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## Facts & Figures

### #UnbeatableTogether #Berlin2023

- 330,000 visitors at Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023
- 800 hours of competitions
- More than 50,000 visitors\* came to the opening ceremony in the Berlin Olympic Stadium
- National Broadcast Numbers of the Opening Ceremony:
  - ARD more than 800,000 at 6 p.m.
  - 3.4 million in the Tagesschau (daily news)
  - 1.3 million in Tagesthemen
  - From 22.00 o'clock on average half a million
- More than 21,000 viewers attended the closing ceremony at the Brandenburg Gate. The rbb broadcast live from 20:15. ZDF livestreamed from 20:10.
- First-time alliance of eleven media outlets ensures, among other things, more than 400 hours of live programming.
- 100,246 tickets sold
- 9 competition days in 26 sports with a total of 1,334 competitions and the same number of award ceremonies.
- 4,002 awarded medals
- 8 sports venues in and around Berlin: Messe Berlin, Olympiapark, Bad Saarow, Grünau, Bowling World, Schwimm- und Sprunghalle im Europasportpark (SSE), City Cluster Mitte and Wannsee.
- 135 venues were digitally interconnected. That's more than at the Olympic Games
- 6,500 athletes from 176 delegations came to Berlin.
- 18,000 volunteers from 126 countries supported the Games.
- 9,000 family members and 3,000 coaches and support staff were present.

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- Around 3,000 family members between the ages of 89 and three months attended the reception in the Berlin Zoo.
- 1,200 guests of honor checked in on the first day
- SO Germany was the largest delegation, with 573 people.
- The largest regional teams came from the Special Olympics state associations of Baden-Württemberg (112) and North Rhine-Westphalia (111), and the smallest from Rhineland-Palatinate (4) and Saarland (3).
- The first German medal was won by track and field athlete Annika Meissner from Hesse in the women's 5000-meter run - she won silver after setting a personal best.
- The oldest athlete of Team SOD, Joe Reimers won gold in the 200-meter kayaking.
- Cheuk In Wai from Hong Kong won the first gold medal of the World Games in rhythmic gymnastics.
- 2 athletes\* each were nominated by: Belize, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Gambia, Guinea, Nauru, Palau and St. Maarten.
- The oldest athlete Loretta Claiborne from the USA celebrates her 70th birthday in August.
- The youngest athlete, Valery Vera from Paraguay, is only 12 years old.
- 19 athletes were older than 60, and 108 athletes are between 50 and 59 years old. 308 participants are between 40 and 49 years old.
- Three athletes have participated in Special Olympics for more than 40 years.
- 48 percent of the athletes were women. The percentage of female athletes has therefore increased by 10.7 percent since the 2011 World Games.
- 55 people with intellectual disabilities held official leadership positions - a new record.
- 216 municipalities hosted 170 delegations in the Host Town program prior to the Games.
- 2 unexpected baby delegation members arrived in Berlin.
- 100 local torch runs occurred across Germany before the flame came to Berlin.

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- 15,353 Healthy Athletes® screenings were conducted at 7 stations.
- Approximately 5,000 athletes made use of the Healthy Athletes® outreach program. 100 doctors, 70 dentists and 715 students and trainees supported as volunteers from 59 countries.
- More than 2,350 eye tests were carried out as part of the "Opening Eyes" program and around 1,065 eyeglass prescriptions were issued.
- 220 scientists accompanied the Games to gather data on sustainability indicators.
- More than 10 academic studies were conducted during the Games - more than ever before.
- 42,458 accreditations were issued.
- 5-month-old was the youngest accredited person
- 457 accredited persons are named Michael, making it the most popular name at the World Games.
- 71 translators in plain language and sign language interpreters were on duty.
- 34,028 is the number of downloads of the Games Time App, even 20,000 times before the start of the Games.
- 250 meters long was the queue of spectators waiting for rhythmic gymnastics.
- 412 athletes took part in the biggest sport, basketball, on June 23.
- On the last day of the Games, 79% of all volunteers showed up for their shifts.
- 7,500 people participated in the Athletes' Party, the first time ever this kind of celebration was hosted at World Games.
- 444 articles about World Games were published in national and international media by June 15.
- 180 flowers and 20 trees decorated the equestrian FOPs.
- More than 40 truck trailers with technology were unloaded at the Berlin Olympic Stadium.
- 4,200 badminton balls were delivered to the exhibition hall at Messe.
- 2,090 kg of weights were provided for the powerlifting athletes.

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- 223,306 LUMA scans for food distribution and logistics were conducted.
- 6.5 tons of food were prepared.
- More than 550 hectoliters of drinks and about 79,000 meals were consumed at the fair. Beef stew with potato wedges in coconut, curry sauce with rice and of course the classic pasta Bolognese were popular. In addition, there were 50,000 rolls and 8,000 loaves of bread.
- 2,600 cell phones, 1,200 radios, 150 televisions and 2,500 printers, tablets and laptops were distributed for IT and logistical support.
- 128 participants from 50 nations gathered at the Global Athlete Congress (GAC) and for the first time a female chairperson of the Congress was elected.
- 720 international representatives from politics, NGOs, academia and participants of the Global Forum for Inclusion (GF) adopted and published the Berlin Declaration.
- 265 people participated in the Delegation Assistance Liasons Academy.
- Christiane Krajewski, the President of SO Germany, set the target of increasing the percentage of people with intellectual disabilities who participate in sports from 8 percent to 16 percent in the next four years.
- 44cm is the height difference between Dirk Nowitzki and Sven Albrecht, CEO of Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023
- It is estimated that the mascots on duty in Berlin received up to 10,000 hugs. That was more than 500 per Unity per day. During the week three were on the move in Berlin, during the opening ceremony 13. At the closing ceremony there were two. The selfies were countless.

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