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.