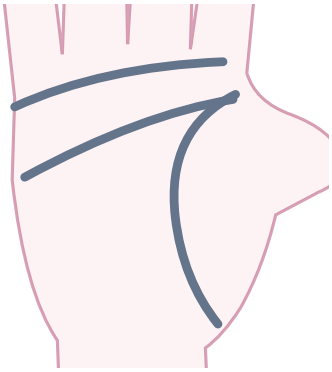
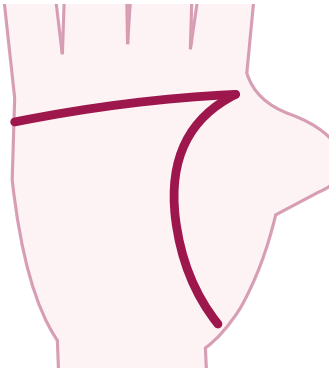
The single palmar crease

Also called the simian line: one crease across the palm instead of two. What doctors say, and what palmists read.



Three creases
Heart, head and life lines: the usual pattern



One crease across
The top two run as one. The life line stays.

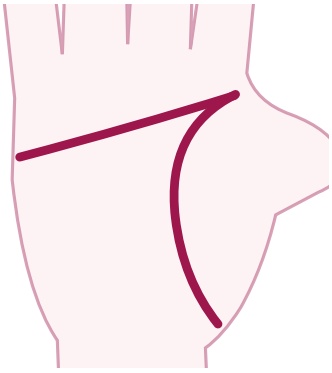
What doctors say (MedlinePlus)

- **Three creases is usual.** “People most often have 3 creases in their palms.”
- **Forms before birth.** Palm creases develop in the womb, “most often by the 12th week of gestation.”
- **About 1 in 30 people.** Men are about twice as likely as women to have one.
- **Often normal.** “Having a single palmar crease is often normal.”
- **One sign among many.** Doctors look at it alongside the family history, medical history and a full exam.

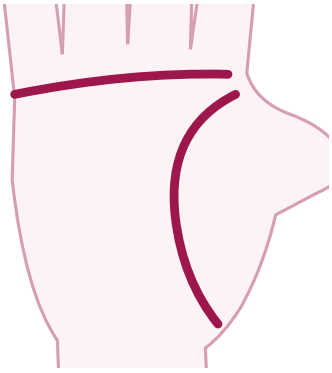
About 1 in 30 people; by our arithmetic, about 1 in 23 men and 1 in 45 women. For a question about your own or your child's hands, ask a doctor.

What palmists read (Cheiro, *Palmistry for All*, 1916)

“simply denotes tremendous intensity of character, for good or evil as the case may be; such a person would exhibit great power of concentration”



Lower: the head leads
“it is a question of head and mentality and very little heart”



Higher: the heart leads
“it is a question of more intensity of feeling emotion and affection than of mental intensity”