

2022 GLOBAL REACH REPORT

Any decline in numbers compared to 2019 data highlights the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our athletes and our global Programs. 2022 data also showcases the resilience of the global movement. Special Olympics worked to redirect programming and develop solutions to adapt to a virtual environment.



SPORTS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
ATHLETES & UNIFIED PARTNERS



3,914,758

2019-2022 CHANGE **-41% ↓**

TOTAL

ATHLETES

3,053,015 **-42% ↓**

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)

YOUNG ATHLETES

228,835 **-60% ↓**

AGES 2 TO 7 YEARS

MATP

50,188 **-16% ↓**

MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM

UNIFIED PARTNERS

582,720 **-40% ↓**

COMPETITIONS

46,028

2019-2022 CHANGE **-60% ↓**



UNIFIED

15,949

2019-2022 CHANGE **-49% ↓**

COACHES

330,898

COACH GENDER

46% 52% 2%
FEMALE MALE OTHER

2019-2022 CHANGE **-37% ↓**

CERTIFIED 201,610

2019-2022 CHANGE **-47% ↓**

CERTIFIED COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO 1:17

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

1,083

2019-2022 CHANGE **+34% ↑**

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

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COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

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LOCAL CLUBS / LOCAL PROGRAMS

22,123 2019-2022 CHANGE **-21% ↓**

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



ATHLETE LEADERS

45,226 **-13% ↓**

REGISTERED FAMILY MEMBERS

539,071 **-37% ↓**



VOLUNTEERS

672,114 2019-2022 CHANGE **-44% ↓**

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP

151 **+7% ↑**

NUMBER OF PAID STAFF WITH ID

235 **+5% ↑**

HEALTH



ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS

395,353

2019-2022 CHANGE **+0% ↑**

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

132 **+193% ↑**

HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

41,666

2019-2022 CHANGE **-61% ↓**

HEALTH CARE WORKERS TRAINED

37,824 **-29% ↓**

EDUCATION & YOUTH



UNIFIED SCHOOLS

18,350

2019-2022 CHANGE **-83% ↓**

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

10,484

2019-2022 CHANGE **+14% ↑**

YOUTH LEADERS

93,053

2019-2022 CHANGE **-7% ↓**

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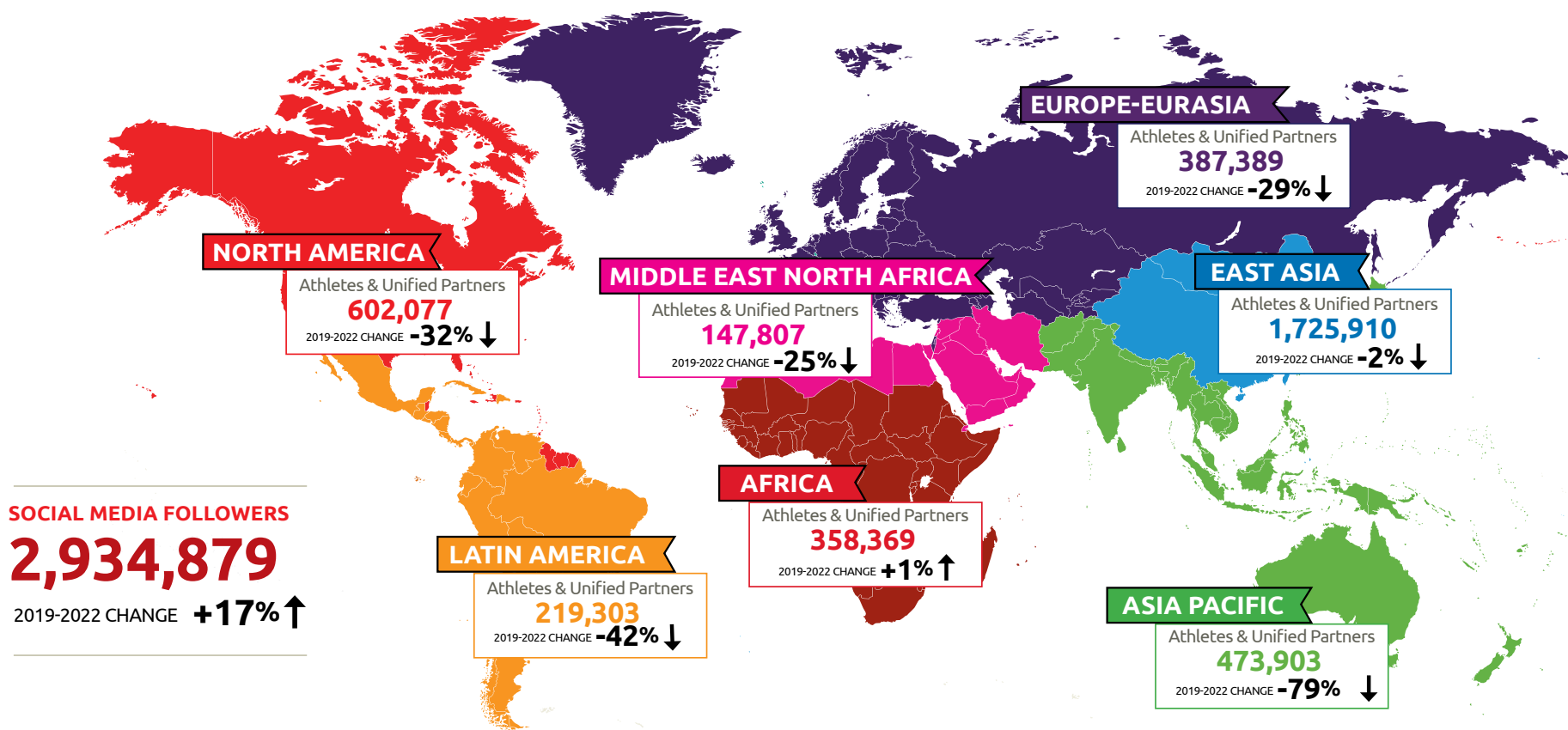
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SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

2,934,879

2019-2022 CHANGE +17%↑

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): is 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.