

2021 GLOBAL REACH REPORT (REFLECTS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING)



Any decline in numbers compared to 2019 pre-pandemic data highlights the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our athletes and our global Programs. **2021** data also showcases the resilience of the global movement. Special Olympics worked to redirect programming and develop solutions to adapt to a virtual environment.

SPORT

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
(ATHLETES & UNIFIED PARTNERS)

3,724,760 2019-2021 CHANGE **-45%↓**

ATHLETES **3,131,611** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-46%↓**

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)



UNIFIED SPORTS

UNIFIED ATHLETES
(PEOPLE WITH ID)

535,223
2019-2021 CHANGE **-41%↓**

UNIFIED PARTNERS
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID)

593,149
2019-2021 CHANGE **-39%↓**

MATP MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM **52,117** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-14%↓**

COMPETITIONS **33,742** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-69%↓**

UNIFIED **10,154**
2019-2021 CHANGE **-66%↓**



COACHES **297,995** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-43%↓**

CERTIFIED **184,672** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-51%↓**

CERTIFIED COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO **1:17**

COACH GENDER

44% FEMALE	56% MALE
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PARTNERSHIPS

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS **1,050** 2019-2021 CHANGE **+41%↑**

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



ATHLETE LEADERS **47,997** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-18%↓**



VOLUNTEERS **527,001** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-56%↓**

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP **148** 2019-2021 CHANGE **+3%↑**

NUMBER OF PAID STAFF WITH ID **203** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-80%↓**

HEALTH



ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS **453,337**

HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS **18,496**
2019-2021 CHANGE **-88%↓**

INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS **1,030**

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES **97**



YOUNG ATHLETES **189,626** 2019-2021 CHANGE **-69%↓**

EDUCATION & YOUTH



UNIFIED SCHOOLS **15,008**
2019-2021 CHANGE **-86%↓**

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS **7,539**
2019-2021 CHANGE **-26%↓**

YOUTH LEADERS **80,951**
2019-2021 CHANGE **-19%↓**

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

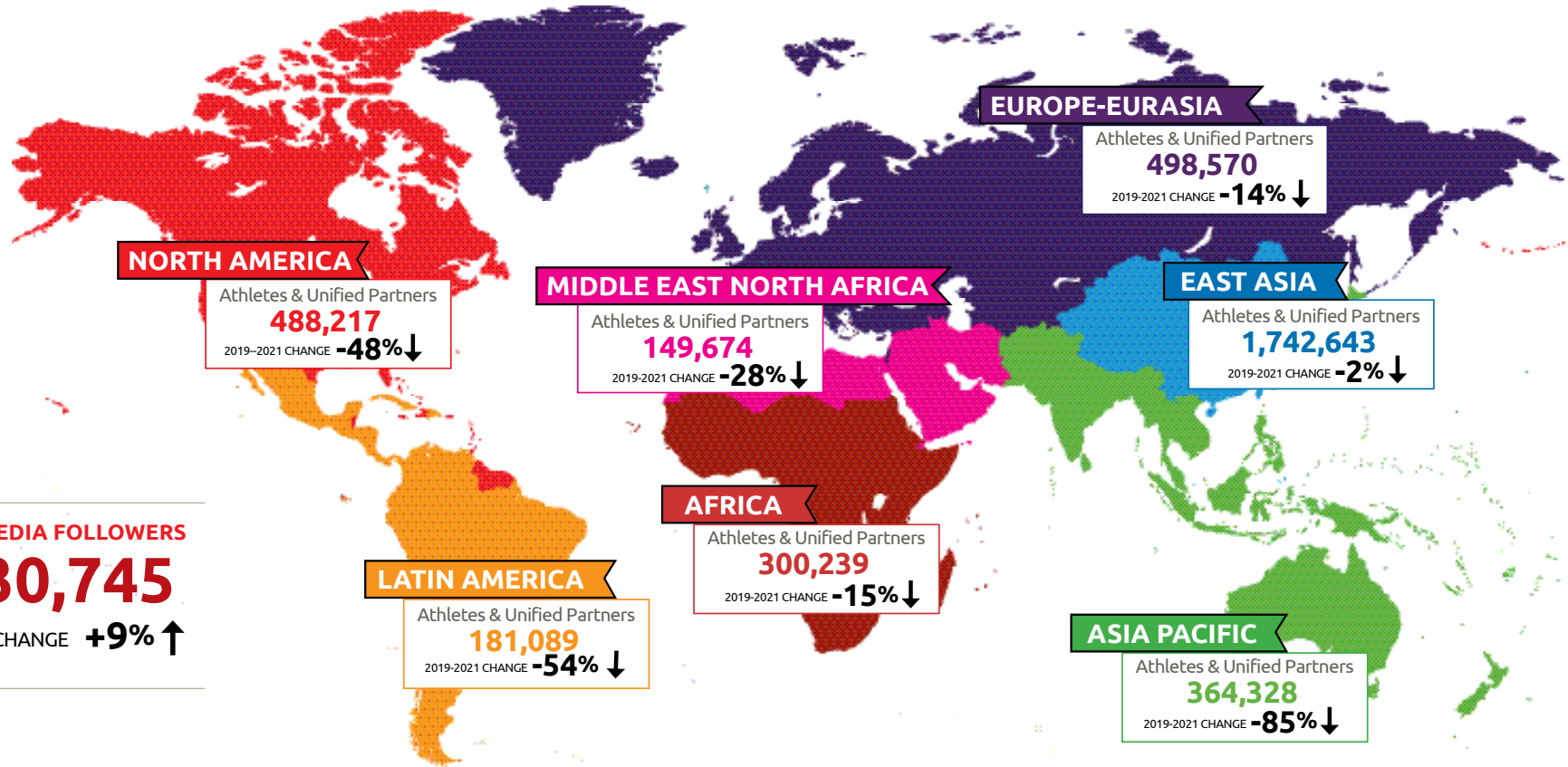
251 2019-2021 CHANGE **0%**

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

201 2019-2021 CHANGE **+1% ↑**

LOCAL CLUBS / SUB-PROGRAMS

19,991 2019-2021 CHANGE **-29% ↓**



SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

2,730,745

2019-2021 CHANGE **+9% ↑**

DEFINITIONS:

UNIFIED SPORTS: Special Olympics Sports programming in which people with ID (Unified Athletes) and without ID (Unified Partners) train and compete together as teammates.

UNIFIED SCHOOLS: a school or university that conducts Unified Sports opportunities at least 2 times within a calendar year.

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®: a program for schools Pre-K through university that promotes meaningful social inclusion utilizing 3 interconnected components: Unified Sports®, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement.

YOUNG ATHLETES: a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities (ID), ages 2 to 7 years old.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: a Special Olympics recognition program working to increase access to quality health care and effective prevention programming to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities through activating public and private sector partners to adopt more inclusive practices, training and empowering athletes and caregivers to become vocal advocates.

PROGRAM: qualified entity licensed and accredited by Special Olympics International to operate Special Olympics programming within their respective geographic territory (country, jurisdiction or U.S. state).

LOCAL CLUB / SUB-PROGRAM: an organized local unit / branch conducting Special Olympics activities in a community outside of a school setting.

MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM (MATP): a program designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities with severe limitations who do not yet possess the physical and/or behavioral skills necessary to participate in official Special Olympics sports.