

2021 LATIN AMERICA 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)

181,089

2020-2021 CHANGE
+25% ↑

ATHLETES

170,859

2020-2021 CHANGE
+21% ↑

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)

ATHLETE
GENDER

33.6%
FEMALE

66.3%
MALE

UNIFIED SPORTS

UNIFIED ATHLETES
(PEOPLE WITH ID)

15,809

2020-2021 CHANGE **+233% ↑**

UNIFIED PARTNERS
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID)

10,230

2020-2021 CHANGE **+215% ↑**



MATP MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM

1,988

2020-2021
CHANGE **-22% ↓**

COMPETITIONS

3,939

2020-2021
CHANGE **+532% ↑**

UNIFIED 610

2020-2021 CHANGE **+125% ↓**



COACHES

27,363

2020-2021 CHANGE **+27% ↑**

CERTIFIED 18,335

2020-2021 CHANGE **+23% ↑**

CERTIFIED
COACH TO
ATHLETE RATIO 1:19

PARTNERSHIPS

SPORTS
PARTNERSHIPS 110

2020-2021 CHANGE **-31% ↓**

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



ATHLETE
LEADERS
1,536

2020-2021 CHANGE
+9% ↑



VOLUNTEERS
40,836

2020-2021 CHANGE
-10% ↓

PROGRAMS WITH
PAID LEADERSHIP
15

2020-2021 CHANGE
-6% ↓

NUMBER OF PAID
STAFF WITH ID
8

2020-2021 CHANGE
-11% ↓

HEALTH



ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS
98,880

2020-2021 CHANGE **-7% ↓**

HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS
2,686

2020-2021 CHANGE **-9% ↓**

INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
87

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
9



YOUNG ATHLETES 7,135

2020-2021 CHANGE
-23% ↓

EDUCATION & YOUTH



UNIFIED
SCHOOLS
684

2020-2021 CHANGE **-4% ↓**

UNIFIED CHAMPION
SCHOOLS
202

2020-2021 CHANGE **+13% ↑**

YOUTH
LEADERS
15,647

2020-2021 CHANGE **+28% ↑**

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

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

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

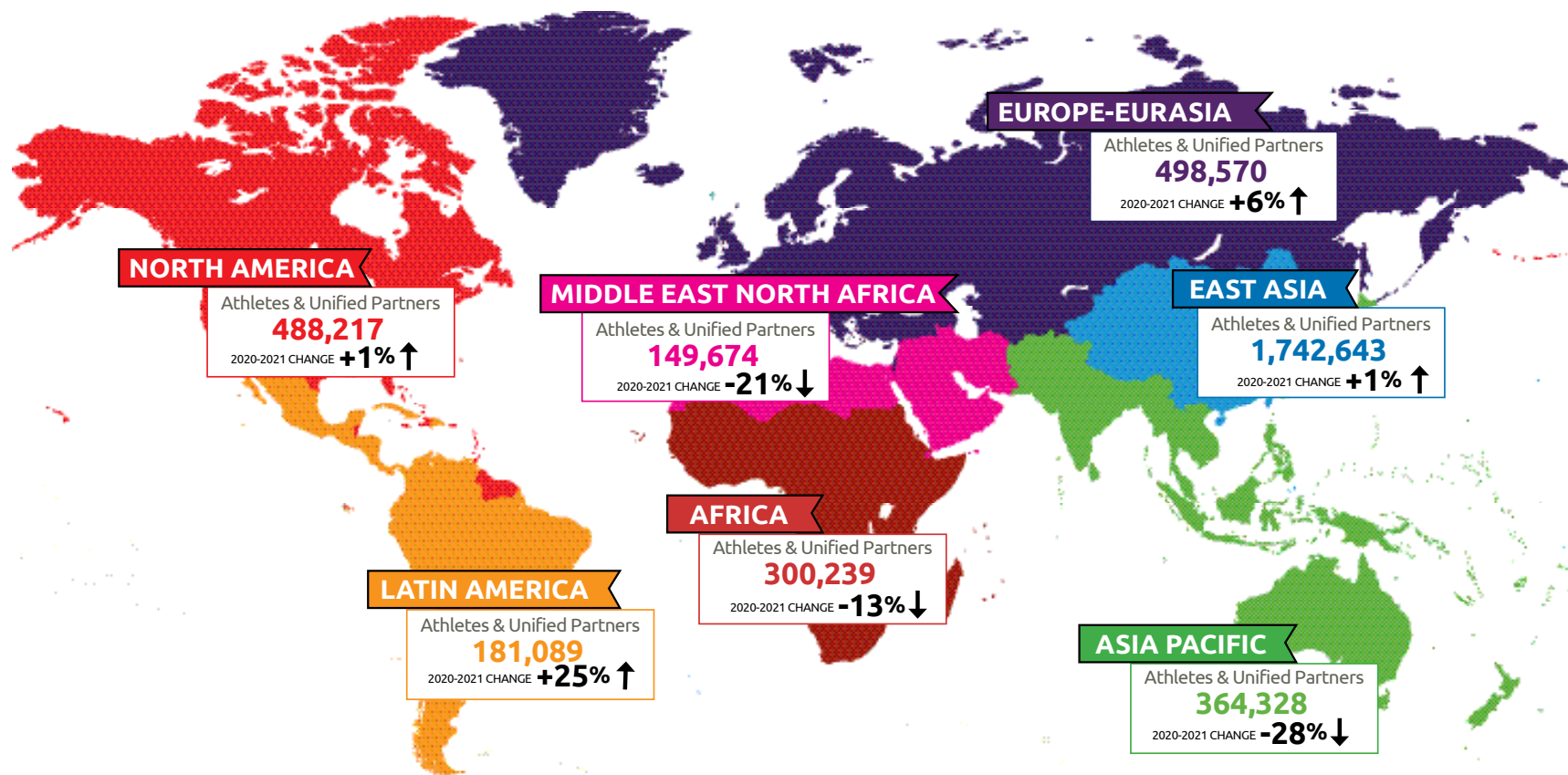
201 2020-2021 CHANGE **+1%↑**

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.