

# 2021 EAST ASIA REACH REPORT (REFLECTS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING)



Any decline in numbers compared to 2020 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)

**1,742,643** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1% ↑**

**ATHLETES** **1,396,626** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1% ↑**

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)



## UNIFIED SPORTS

**UNIFIED ATHLETES**  
(PEOPLE WITH ID)

**273,945**

2020-2021 CHANGE **0%**

**UNIFIED PARTNERS**  
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID)

**346,017**

2020-2021 CHANGE **+0% ↑**

**MATP** MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM **3,381** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+5% ↑**

**COMPETITIONS** **7,610** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1% ↑**

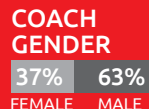
**UNIFIED** **262**  
2020-2021 CHANGE **-13% ↓**



**COACHES** **87,613** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+15% ↑**

**CERTIFIED** **65,749**  
2020-2021 CHANGE **+19% ↑**

**CERTIFIED COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO** **1:21**



## PARTNERSHIPS

**SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS** **40**

2020-2021 CHANGE **-46% ↓**

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



**ATHLETE LEADERS** **20,364** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1% ↑**



**VOLUNTEERS** **57,748** 2020-2021 CHANGE **-1% ↓**

**PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP** **5** 2020-2021 CHANGE **0%**

**PAID STAFF WITH ID** **5** 2020-2021 CHANGE **0%**

## HEALTH



**ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS** **12,452**  
2020-2021 CHANGE **+22% ↑**

**HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS** **776**  
2020-2021 CHANGE **-44% ↓**

**INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS** **6**

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES** **4**



**YOUNG ATHLETES** **17,929** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+10% ↑**

## EDUCATION & YOUTH



**UNIFIED SCHOOLS** **520**

2020-2021 CHANGE **+53% ↑**

**UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS** **34**

2020-2021 CHANGE **0%**

**YOUTH LEADERS** **7,883**

2020-2021 CHANGE **+6% ↑**

# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

**251** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+0%**

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

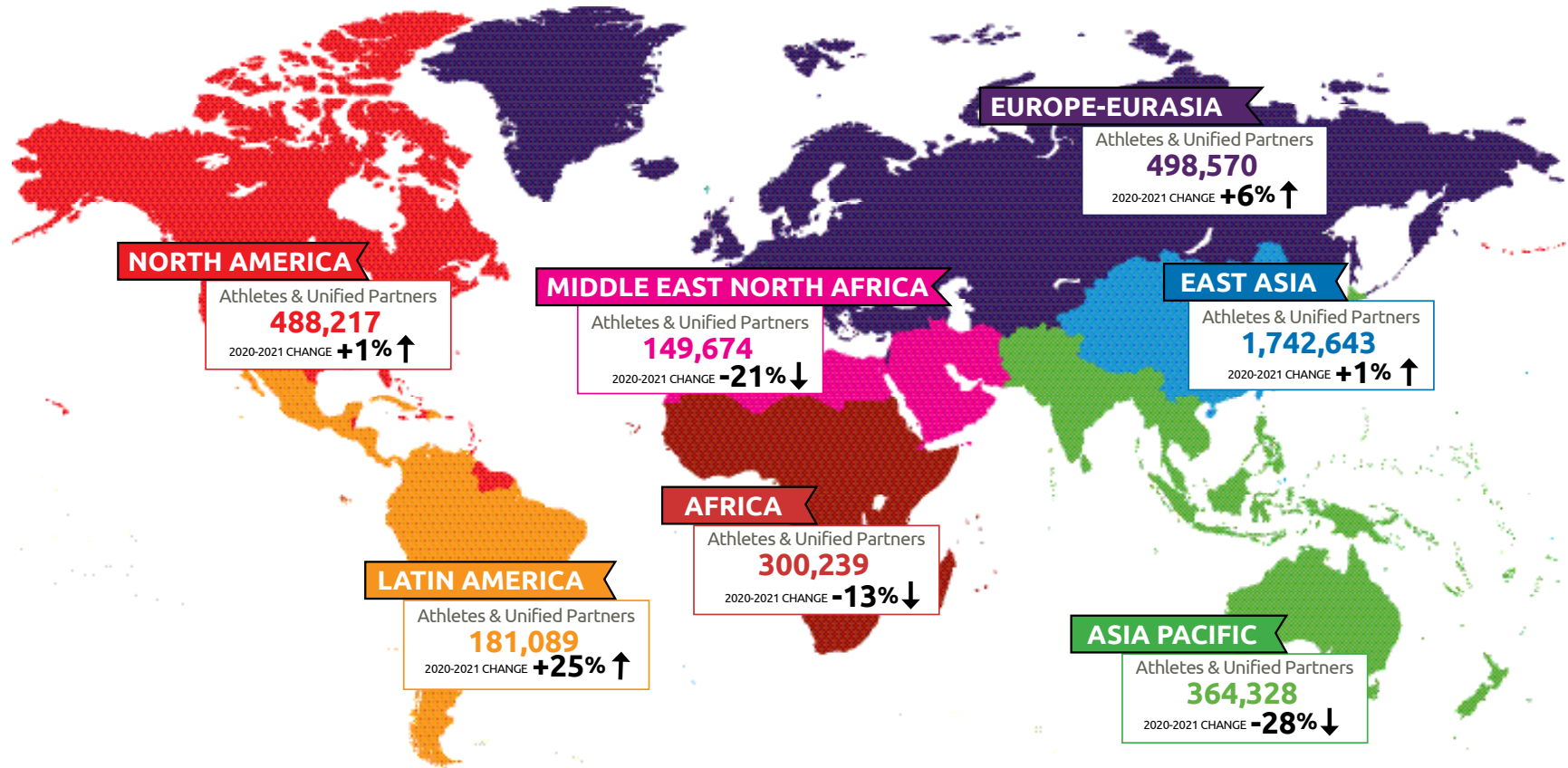
**201** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1%↑**

LOCAL CLUBS / SUB-PROGRAMS

**19,991** 2020-2021 CHANGE **-7%↓**

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

**2,730,745** 2020-2021 CHANGE **+12%↑**



## 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.