



Special Olympics
Wisconsin



2020 IMPACT REPORT



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ATHLETES

8,447 Incredible athletes breaking down barriers and bringing home hardware

184 Young Athletes

Gender

M	61%
F	39%

Age Range

1-12	3%
13-18	15%
19-24	17%
25-55	53%
56+	11%

33 Average age of an athlete

Ethnic Background

White Non-Hispanic	70%
Native American/Aleutian	1%
African-American	5%
Asian/Pacific	1%
Hispanic	2%
Not Specified	19%
Multi-racial	2%

23.2% of athletes are employed

Longevity in Special Olympics

1-5 years	30%
5-10 years	18%
10-15 years	14%
More than 15 years	39%

YOUNG ATHLETES

91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that participation in Young Athletes made them more hopeful about their child's future

184 participants

7 active Young Athlete sites (before the pandemic)

19 virtual activities during the pandemic

After 2 months of participation in Special Olympics Young Athletes, children with intellectual disabilities experienced a

7-month gain in motor skills

"We will get through this together!"

– Hal Bennett



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SPORTS AND UNIFIED SPORTS

- 19** Sports
- 155** Delegations (local programs)
- 8,447** Athletes
- 1,610** Unified Partners
- 36** Competitions (local, regional and state)
- 10** Unified experiences
- 2,157** Coaches
- 110** virtual activities during the pandemic
- \$0** To participate
- 82%** of family members in the United States report that athletes improved their self-esteem after participating in Unified Sports®
- 79%** of Unified Sports partners report increased understanding of people with ID

VOLUNTEERS

- 721** day-of volunteers
- 4,677** long-term volunteers
- 5,398** total volunteers sharing their time and talents
- 1,650** of all volunteers are youth

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- 8** Healthy Athletes disciplines
- 203** total athletes screened
- 37** Athlete Health Leaders
- 76** volunteers donating **471** hours
- 38** virtual health programs offered during the pandemic

"We will just keep being safe and happy and it will be okay."

– Gabby Kelley



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UNIFIED SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

92 Schools

8 Colleges

807 Students with ID

1,307 Students without ID

96% of youth involved say they feel comfortable carrying on a conversation with an individual with a disability

100% of teachers said the UCS program eased the transition from middle to high school by fostering a sense of belonging and building relationships

86% generally regard participation in the program as a positive turning point in their lives

87% learned that standing up for something they believe in is the right thing to do



UNIFIED LEADERSHIP

174 athlete leaders

36 youth leaders

4 leadership events

2 athletes serving on the Board of Directors

3 athletes serving on national/international committees



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cash \$6,355,112

In-Kind \$663,469

Total \$7,018,581

“Special Olympics has impacted my life by letting me participate in all the events. Special Olympics is great for all people with disabilities to compete in.”

– Ben Burow