

2020 GLOBAL REACH REPORT (REFLECTS VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING)



Any decline in numbers compared to 2019 data highlights the devastating impact of COVID-19 on our global Programs. 2020 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)

3,883,524
2019-2020 CHANGE -42%↓

ATHLETES 3,283,663
2019-2020 CHANGE -42%↓

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)

ATHLETE GENDER
40% FEMALE 59% MALE 1% OTHER

UNIFIED SPORTS

UNIFIED ATHLETES
(PEOPLE WITH ID)

585,976
2019-2020 CHANGE -35%↓

UNIFIED PARTNERS
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID)

599,861
2019-2020 CHANGE -38%↓

YOUTH UNIFIED
ATHLETES
(PEOPLE WITH ID AGE 8-25)

339,479
2019-2020 CHANGE -11%↓

YOUTH UNIFIED
PARTNERS
(PEOPLE WITH OUT ID AGE 8-25)

264,771
2019-2020 CHANGE -12%↓

COMPETITIONS 30,001
2019-2020 CHANGE -74%↓

82 / DAY
3 / HOUR

UNIFIED 8,805
2019-2020 CHANGE -12%↓



COACHES 292,292
2019-2020 CHANGE -44%↓

CERTIFIED 191,082
2019-2020 CHANGE -50%↓

CERTIFIED COACH TO
ATHLETE RATIO 1:17

PARTNERSHIPS

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS 1,219
2019-2020 CHANGE +63%↑

HEALTH

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some health data are delayed.



HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

15,150
2019-2020 CHANGE -90%↓

FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS & ATHLETE LEADERS
ACTIVATED AS HEALTH ADVOCATES

4,575
2019-2020 CHANGE -90%↓

INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

200
2019-2020 CHANGE -73%↓

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
TRAINED ON ID

18,821
2019-2020 CHANGE -73%↓

ATHLETES PARTICIPATING
IN FITNESS

428,619

LEADERSHIP



ATHLETE
LEADERS

51,138
2019-2020 CHANGE -13%↓

YOUTH
LEADERS
(AGES 8-25)

74,065
-26%↓

PROGRAMS WITH
PAID LEADERSHIP

146
2019-2020 CHANGE +4%↑



VOLUNTEERS

605,554
2019-2020 CHANGE -49%↓

YOUTH
(AGES 8-25)

213,244
-50%↓

REGISTERED
FAMILY
MEMBERS

768,403
-11%↓

PAID STAFF
WITH ID

179
2019-2020 CHANGE -20%↓

EDUCATION



UNIFIED SCHOOLS

46,756
2019-2020 CHANGE -57%↓

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

8,363
2019-2020 CHANGE -18%↓



YOUNG ATHLETES 221,158

2019-2020 CHANGE

-62%↓

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

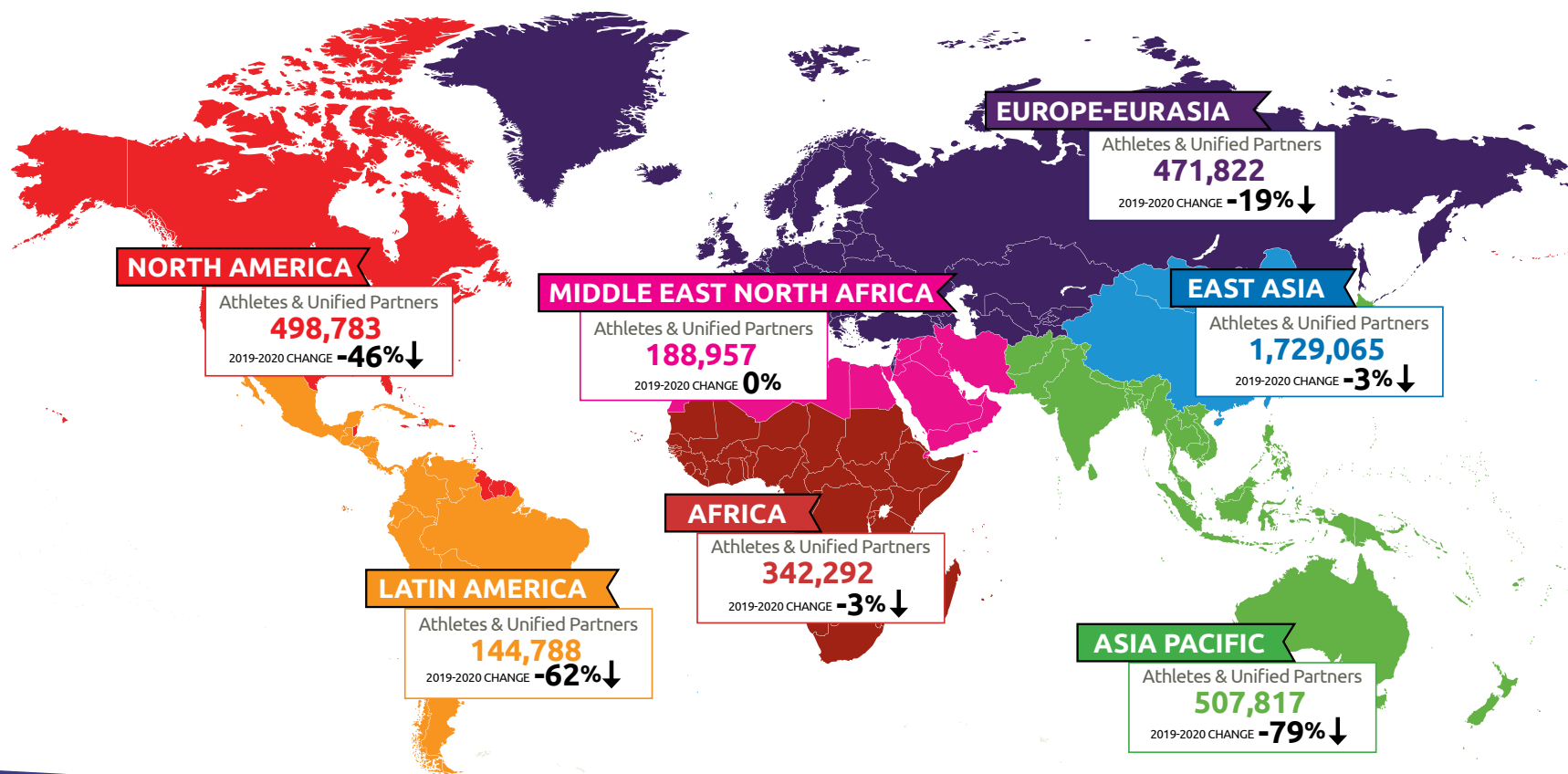
251 2019-2020 CHANGE **+0%**

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

201 2019-2020 CHANGE **+1%↑**

LOCAL CLUBS / SUB-PROGRAMS

21,375 2019-2020 CHANGE **-24%↓**



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.