

Demographics Research Overview

**Special
Olympics**



**More than
5.6 million**

athletes and Unified Partners
participated in Special
Olympics in 2016.



The majority of athletes in
several countries surveyed **never
participated in organized sports**
before joining Special Olympics.

**More than 1.1 million
volunteers** supported
Special Olympics in 2016.



People with intellectual
disabilities make up about
1-3% of the global population.



In the United States,
38% of people with intellectual
disabilities currently participate or
have participated in Special Olympics.