heavier). He wears a white polo shirt, blue jeans, white underpants, and gray loafers.

## Personality

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Homer is a pure moron who can go back and forth from being downright horrible to an extremely caring and loving man. Homer's personality is one of frequent immaturity, frequent stupidity, selfishness, laziness, and explosive anger; one might say it's that of the **"Average Joe"**. He also suffers from a short attention span, which complements his intense but short-lived passion for hobbies, enterprises, and various causes. Despite his family flaws, he is a loving father and husband, even if he can be ignorant or oblivious to his family's feelings and ideas. When he thinks he's let anyone he loves down, it really does affect him, and in the end, will do anything for them. Another contribute to his "Working Joe" persona is that he has also shown to be sensitive about his masculinity; being initially upset over Marge becoming a police officer as he thought it made her "the man of the house", as well as refusing to call a contractor when Marge wanted her kitchen remodeled as to not emasculate his pride.

Homer is prone to emotional outbursts; he gets very envious of his neighbors, the **Flanders family**, and is easily enraged at his son, **Bart**, and strangles the boy in an exaggerated manner. His trademark phrase to strangling Bart, "Why you little...!" and on one occasion, "Why you little bastard!"<sup>[56]</sup> He also spansks Bart sometimes and, in one case, Lisa. One time, he was too busy to spank them, so he told them to go to their rooms and spank themselves. He does not show compunction about this, and is not attempting to hide his actions from people outside the family, even showing disregard for his son's well-being in other ways, such as leaving Bart alone at a port,<sup>[57]</sup> or allowing Bart to go court for skateboarding naked on his dare when all he would have to do is attend a one-hour parenting class signifying not only his disregard for Bart but his extreme laziness.<sup>[58]</sup>

Homer also possesses an extreme dislike for his sisters-in-law, **Patty** and **Selma Bouvier**. This is because they often talk down on him for the kind of man he is, selfish and dimwitted. He also openly calls them ugly. He uses labels such as "The Gruesome Twosome",<sup>[59]</sup> "Fatty and Smellma"<sup>[60]</sup> and "Two Sobbing Trolls". He also gave his children the impression that Patty and Selma are horrible and nasty witches, which is the reason why the kids don't like spending time with their aunts. The sisters in turn, hate Homer as much he hates them. Patty and Homer have a very vile, antagonistic relationship but his relationship with Selma has rarely softened up over the years.



While Homer has repeatedly upset people and caused all sorts of mayhem in **Springfield**, these events are usually caused by either his explosive temper or lack of foresight. Except for expressing annoyance at **Ned Flanders**, Homer's actions are usually unintentional. Most of his explosive anger is targeted on Bart, because of something stupid or bad he says or does. Despite their disadvantages, these common outbursts saved Homer from dying of a pent-up, rage-induced heart attack.<sup>[61]</sup> Although he usually has an explosive temper, there are a few instances, usually in very serious situations, where Homer's anger was so subdued yet so immense that he outwardly appeared calm and spoke in an even-handed tone despite very clearly being outraged. Notable examples of this include when he learned that Bart had gone on a road trip via a fake license and are stuck in Tennessee doing odd jobs: He outwardly acted as if he was calm, and had to obscure his face to vent his anger enough to fog up his visor before adopting his calm exterior and vowed to send him money to get home before darkly stating that he'll murder him as soon as he gets home before Lisa talks him out of it.<sup>[62]</sup> Another instance of this was when learning that Mr. Burns didn't address him in his thank you card, where, after lowering the letter in an angry manner, he calmly requests that Bart and Lisa step outside for a second, with Bart and Lisa doing so without question and immediately due to being very scared at Homer's evidently furious appearance (although he then promptly manages to scream what is heavily implied to be the f-bomb after they've left in a loud enough volume that all of Springfield stopped what they were doing in shock).<sup>[63]</sup> He also reacted like this to his father after the latter revealed that not only was Homer's own conception an accident, but implied that he would have been happier if he had never been born: After learning this, Homer gasped and braked to a stop immediately, before twice sternly telling Abraham Simpson to step out of the car in a calm yet clearly infuriated tone while scowling and not even looking at him, and then promptly driving away fast.<sup>[64]</sup> He also initially acted like this when forced to adopt a swear jar and having to put coins in the swear jar to curb his swearing habits. When getting himself injured twice by accidentally breaking his thumb by whacking his thumb as well as impaling his foot with a nail deep enough as to require a tetanus shot, he initially robotically stated his first injury and then talking in a pseudo-kindly manner the second time while twitching with rage, before stating that, while he won't swear, he will kick the doghouse down, the last part he states by screaming it out in clear rage.<sup>[65]</sup>

While Homer's stupid antics often upset his family, he has also performed acts that reveal him to be a surprisingly loving father and husband, such as selling his cherished ride on the **Duff Blimp** and using the money to enter **Lisa** in a beauty pageant so she could feel better about herself,<sup>[66]</sup> giving up his chance at wealth to allow **Maggie** to keep a **cherished teddy bear**,<sup>[67]</sup> spearheading an attempt to dig Bart out after he had fallen down a well, even though he hates doing physical labor<sup>[68]</sup> and arranging a surprise second wedding with **Marge** to make up for their **lousy first** ceremony, even going so far as to hire one of The Doobie Brothers as part of the wedding band and getting a divorce from Marge, essentially making their second wedding a "real" one.<sup>[69]</sup>

Despite his hatred of manual labor, Homer does a surprising amount of DIY work around his home. He built a jungle gym, a costume of Florida for Lisa, a birdhouse and spice rack for Marge (however, these are shabby at best and two of them actually fell apart). He also remodeled his kitchen when Marge felt insecure about hers after meeting the neighbor's deluxe one, however, this was more because he felt emasculated when Marge tried to phone a contractor.<sup>[70]</sup>

Homer's stupidity and ignorance make him clueless to sensitive matters as well as when he is being insulted or his life is in danger. An example is when he came close to drinking a beaker of sulfuric acid but was spared after his colleague, **Frank Grimes** knocked the acid out of his hand. Instead of being shocked, Homer only responded with jovial delight and laughter. He was also completely oblivious to Grimes' hostility towards him, only being aware that the two of them were enemies after the latter made it painstakingly clear. Homer was an atheist and anti-gay. He adheres to no religion and only goes to church because Marge constantly forces him to. However, he was once referenced to be Muslim in "Peeping Mom". In "**Homer the Heretic**", he quits church altogether but later chooses to go as he was saved from an inferno, which is in his eyes a miracle. In the climax of the same episode, he is seen falling asleep during Reverend Lovejoy's sermon. He also paid no respect to Jesus' resting place after being granted a trip to Bethlehem by Ned Flanders; however, he did come to believe himself a messiah after suffering a hallucination from days in the desert while searching for Ned (who actually just got a glass of tepid water).

Homer tends to derive amusement from the misfortune of others. One time, he was even amused by a documentary about car crashes which result from alcoholism.<sup>[40]</sup> He is a chronic thief and borderline kleptomaniac which ranges from petty to grand theft, stealing everything from TV trays to power tools and air conditioners, even an entire room of the **Flanders House** from **Ned Flanders**. He has also stolen golf balls from the local driving range, office supplies (including computers) from work, and beer mugs from **Moe's Tavern**.

Homer has a vacuous mind, but he is still able to retain a great amount of knowledge about very specific subjects. He often shows short bursts of astonishing insight, memory, creativity, and fluency with many languages! Homer is also extremely confident; no matter how little skill or knowledge he has about anything he tries to do; he has no doubt that he will be successful. However, his brief periods of intelligence are overshadowed by much longer and more consistent periods of ignorance, forgetfulness, and stupidity. Homer has a low IQ due to many factors. Some of which include: his alcohol problem, exposure to radioactive waste, repetitive cranial trauma, and the crayon lodged in the frontal lobe of his brain. He also implied that he would have been at least a bit smarter and more athletic, if not by a substantial amount, if his father had tried to give him encouragement rather than beat him down.<sup>[64]</sup> Another large factor of Homer's unintelligent is his inheritance of the "Simpson Gene" which causes all male members of the Simpson family to become more and more unintelligent as they grow older. It is also implied Homer repeated second grade,<sup>[71]</sup> most probably due to the Simpson Gene kicking in.

But what is probably the biggest cause of his simple-mindedness was an incident that happened when he was six years old and goofing around by shoving a 16 pack of crayons up his nose. When he had shoved all of them up his nasal passage, he sneezed the crayons out. Not all of them, however. Unbeknownst to him, one of the crayons got lodged in the right lobe of his brain. Homer would not learn this fact until adulthood when he was forced to take a job as a human guinea pig to support his family where the crayon was found in a 3D x-ray of his brain (shortly after **Dr. Hibbert** admits that every time he ever viewed an x-ray of his brain, he would always unknowingly block the crayon with his thumb which is why it was never found before). The doctors tell Homer that they could possibly try to remove the crayon



via surgery, and it would either greatly increase his intelligence or kill him. After a slight consideration, Homer chooses to take the risk. The operation ended up being a great success and with the increased blood flow in his brain, Homer's intelligence skyrocketed.

His intelligence was said to jump up fifty points when he had the crayon removed, bringing him to an IQ of 105, slightly above that of an average person (though he showed far above average intelligence), but he went back to his old self when he had it reinserted, presumably lowering his IQ back down to its original 55.<sup>[72]</sup> This IQ score is, however, likely a joke or oversight on the producers' part, as someone with an IQ of 55 would be unable to look after themselves and would be classified as severely mentally handicapped. Also, from the level of intelligence, he showed it's much more likely that his IQ was boosted to 135-155. Despite his handicap, Homer does have a degree of long-term, calculated planning of what might happen, such as when, shortly before taking his "forget-me-shot" from [Moe Szyslak](#), requested for their anniversary party to have a Moon Jump, due to realizing exactly what will happen afterwards.<sup>[71]</sup>

While Homer's lack of intelligence and short attention span normally just results in him looking like a fool, it also sometimes causes him to unintentionally bring harm to the people around him. One example is when he dumps a piece of industrial garbage in the garbage can at [Krusty Burger](#), followed by a lit match which he used to light a victory cigar. The combination of the two caused a fire on the supply lines for the fast-food chains of Springfield and caused chain reaction destroying all the restaurants in the process.<sup>[73]</sup>

Also, it also makes him less aware of how what he says might affect people emotionally, like for a note quiz where he asked Ned Flanders about his sexual life, forgetting that his wife had passed away six months prior.<sup>[74]</sup> His ignorance at one point even cost his family their home since he didn't understand how a home equity loan worked, putting them massively in debt and making it so they could no longer afford their mortgage. Though luckily, the house was purchased by Ned, who allowed them to rent the living space.<sup>[75]</sup>

Homer has at times debated against his brain. Occasionally, a specific body part such as his face, stomach or liver is also shown debating with his brain. In one notable scene, Homer's mind actually leaves his body out of boredom, causing him to collapse.<sup>[76]</sup> Homer is also inclined to retreat into fantasy, such as daydreaming of Germany as "[the land of chocolate](#)".<sup>[77][78]</sup>

Homer's attitudes toward women, romance, and sex are occasionally shown. While Homer's marriage with Marge is occasionally strained, it seems generally happy. Despite this, Homer is often tempted with other women, and usually shows no qualms with gawking at (and drooling over) attractive women. Homer almost had an affair with [Mindy Simmons](#),<sup>[79]</sup> but ended up not wanting to. He has made the occasional remark denoting his attraction to other women (including his [neighbor's wife](#)), even in front of Marge on an occasion, but always shows his devotion to Marge in the end.

In earlier seasons (such as Season 1), Homer's personality was different. Homer was an angry, grumpy, ignorant man who got embarrassed by his family (instead of the other way around) but generally loved them. He also was prone to angry outbursts, such as yelling at Bart and Lisa, strangling Bart (which has continued in later seasons), and giving **Krusty the Clown** the middle finger in court after Homer had assumed it was him who robbed the **Kwik-E-Mart**.

Homer has since developed into a less intelligent and meaner person in later seasons. Homer's "angry personality" still sometimes surfaces up, usually whenever getting pressured by Bart. One of the more notable examples of this is when Bart published a series of **Angry Dad** animated cartoons which made fun of Homer's anger and stupidity. Ironically, Homer responded by only reinforcing his angry personality, which culminated in him spilling green paint on himself and making noises similar to those of **The Incredible Hulk**.<sup>[61]</sup>

Based on the "Disco Sucks" bumper sticker he removed from his old car when about to sell it before leaving Marge, he was not fond of the Disco genre.<sup>[48]</sup>

## Religious Beliefs

When asked by Bart what religion Homer belongs to, he replies, "You know, the one with all the well-meaning rules that don't work out in real life. Uh... Christianity".<sup>[81]</sup>

Despite this, he is a Christian and willingly attends church after Ned, Apu, and Krusty saved him from a house fire. He was also inadvertently baptized by Ned, initially reacting violently before speaking in a religious manner, and returning to his normal self thereafter when questioned by Ned. Homer also tried to become a good Christian in "**Tis the Fifteenth Season**".

However, in "**The Greatest Story Ever D'ohed**", Homer thinks that he is the Messiah due to Jerusalem syndrome.

Homer had actually met **God** face to face several times and has even gotten permission from him in a dream to skip church.<sup>[82][83]</sup>

## Alter-Egos

Homer became a superhero named **Pie Man** when the **Rich Texan** offends **Lisa**. He chucks pies in the faces of evildoers or people who deserve to be pied, uses the basement as a **Pie Cave** and his car as the Piemobile. Bart is his sidekick as **Cupcake Kid**. He also tried to don a graffiti alias as "**El Homo**", which was meant to be a Mexican take on his name but erased it when he realized the alias was Spanish for homosexual.<sup>[84]</sup>

## Physical Prowess

Homer's skills seem to vary greatly. Sometimes, Homer can find it difficult to run to the smallest distances before passing out from exhaustion, and other times, he has exceeded the prowess of gold

medal Olympians. He can have trouble understanding the simplest of concepts to being able to build a functional robot with a working A.I.<sup>[85]</sup> His physical strength is just as random: At times, he is too weak to even kill a fly by punching it,<sup>[86]</sup> while at other times, he is able to lift a motorbike above his head, and use it as a sword effortlessly and throw punches that send people flying with ease.<sup>[87]</sup>

Additionally, in his youth, Homer was once a very talented gymnast, even catching high school Marge's eye with his ability. Unfortunately, his father's lack of faith in him caused him to blunder in front of the entire school, which promptly led to the end of his career.

Homer also is a proficient bowler. He once bowled a perfect game, leading to short-term fame for him.

## Endurance

Homer has shown to have near-superhuman endurance and durability, repeatedly surviving accidents that could easily kill other people. His well-padded stomach allowed him to survive direct cannon fire to the stomach with no immediate injuries, although later it was found that repeated fire had destroyed his stomach which could have killed him.

Homer's skull is a quarter-inch thicker than the average skull (dubbed "Homer Simpson Syndrome") that protects him completely from cranial injury up to a certain point allowing him to be beaten by normal folk with no effect but can be hurt by significant force such as getting punched in the face by the world heavyweight boxing champion or falling repeatedly down [Springfield Gorge](#). At one point, Homer even survived having every bone in his body broken from a fall that would have liquefied a regular person. Another time, he managed to get back up and walk around from being mauled by a badger in a failed and foolish attempt to get it out of Santa's Little Helper's doghouse despite having his entire gut torn out and exposing his intestines (which the badger somehow accomplished without ripping his shirt. This could have been accomplished by the badger going under Homer's shirt instead of attacking him through it).

Homer is constantly ending up in sticky situations, such as being caught in a fire on at least four occasions, almost drowning, animal attacks and more. In some episodes, he "almost dies" twice, and in one episode, Frank Grimes' son was trying to murder Homer, and all through the episode Homer ended up in situations that would normally kill a person. In [Homer Scissorhands](#), he tries to commit suicide by drinking a container of disinfectant. Once realizing it did nothing to him, he questions why nothing ever seems to kill him, even several simultaneous heart attacks.

Homer is not a stranger to pain. He gets hurt in one form or another in almost every episode and frequently breaks bones and ends up in the hospital. He has also needed several life-saving operations, such as a triple bypass and suffering four simultaneous heart attacks. In one episode, Marge gets concerned at how much Homer almost dies as a result of sticky situations and begs him to get life insurance where we find out that he has also had three strokes and is, therefore, not insurable.

In an interview with [Matt Groening](#), he jokingly states that Homer is unable to die due to God finding him far too entertaining to kill off and enjoys his pain-induced suffering.

## Music

One skill that remains somewhat consistent throughout the series is his musical talent. Homer can play the guitar amazingly well, play the piano like a natural, and is an accomplished singer and songwriter. He has been part of several bands which were all extremely popular. He won a Grammy for barbershop,<sup>[50]</sup> numerous golden records for his [grunge band](#), which is also a music style he claimed to have invented,<sup>[47]</sup> and was able to help Lisa win a music contest using songs he wrote for her.<sup>[88]</sup> While lying on his back, Homer possesses a powerful operatic voice that while at hospital stops crying babies and even revives a flat-lined patient, leading him to become a wildly popular opera star.<sup>[89]</sup> He is even a great conductor, being able to lead the untrained kids of [Springfield Elementary](#) into playing a flawless rendition of Stars and Stripes Forever.<sup>[90]</sup> He also been shown to play the bass.

## Fighting and Strength

Homer is a talented fighter, fighting with great prowess in his duel with Peter Griffin. Homer's physical strength often varies for comedic purposes, though he is portrayed as being considerably strong, able to lift a motorbike above his head, and use it as a sword effortlessly.

## Language

Like [Bart](#), Homer is a polyglot, someone with the ability to pick up languages fairly quickly, perhaps even a hyper polyglot (a polyglot fluent in more than six languages). He has been shown to speak Spanish, Chinese, Penguin<sup>[91]</sup> and Drunk<sup>[92]</sup> and when he and Bart were imprisoned in [Japan](#) for a seemingly short amount of time due to unknowingly assaulting [Emperor Akihito](#), he was able to speak the language fluently by the time he left.<sup>[93]</sup> He was also able to pick up a few Indian words by watching [Apu](#) and [Manjula](#) argue (though it is highly likely that he wrongly interpreted some part of their argument, as Homer claimed he thinks "[Manjula](#)" is some kind of spaceship, though the other word interpreted by Homer, *Saala*, does mean "jerk" in some sense in Hindi<sup>[94]</sup>).<sup>[95]</sup> He was also shown to mimic people's voices especially well. This was evidenced in a flashback in [Grampa vs. Sexual Inadequacy](#), where Homer, after watching a televised speech made by then-President [John F. Kennedy](#), proceeded to flawlessly mimic Kennedy's speech pattern and mannerisms.

## Defying the Laws of Science

In addition to being able to accomplish what no man of his health and standing could, Homer has been able to accomplish things that defy all logic and reason whatsoever, such as causing cornflakes and milk to burst into flames and cause a nuclear meltdown in a testing van, despite no fissionable materials being present in it at the time.

## Leadership

Even though Homer is consistently depicted as being unpopular his entire life, he has been able to incite a mob on multiple occasions. He has incredible sway over crowds and is able to motivate people for just causes, such as shutting down the nuclear plant, and also to calm down an angry mob- something very difficult to do- such as when he prevented the destruction of Springfield's burlesque house. Like Bart, he is almost always made leader in whatever bizarre situation he comes across, although, unlike Bart, that leadership isn't always appreciated, such as when Homer becomes the leader of the **Stonecutters**, which shortly afterwards causes all of the members to quit.

## Appetite

Homer's appetite is so insatiable, **Captain McCallister** remarked him as a "Remorseless Eating Machine". He once cleaned out **The Frying Dutchman**, and effectively sued the place for running out of food, thus not being able for him to eat "All He Can Eat", because he was still not full.

## Health

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Homer while varying in physical ability from episode to episode has been consistently portrayed as a binge drinking, overeating, accident-prone daredevil who puts absolutely no thought into what his actions will cost him, all of which has made it impossible to get any form of insurance which concerns his health. A magazine health test calculated Homer's lifestyle would lead him to pass on at 42.

Homer is in the hospital in at least one episode every season and has had several life-saving operations, not including the one for his triple heart bypass which he needed after his arteries were clogged with cholesterol. He also had at least two separate series of stress-induced heart attacks from learning of how much money Mr. Burns offered Lisa to repay her for her "help" in restoring his fortune and especially her refusal of said money: The first, upon witnessing Lisa tear up the check, was severe enough that he promptly collapsed and, according to Dr. Hibbert, underwent four simultaneous heart attacks. The second, which was after Lisa corrected him regarding just how much she actually refused, was severe enough that it caused a Code Blue alert at the Hospital.<sup>[96]</sup>

Years of working in a substandard nuclear facility have left his blood irradiated to show up on an x-ray without the dye that is normally required to make the blood visible having to be administered, as well as having rendered him sterile.

Homer loves food, he can almost always be seen eating far more than any one man could possibly eat alone. His favorites are foods which he knows are bad for him and will blatantly refuse healthy food such as oatmeal and fruit in favor of fatty meals. He particularly enjoys donuts. Though he has tried multiple times to switch to a healthier diet, he has always ended up reverting to his unhealthy eating habits after a relatively short amount of time. He was once willing to die upon eating a poisoned éclair despite knowing it would kill him, only to throw it away in horror when Lisa claimed it was low fat. There was only one known time where he DIDN'T engage in gluttonous eating patterns, or indeed, ANY eating at all, which was when **Kent Brockman** was breaking down on the air when attempting to apologize for

committing fraud regarding news stories, with his admitting he was too shocked and mesmerized by Kent Brockman having a visible breakdown on the air to even attempt to eat.

Homer once grew to 300 pounds so that he could go on disability for work.

Homer also seems to have a problem with his sense of hearing, as the result of both attending and putting on loud rock concerts regularly in his youth.<sup>[97]</sup> In addition, an incident with Bart shown in the episode "Barthood" in which Bart blasted an airhorn into his ear until it began bleeding may have further compounded this. This may explain why he can so easily phase out what people are saying to him, intentionally or otherwise.

Homer has been shown as having concentration problems.<sup>[98]</sup>

## Hair Loss

There are multiple theories on how Homer lost his hair. Earlier episodes suggested that he was simply a victim of male pattern baldness ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Male\\_pattern\\_hair\\_loss](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Male_pattern_hair_loss)) (A problem he told Bart was "Hereditary"). One theory suggests that Homer ripped out some of his hair when he realized Marge was pregnant with Bart, then more when he found out she was pregnant with Lisa, and tearing out a single hair when he found out she was pregnant with Maggie (this couldn't be possible as he is shown having different reactions to the realization that his wife was pregnant<sup>[48][49]</sup>). It is also very possible he lost his hair from the radiation at the nuclear plant.

"Marge on the Lam" was the closest to the truth, and possibly the truth, as it is (almost) explained visually: Homer also volunteered for an army experiment because he didn't want to have dinner with Marge's sisters. The army doctor attempted to warn him that the side effects of the experiment were "hair loss, giddiness and the loss of equilibrium", but Homer ignored him.

Another theory is that Homer's hair was once squirted with some kind of acid, thus causing permanent hair loss.<sup>[99]</sup>

## Relationships

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### Romantic

Despite being married to Marge throughout the entire show, Homer has had a number of romantic encounters.

### Marge Simpson

Homer is the husband of Marge Simpson. They met when they were younger without learning who each other was before meeting again properly in high school. They have had three weddings.<sup>[56][69]</sup> The pair have a very strong marriage which has survived cheating, amnesia and many arguments. They have been in love since their high school senior year.<sup>[46]</sup>



## Other Love Interests/Wife:

### Mindy Simmons

Mindy Simmons was an attractive employee at the **Springfield Nuclear Power Plant** who has nearly everything in common with Homer. They attended a convention together and nearly had an affair.<sup>[79]</sup> After Homer turned her down, he later says that she "hit the bottle pretty hard and got fired."

### Lurleen Lumpkin

Lurleen is a waitress who Homer helped in launching a successful singing career. She attempted to seduce him without any success. She has been married multiple times to men that all look like Homer.<sup>[100]</sup>

### Amber

Amber was a waitress at a casino in **Las Vegas** and was Homer's Vegas wife. Homer accidentally married her when he and **Ned Flanders** got drunk. Ned married the other waitress at the casino named **Ginger**. Doing the only decent thing they could, they ran from them.<sup>[101]</sup> However, after a long time, the waitresses managed to track them to Springfield, and Amber went to live to the Simpsons house and revealed to Marge and the children about her marriage to Homer, which infuriated Marge to the point to she threw Homer out of the house, and later the family managed to get her drunk and made her marry Abe, which made her run back to Vegas. Amber died from a drug overdose.<sup>[102]</sup>

### Julia

When Homer becomes a famous Opera singer, he attracts the attention of horde of fans including a stalker by the name of Julia. She confesses to Homer that she is his to do with as he wants, becoming his personal assistant and attempting to seduce him at every turn. When he proclaims that his heart belongs to Marge, she attempts to kill him with no success.<sup>[89]</sup>

## Wasted potential love interests

### Annie Crawford

Annie was an FBI agent who was investigating Homer after Lisa said he could be a terrorist. What makes this interesting is that we know Homer does consider her attractive, and he even called her beautiful in her debut episode. It's implied in "**Homerland**" that she has romantic feelings for him, but nothing came from it since it was her first and so far, only appearance.

## Friendships

### Moe Szyslak

Moe is the owner of **Moe's Tavern** and is Homer's main supply of beer, making him a very important person in Homer's life. Homer spends a lot of his time talking to Moe in his tavern and seems to go to him whenever he has a problem. Homer has also helped Moe with his love life. Moe has told Homer before that he is his best friend and they both seem to be in understanding that the two are "life partners." Despite this, Moe once risked Homer's life in exchange for a shot at being a notable name in

the boxing community again, but in the end, his friendship for Homer proved stronger than his dream and he literally flew in and saved Homer from getting beaten during a [match](#). Even so, Moe has been known to point a shotgun at Homer for various reasons (see "[Pygmoelian](#)" and "[The Parent Rap](#)").

## **Barney Gumble**

Barney Gumble is one of Homer's best friends. They were both born in 1956, making Homer the same age as Barney. They have been friends since childhood (one time getting drunk from [Abe Simpson II's](#) beer and "wrapping Homer's wagon around a tree") but have been best friends since high school. Homer was the one who first convinced Barney to try beer and inadvertently caused him to throw away a potential life at Harvard and instead become an alcoholic.<sup>[45]</sup>

## **Lenny Leonard and Carl Carlson**

[Lenny](#) and [Carl](#) are Homer's co-workers at the Nuclear Power Plant, and they were familiar with Homer in their childhood days.<sup>[43]</sup> They are Homer's most frequent companions at [Moe's Tavern](#), after Barney. [Abe Simpson](#) claimed to have bribed Lenny and Carl to be his friends at a young age. Even though both Lenny and Carl have wives, they seem to be attracted to each other.

## **Charles Montgomery Burns**

Homer has been depicted as friends with Monty Burns on many occasions, such as when they got drunk together at a baseball game or were on a bowling team together. On the other hand, Burns has also sworn eternal vengeance against Homer on just as many occasions, and even more so than that Burns seems to be unable to remember who Homer Simpson is (a running gag on the series) despite the fact that almost all of his major life events are related in some way to Homer. Usually, Homer is afraid of Burns and acknowledges his presence with a scream, but it has been shown that once the two warm up to each other, they get along famously until Homer inadvertently does something to end the friendship.

In addition, although Homer usually takes Mr. Burns' failure to remember his name in stride, there has been one instance where this caused a lot of anger from Homer, which was during the [Sun Blocker](#) incident. Homer attempted to get Mr. Burns to remember his name, with his eventually sending a chocolate box with a photo of the family stuck in. However, he didn't get thanked for this (although in that case, it's because Mr. Burns ended up throwing away the box while one candy was left, with the last candy obscuring Homer's face), causing him to be infuriated enough to give a horrendous swear in a loud enough volume that all of Springfield stopped in shock. He eventually resorted to vandalizing Mr. Burns' office to spray-paint his name and even physically assault his boss to force him to remember his name, although this ended up failing with Mr. Burns referring to him as an "unidentified assailant". Ironically, the one time he DOES remember Homer's name actually nearly got Homer into deep trouble when he was considered the suspect for the shooting against Mr. Burns, which had him assaulting Mr. Burns at the hospital to stop him from claiming that he shot him (unaware that Mr. Burns was simply parroting Homer Simpson's name in a half-lucid state due to regaining consciousness). Because of this, Homer was notably one of two characters whose grudge against Mr. Burns during that time had absolutely nothing to do with either [Burns Slant Drilling Co.](#) or the Sun Blocker, the only other being his daughter [Maggie Simpson](#), the actual culprit.

## Ned Flanders

Ned Flanders is Homer's perfect neighbor whose belongings are usually "borrowed" by Homer and never given back. Homer takes obvious advantage of his push-over neighbor and is usually an avid participant in the one-sided rivalry the two have going on, although Ned sometimes gets caught up in Homer's taunts (such as when the two pit their sons against each other in a putt-putt tournament). It has also been hinted that Homer lusts after **Flanders' wife**, Maude (now deceased). Homer enjoys insulting Flanders and making his life more difficult, which Flanders all takes in stride. Even so, Homer has genuine feelings for his neighbor; he feels truly guilty when he causes Flanders' business to sink and takes it upon himself to save the **Leftorium**, he makes it his personal duty to revive Flanders' love life after **Maude** passes, and he also invites Flanders to his barbecues and other events with genuine enthusiasm. He has also acknowledged that Ned is his best friend, referring to him once as "Stupid Best Friend Flanders". Homer loves to see Flanders struggle because he perceives the Flanders' lives to be the unobtainable perfection that he will never have, and he especially loves beating Flanders, but he hates when Flanders is totally crushed. There are also incidents where Homer inadvertently causes harm to Flanders. A notable example of this is when Homer ends up unwittingly releasing a radioactive ape into Flanders' house after the ape in question tricked Homer, resulting in it occupying the attic. This incident also resulted in Flanders having to report it to **Chief Wiggum** at the Police Station, a report caught on CCTV camera, and eventually acquired illegally by **Comic Book Guy**.

## Apu Nahasapeemapetilon

Apu and Homer are good friends; their families get together for dinners and they regularly have conversations when Homer is purchasing some confection at Apu's **Kwik-E-Mart**. When Apu lost his job at the **Kwik-E-Mart**, he stayed with the Simpsons, Apu's wedding was also held at the Simpsons, and when Apu needs help with some problem the wacky solution and implementation usually include Homer (stealing Apu's children from the zoo, letting Apu use Homer's family as his own when his mother visits to dodge having to go through with an arranged marriage).

## Clancy Wiggum

Clancy Wiggum is a friend of Homer and he and Homer have shown their relationship in "**Chief of Hearts**", when Homer gave sandwiches to him. They have been friends since. Even before then, they also were at the very least acquaintances, notably being invited to barbecues by Homer, as well as Homer and Wiggum, alongside the other townspeople, often plotting to do activities when they are annoyed at recent events (such as their wives pushing them away because of Apu overindulging his wife for Valentine's Day, and the events of the Presidential Election in Springfield).