

# 2019 GLOBAL REACH REPORT

Special Olympics



## SPORT

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS  
(ATHLETES & UNIFIED PARTNERS)

**6,724,012** 2018-2019 CHANGE **+5%**

**ATHLETES** **5,755,056**  
(PEOPLE WITH ID) 2018-2019 CHANGE **+5%**

ATHLETE GENDER: **40.7%** FEMALE, **59.2%** MALE, **0.1%** OTHER



### UNIFIED SPORTS

UNIFIED ATHLETES  
(PEOPLE WITH ID) **909,142**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+7%**

UNIFIED PARTNERS  
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID) **968,956**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+5%**

YOUTH UNIFIED ATHLETES  
(PEOPLE WITH ID AGE 8-25) **384,285**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+13%**

YOUTH UNIFIED PARTNERS  
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID AGE 8-25) **305,744**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+12%**

**COMPETITIONS** **114,888**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+8%**



**315 / DAY**

**13 / HOUR**

UNIFIED **31,367**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+19%**

**COACHES** **524,506**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+3%**

CERTIFIED **379,874** 2018-2019 CHANGE **+4%**  
CERTIFIED COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO **1:15**

### PARTNERSHIPS

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS **747**

## HEALTH Health data were reported on an April 2019 - April 2020 cycle.



HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS **157,319**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **-11%**

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES **45**  
2019-2020 CHANGE **+32%**

INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS **747**  
2019-2020 CHANGE **+4%**

FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS & ATHLETE LEADERS ACTIVATED AS HEALTH ADVOCATES **7,107**  
2019-2020 CHANGE **+206%**

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TRAINED ON ID **36,258**  
2019-2020 CHANGE **-12%**

## LEADERSHIP



ATHLETE LEADERS **58,725**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+24%**



VOLUNTEERS **1,194,337**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+4%**

YOUTH LEADERS (AGES 8-25) **99,747**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+33%**

YOUTH (AGES 8-25) **427,689** **+7%**

REGISTERED FAMILY MEMBERS **866,798** **+3%**

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP **143**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+3%**

PAID STAFF WITH ID **235**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+7%**

## EDUCATION



UNIFIED SCHOOLS **108,585**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+2%**

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS **10,162**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+19%**



YOUNG ATHLETES **582,674**  
2018-2019 CHANGE **+32%**

## OUR MISSION

Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

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## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

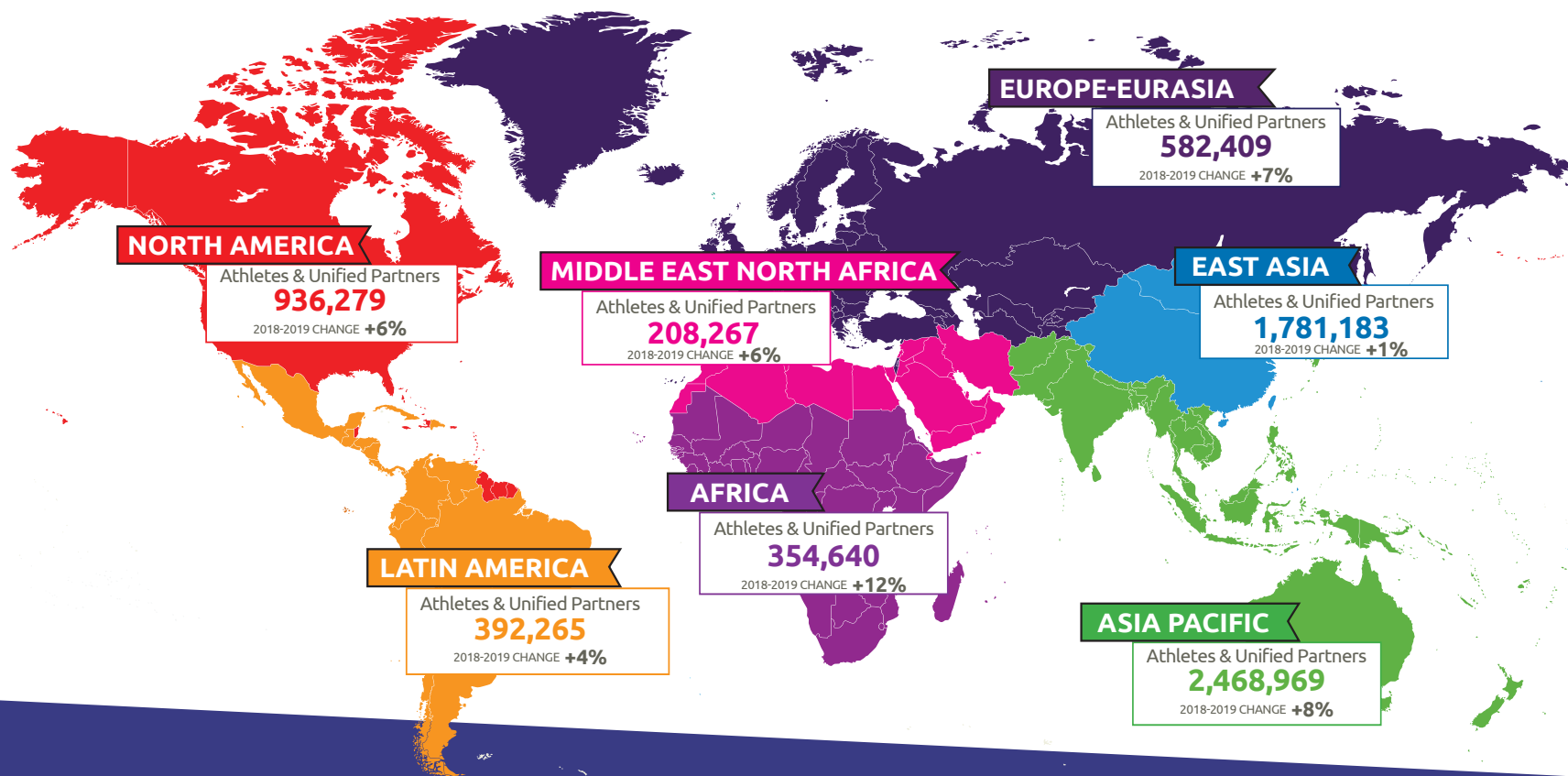
**250** 2018-2019  
CHANGE **+2%**

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

**200** 2018-2019  
CHANGE **+4%**

LOCAL CLUBS / SUB-PROGRAMS

**28,077** 2018-2019  
CHANGE **+2%**



**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.

**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.

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

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