

2020 AFRICA 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)

342,292

2019-2020 CHANGE
-3% ↓

ATHLETES

301,594

2019-2020 CHANGE
-2% ↓

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)



UNIFIED SPORTS

UNIFIED ATHLETES
(PEOPLE WITH ID)

60,589

2019-2020 CHANGE -16% ↓

UNIFIED PARTNERS
(PEOPLE WITHOUT ID)

40,698

2019-2020 CHANGE -13% ↓

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

43,050

2019-2020 CHANGE -19% ↓

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

29,866

2019-2020 CHANGE -11% ↓

COMPETITIONS

5,895

2019-2020 CHANGE -70% ↓

16 / DAY

1 / HOUR

UNIFIED 3,267

2019-2020 CHANGE -65% ↓



COACHES

29,673

2019-2020 CHANGE -9% ↓

CERTIFIED 16,149

2019-2020 CHANGE -1% ↓

CERTIFIED COACH TO ATHLETE RATIO
1:19

PARTNERSHIPS

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS 139

2019-2020 CHANGE +49% ↑

HEALTH

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



HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

2,666

2019-2020 CHANGE -82% ↓

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TRAINED ON ID

809

2019-2020 CHANGE -88% ↓

INCLUSIVE HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

5

2019-2020 CHANGE -95% ↓

ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS

57,099

LEADERSHIP



ATHLETE LEADERS

1,089

2019-2020 CHANGE -6% ↓

YOUTH LEADERS (AGES 8-25)

1,832

2019-2020 CHANGE +29% ↑

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP

15

2019-2020 CHANGE -7% ↓



VOLUNTEERS

16,792

2019-2020 CHANGE -34% ↓

YOUTH (AGES 8-25) 6,074

2019-2020 CHANGE -15% ↓

REGISTERED FAMILY MEMBERS 57,527

2019-2020 CHANGE +2% ↑

PAID STAFF WITH ID

12

2019-2020 CHANGE -37% ↓

EDUCATION



UNIFIED SCHOOLS

1,937

2019-2020 CHANGE -16% ↓

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

667

2019-2020 CHANGE -32% ↓



YOUNG ATHLETES 19,693

2019-2020 CHANGE -2% ↓

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

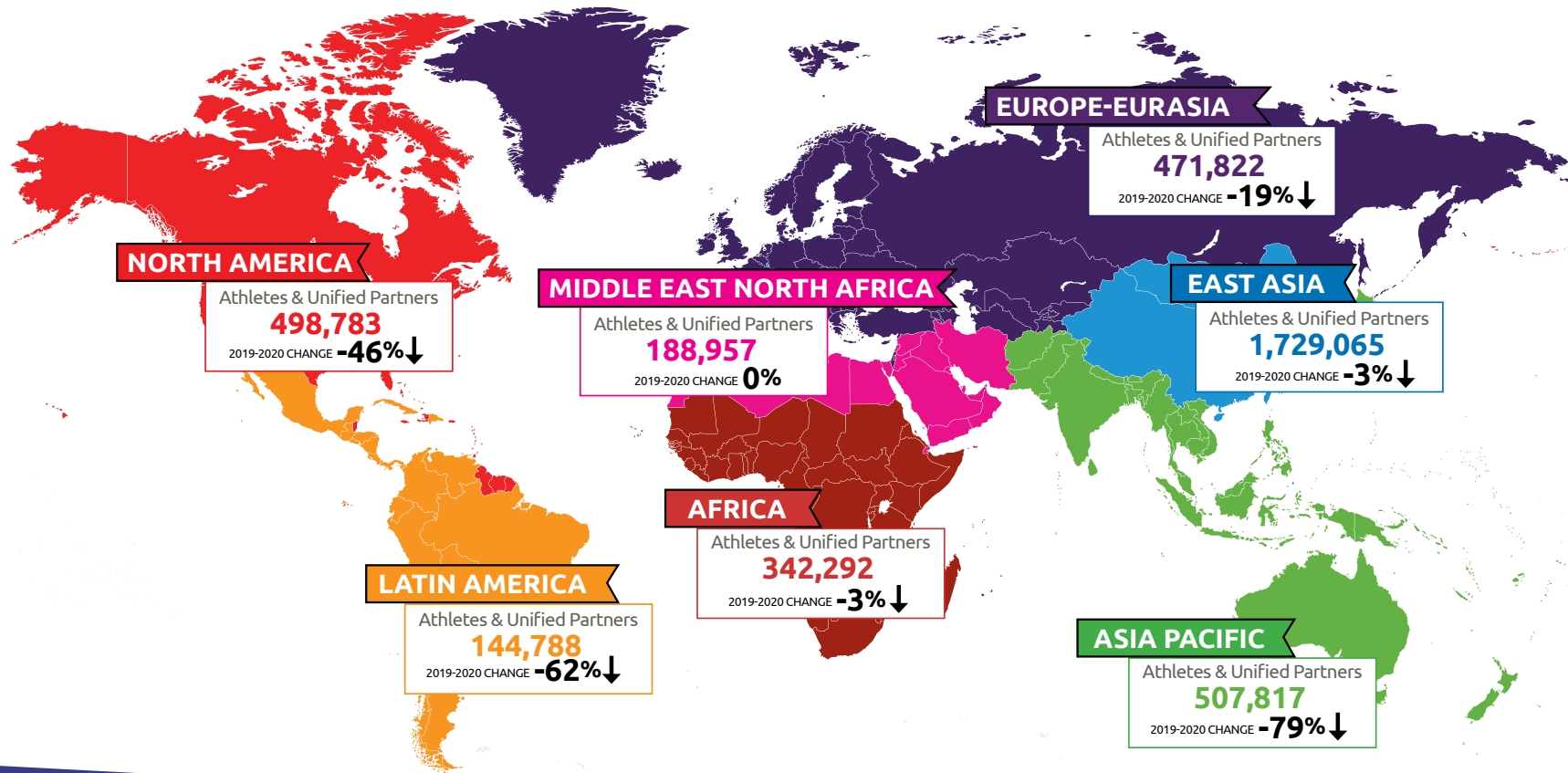
251 2019-2020 CHANGE **+0%**

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.