

# Michael Schumacher

**Michael Schumacher was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January (1969). He is a retired racing driver. Schumacher is a seven-time Formula One (F1) World Champion and is widely regarded as one of the greatest F1 drivers of all time. He was named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year twice. According to the official Formula One website, he is "statistically the greatest driver the sport has ever seen".**



**After winning consecutive championships with Benetton in 1994/5, Schumacher moved to Ferrari in 1996 and won another five consecutive drivers' titles with them from 2000 to 2004. Schumacher retired from Formula One driving in 2006 staying with Ferrari as an advisor.**



Schumacher returned to Formula One on a permanent basis from 2010 with the Mercedes team before retiring for a second time at the conclusion of the 2012 season.



Off the track Schumacher is an ambassador for UNESCO and a spokesman for driver safety.

Schumacher and his younger brother, Ralph, are the only brothers to win races in Formula One, and they were the first brothers to finish 1st and 2nd in the same race, a feat they repeated in four subsequent races.



In December 2013, Schumacher suffered a serious head injury while skiing. He was in coma from 29 December 2013 until 16 June 2014. He left the hospital in Grenoble for further rehabilitation at the University Hospital (CHUV) in Lausanne. On 9 September 2014, Schumacher was brought back to his home for further rehabilitation, but there was no update on his health.



*Thank you!!!*

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