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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

**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

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"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

**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