



NOTE: Many 2021 figures well below average due to COVID-19 pandemic



ATHLETES & YOUNG ATHLETES

7,541 Incredible athletes breaking down barriers and bringing home hardware

Age Range

1-12	3%
13-18	17%
19-24	22%
25-55	52%
56+	5%
Other/Unidentified	<1%

34 Average age of an athlete

19% of athletes designated an employer

Gender

Male	61%
Female	39%
Other/Unidentified	<1%

Ethnic Background

White Non-Hispanic	62%
Native American/Aleutian	1%
African-American	15%
Asian/Pacific	2%
Hispanic	3%
Multi-racial	3%
Not Specified	15%

149 Young Athletes

8 Active Young Athletes sites

19 Virtual activities during/after the pandemic

7-Month gain in motor skills after 2 months of participation in S.O. Young Athletes

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



SPORTS & UNIFIED SPORTS

19 Sports

40 Total competitions

155 Delegations (local programs)

7,541 Athletes

1,610 Unified Partners

4 Unified experiences

1,707 Coaches

14 Virtual activities during/after the pandemic

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

\$0 To participate



ATHLETE LEADERS

200 Athlete Leaders

42 Youth leaders

5 Leadership events

2 Athletes serving on the Board of Directors

3 Athletes serving on national/international committees

2 Athletes hired as permanent SOWI staff



UNIFIED SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

73 Schools

8 Colleges

807 Students with ID

1,400 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 & 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



HEALTH & WELLNESS

8 Healthy Athletes disciplines

304 Total athletes screened

37 Athlete Health Leaders

112 Healthy Athletes volunteers

838 Hours doated

38 Virtual health programs offered during the pandemic



VOLUNTEERS

706 Day-of volunteers

4,062 Long-term volunteers

4,768 Total volunteers sharing their time and talents

1,532 of all volunteers are youth



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cash \$5,124,161

In-Kind \$373,606

Total \$5,497,767

"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