

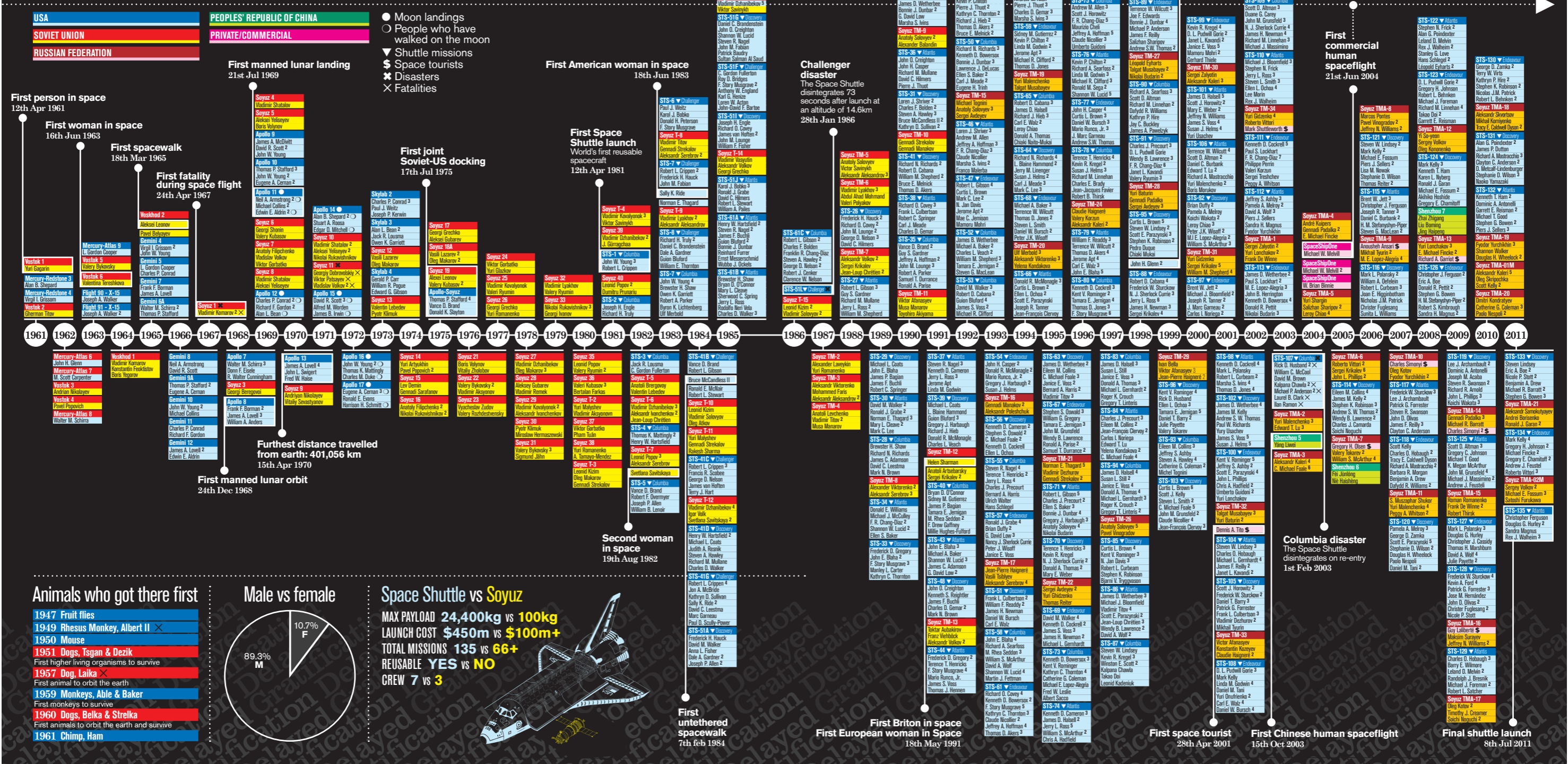
531 Total number of people who have travelled into space*

Total as of 8th July 2011. *Altitude of 100km as defined by the internationally-recognised Fédération Aéronautique Internationale

Sources: The Orbital Report News Agency; NASA; Russian Federal Space Agency

400+

Number of people signed up for Richard Branson's future \$200,000 Virgin Galactic spaceflights



Everyone who's ever been in space...

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