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# Global Golf Participation 2025.

Excluding the USA & Mexico

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# 112M

People playing golf (adult + junior)  
+3% since 2024

# 8.7M

Registered golfers in The R&A's  
jurisdiction

# 43.9M

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)

# 65.0M

Adults playing golf  
+1% increase since 2024

# 47.1M

Juniors playing golf  
+6% increase since 2024

# 16%

Rise in registered golfers since  
2020

# 18,500

Golf courses in The R&A affiliated  
nations worldwide

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# The R&A perspective.

Mark Darbon, Chief Executive, The R&A



Welcome to The R&A's Participation Report for 2025, providing an overview of golf around the world through an analysis of the number and breakdown of golfers and golf courses in R&A affiliated national federations.

This report collates data gathered in the same year from Asia, Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, Central & South America, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania.

Earlier this year, The R&A launched a new five-year global strategy aiming to bring millions more people around the world into golf and accelerate the current participation boom in the sport. Based on our purpose of 'Opening Golf to the World', the new strategy aims to have more people playing and engaging with golf more frequently worldwide.

I am therefore delighted to report global participation continued to grow in 2025, encompassing 149 countries affiliated to The R&A. In total, 112.2 million adults and juniors are now playing golf in all its forms worldwide (outside of the USA and Mexico). This marks an increase of 4.2 million golfers year-on-year, underlining the sport's growing appeal and providing a strong platform for long-term development.

The research also shows that 65 million adults are playing golf, up 1 million on 2024, while 47.1 million juniors are participating in the sport, an increase of 3.2 million in just one year. Off-course golf continues to experience strong growth with 68.3 million adults and juniors engaging in a range of formats. While on-course golf remains strong, the growth in non-traditional formats such as driving ranges, golf simulators, pitch and putt and adventure golf is helping drive participation among adults and juniors on a global scale.

The surge in popularity golf has enjoyed and continues to sustain is testament to the endeavours of so many involved in the sport. This simply doesn't happen without the great work of national federations and other industry partners, and I would particularly like to thank them for their hard work and partnership as we collectively grow the game.

Golf is in a strong position as a sport and these new figures show that participation continues to increase around the world, especially among younger audiences. Through our new strategy, our task is to convert this momentum into long-term growth by reaching more people, creating greater impact and ensuring golf continues to grow in every part of the world.

Sustained growth can be achieved by combining our global golf development activities, insights and data with the local knowledge and expertise of national federations and through collaboration with the wider golf industry. New golfer participation programmes with appealing propositions and promotions are important for encouraging more people into golf and retaining them in greater numbers.

Over the next five years of our strategy, we will work with our partners across the golf industry to attract 22 million additional golfers. It is therefore important that we find ways to support new players coming into the sport – as well as returning golfers – and look after existing, core players. We must ensure that pathways are created for newer golfers to connect to golf clubs and facilities and develop their passion for the sport.

As the sport continues to blossom, thank you again to all those involved across the globe for your energy, dedication and commitment in helping to contribute to this report and golf's continued growth.

# The Sporting Insights perspective.

We are pleased to continue to support this latest edition of The R&A's Participation Report.

This work remains an important reference point for understanding the global landscape of golf, combining various data sources to help inform golf's future development.

This year's findings underline a continued growth story, with more than 112 million people now playing golf across R&A affiliated markets.

While overall participation has increased again, the composition of that growth is becoming more nuanced. Adult participation has risen modestly, while junior engagement has accelerated more strongly, underlining the importance of younger audiences in shaping the sport's long term future.

Across formats, the data points to a maturing participation landscape. Traditional 9- and 18-hole golf continues to grow, albeit at a steadier pace, while alternative formats remain a key driver of expansion. Shorter formats, driving range activity and simulator-based experiences are not only attracting new participants, but are also playing a vital role in keeping the sport relevant in a more time-constrained and experience-led environment.

At a regional level, growth patterns are becoming more differentiated. Established markets in Europe continue to provide a strong foundation, while emerging regions are contributing in distinct ways, including notable gains in registered participation in parts of Central and South America.

In a wider sporting context, this level of consistent, global participation tracking remains relatively rare. The ability to measure not only traditional forms of the game but also the full spectrum of engagement is a key strength of this research, and one that positions golf at the forefront of data-led decision making in sport.

We are proud to contribute to a project that plays such a central role in shaping the future of golf. As the participation landscape continues to evolve, maintaining a clear focus on accessibility, flexibility and inclusivity will be essential to sustaining growth and ensuring the sport continues to appeal to new and existing audiences alike.

## About the process.

To produce the most accurate and reliable assessment of golf participation, we draw on a range of data sources, including direct input from national golf associations/ federations, and insights from The R&A Golf Barometer – a statistically robust tracking study introduced in 2022.

As in previous years, we gather information from national golf associations / federations to feed in to the global participation extrapolation model, which is used to calculate the number of golfers around the world. National golf associations / federations share their data through a survey distributed by The R&A to its Affiliates globally, or through access granted by the European Golf Association (EGA) to its national federations member data portal.

The main focus of information gathered from the national golf associations / federations is the number of registered golfers in their market. We ask that all registered golfers are included in the registered figures and, if possible, we ask for the total number of registered golfers to be broken down into the number of registered men, women, boys and girls.

As well as the core numbers of registered golfers, we also give the national golf associations / federations the opportunity to provide us with their own evidence or indications of the number of unregistered 9&18 hole golfers and total golf participation in their market, and where this information was shared, we have considered it in our calculations for 2025.

With each iteration of the project, the processes and methodology have become stronger. As a result, for the first time this year, we have calculated a total participation figure that includes both adults and juniors, providing a broader context for the global reach of golf.

We recommend using registered golfer figures as the most core indicator of golf's health in a given market, which is a measure of association with national golf associations / federations in a consistent manner. However, even registered golfer numbers are sometimes subject to more significant change due to factors on the golf association / federation's side, such as adjustments in measurement methods or database / CRM maintenance and updates.

The level of information shared by national golf associations / federations varies over time. In cases where a market had not submitted data in previous years, new estimates from the golf association / federation itself may indicate a change. In some cases, this may suggest a decline in golf participation in particular markets. However, such variations reflect refinements in the model, increased historical data, and additional total participation estimates provided by some Affiliates. Our approach and processes remain consistent year-on-year, meaning that the estimates produced are as robust and well-founded as they can be.

For the 2025 evaluation, we received input from 110 national golf associations / federations in The R&A's jurisdiction around the world. For those not submitting information we have estimated in line with their previous data, with an adjustment for change in population size. Estimates for the other golfer categories are made using information on that market's registered golfers, previous estimates, number of golf courses, golf association / federation feedback and the understanding of golfer behaviour gathered through The R&A Golf Barometer.

# About The R&A Golf Barometer.

The R&A Golf Barometer was initiated by The R&A in nine core markets in 2022 in order to help national golf associations / federations in their work and enable the development of golf globally.

Information on individuals' own behaviour and attitudes towards golf is gathered through a nationally representative quarterly tracking survey of adults in core golfing markets. The composition of the sample represents the composition of the population as defined by the national census in each market as much as possible.

Each quarterly wave of fieldwork gathers feedback from 1,250 adults in each of these markets, leading to a total annual sample of 5,000 adults per market.

A sample size of 5,000 adults (or 4,000 for smaller populations) drawn from a full-country population provides a strong basis for statistical analysis. At a 95% confidence level, this sample size yields a margin of error of approximately 1.4%, which is considered highly reliable for estimating population proportions. This means that any proportion measured in the sample is likely to be within  $\pm 1.4\%$  of the true population value, 95 times out of 100. This margin of error is well within the range considered to be 'standard' in public opinion research and large-scale surveys.

The nine core markets of The R&A Golf Barometer represent an estimated 84% of the 9&18 hole golfers in The R&A's jurisdiction. Using a consistent and statistically robust methodology, The R&A Golf Barometer is invaluable in the estimation process for the broader golf participation figures.

The core markets included in the Barometer since its launch in 2022 are:

Argentina

Australia

Canada

France

Germany

Great Britain & Ireland

Japan

South Africa

South Korea

# Glossary & definitions.

## Gathering the information

### DATA SOURCE

The numbers have been estimated by drawing on multiple sources:

- European numbers were submitted by individual national golf associations / federations through the EGA Member Portal.
- Numbers from the rest of the world (ROW) were submitted by individual nations via a survey link circulated by The R&A.
- Information from national golf associations / federations, The 2025 R&A Golf Barometer and industry estimates were used to be able to project and calibrate the numbers in the non-registered categories. Where individual markets were included in the 2025 R&A Golf Barometer, consistent figures have been mostly used for the Global Participation estimates.
- Where information is incomplete or inconsistent we have used previous estimates to balance information for a particular market.
- Where reliable golf course numbers have been provided by national golf associations / federations, these have been used. Where new information is not available, golf course numbers have been taken from the National Golf Foundation's 'Golf Around the World' service - International Golf Course Update December 2023 or other information.
- Population figures have been sourced from the World Bank's most recently available metrics, downloaded on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>), or local official figures where information is not available through this source.

## Global golfer number estimates

### CALCULATING PARTICIPATION FIGURES

This iteration of the Global Golf Participation estimates is the fourth time that an estimate has been made for Total Golf Participation based on anything other than the core registered figures. The total figure was previously known as 'Total Engagement', however this has now been amended to 'Total Participation' to better reflect the need for an active involvement in the sport and that, for example, fan following is not included.

For the most part, registered golfer numbers are provided by the national golf association / federation, although not all national golf associations / federations are able to provide figures, and not all are able to differentiate between men, women, boys and girls. Where registered figures from the national golf association / federation are not available, estimates have been made based on historical data, other research and industry knowledge.

Calculations of the total number of participants are based on estimates from the national golf associations / federations, other research (including The R&A Golf Barometer, where available) and industry knowledge.

Total participation figures may exceed the sum of each of the other golfer categories in individual markets and in regional summaries. Total participation figures use research carried out for The R&A Golf Barometer, but separate estimates for the different golfer categories are considered if they are provided by national golf associations / federations. This may mean that total participation estimates are higher than national golf association / federation estimates if this is indicated by The R&A Golf Barometer, or higher than The R&A Golf Barometer if this is indicated by the national golf associations.

## Definitions

### REGISTERED GOLFERS

- The number of golfers who are affiliated to the golf association / federation (they may be members of golf clubs or affiliated to the golf association / federation in another way, eg through a direct subscription). This figure includes registered juniors for year-on-year and cross-market consistency in the majority of cases.

### 9&18 HOLE GOLFERS (REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED)

- Golfers who have played on a full length 9 or 18 hole golf course at least once in the last year, including golfers that are registered with their national golf association / federation and those that are not.

### TOTAL ADULT PARTICIPATION

- People who have played any on-course or other format at least once in the past year. This includes people who have NOT played on a 9 or 18 hole course in the past year but have played another format of golf. This could be: 6 hole, par 3 / short course, Pitch & Putt, Putting green / putting experience, Adventure Golf (eg themed golf venue – Pirate Golf / Prehistoric Golf), Driving Range – with tracker technology, Driving Range – without tracker technology, Indoor Golf simulator (e.g. City Golf / Urban Golf), Golf on school pitches.

### REGISTERED JUNIOR GOLFERS

- The number of junior golfers who are affiliated to the golf association / federation (they may be members of golf clubs or affiliated to the golf association / federation in another way, eg through a direct subscription).

### TOTAL JUNIOR PARTICIPATION

- Junior golfers who have taken part in any format of golf in the past year. Included formats are: 18 hole, 9 hole, 6 hole, par 3 / short course, Pitch & putt, Putting green / putting experience, Adventure Golf (eg themed golf venue – Pirate Golf / Prehistoric Golf), Driving Range – with tracker technology, Driving Range – without tracker technology, Indoor Golf simulator, (eg City Golf / Urban Golf), Golf on school pitches.



# Global\* overview.

- Golf participation by region - 2025:

Region	All registered golfers 2025 (millions)	All 9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025 (millions)	Total adult participation 2025 (millions)	Total junior participation 2025 (millions)
Africa	0.3	0.7	5.1	7.4
Asia	2.0	20.3	26.2	9.7
Canada	0.6	5.8	7.1	3.2
Caribbean	0.01	0.0	0.1	0.0
Central & South America	0.1	0.3	1.4	4.5
Europe	4.9	14.0	20.6	19.9
Middle East	0.02	0.0	0.1	0.0
Oceania	0.6	2.7	4.5	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>47.1</b>

## Core golfer categories

Change: 2025 vs 2024

Registered Golfers

+2%

9&18 hole golfers

+1%

Total adult participation

+1%

Total junior participation

+6%

## Core golfer categories

Number of participants over time

Golfer categories	2023 (millions)	2024 (millions)	2025 (millions)
Registered golfers	8.2	8.4	8.7
9&18 hole golfers	42.7	43.3	43.9
Total adult participation	62.3	64.1	65.0
Registered juniors	0.6	0.7	0.8
Total junior participation	42.8	43.9	47.1
Total participation (adult + junior)	105.1	108.0	112.2

*'Total participation' and 'playing golf' include participation in all formats of golf – on-course and other formats, and is a broader definition than registered golfers or 9&18 hole golfers.*

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*Please see the Glossary for the full definitions.*

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*\* The R&A Global figures exclude the USA and Mexico.*

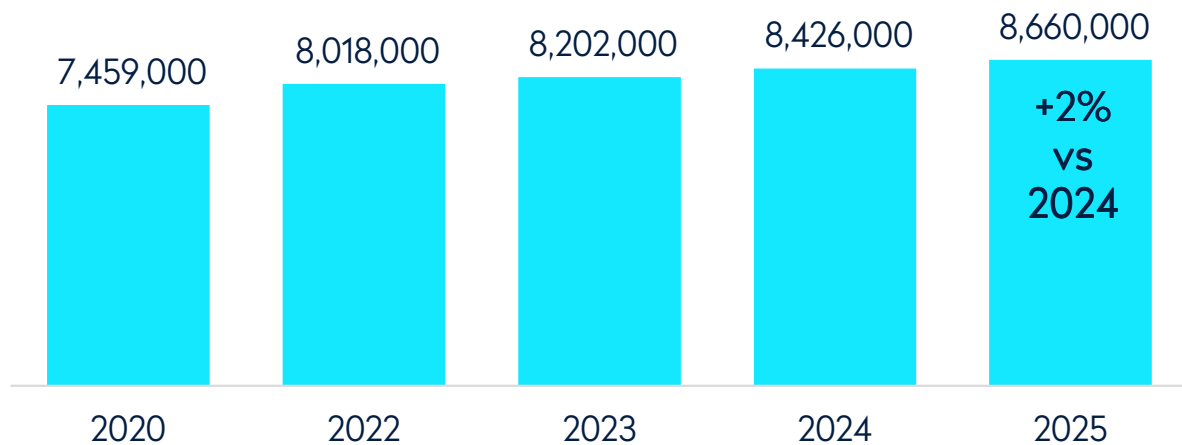


# Registered golfers.

- Change in registered golfer numbers over time:

Registered golfers						
Region	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	% change 2025 vs 2024
Africa	187,000	198,000	293,000	312,000	329,000	6%
Asia	1,899,000	2,031,000	1,975,000	2,082,000	2,012,000	-3%
Canada	285,000	319,000	511,000	550,000	593,000	8%
Caribbean	10,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	12,000	0%
Central & South America	130,000	122,000	120,000	122,000	146,000	20%
Europe	4,328,000	4,567,000	4,696,000	4,716,000	4,908,000	3%
Middle East	11,000	16,000	16,000	17,000	16,000	-5%
Oceania	610,000	755,000	580,000	615,000	644,000	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,459,000</b>	<b>8,018,000</b>	<b>8,202,000</b>	<b>8,426,000</b>	<b>8,660,000</b>	<b>2%</b>

## Global\* registered golfers by year



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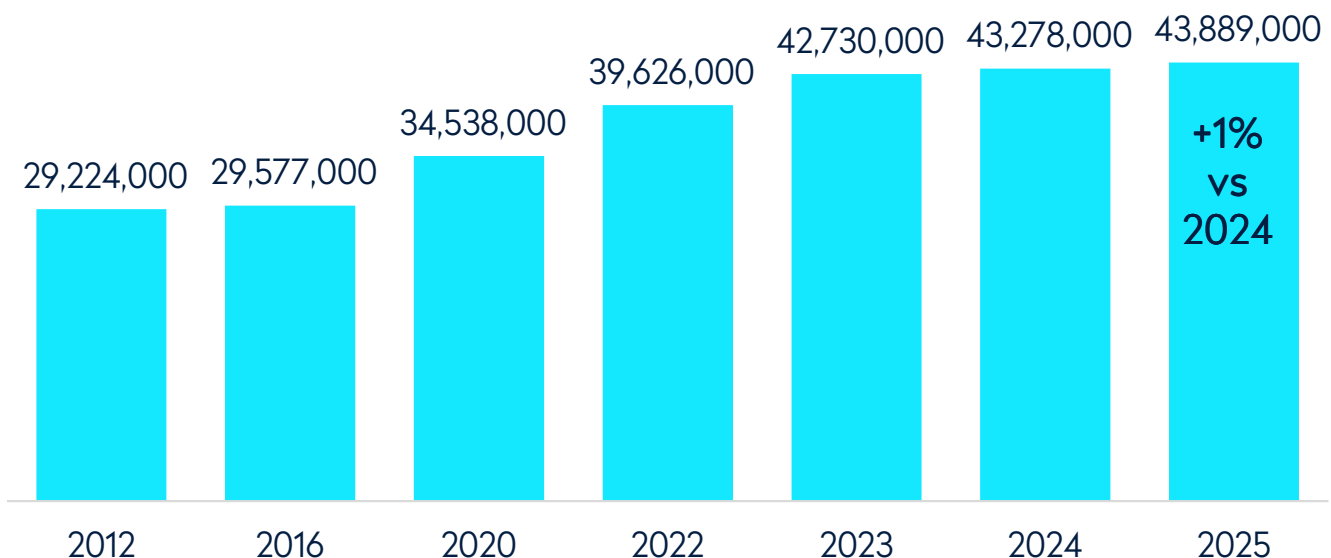


# 9&18 hole golfers.

- Change in 9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) over time:

9&18 hole golfers								
Region	2012	2016	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	% change 2025 vs 2024
Africa	376,000	370,000	439,000	594,000	731,000	720,000	742,000	3%
Asia	13,719,000	13,893,000	16,153,000	16,148,000	20,539,000	20,303,000	20,300,000	0%
Canada	5,800,000	5,470,000	5,700,000	5,588,000	5,851,000	5,700,000	5,840,000	2%
Caribbean	19,000	17,000	18,000	27,000	30,000	33,000	33,000	0%
Central & South America	108,000	97,000	213,000	349,000	269,000	271,000	281,000	4%
Europe	7,529,000	7,961,000	10,617,000	14,016,000	13,125,000	13,636,000	13,965,000	2%
Middle East	13,000	20,000	26,000	42,000	25,000	44,000	41,000	-8%
Oceania	1,660,000	1,750,000	1,372,000	2,862,000	2,160,000	2,571,000	2,691,000	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,224,000</b>	<b>29,577,000</b>	<b>34,538,000</b>	<b>39,626,000</b>	<b>42,730,000</b>	<b>43,278,000</b>	<b>43,889,000</b>	<b>1%</b>

## Global\* 9&18 hole golfers by year



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# The R&A Golf Barometer markets.

- The R&A Golf Barometer markets – 9&18 hole golfers over time:

9&18 hole golfers (millions)								
Market	2012	2016	2020	2022	2023	2024	2025	% change 2025 vs 2024
Argentina	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	3%
Australia	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.9	1.9	2.3	2.4	4%
Canada	5.9	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.9	5.7	5.8	2%
France	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.6	-6%
Great Britain & Ireland	3.8	3.6	5.8	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.1	5%
Germany	0.7	1.1	1.2	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.3	1%
Japan	6.3	6.9	6.1	8.1	10.5	10.8	10.9	1%
Republic of Korea	4.0	4.1	5.3	5.4	7.7	7.0	7.0	0%
South Africa	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	5%
<b>Total - Barometer markets</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>36.2</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>2%</b>
Global* total	29.2	29.6	34.5	39.6	42.7	43.3	43.9	1%
Barometer market participation as a % of Global* participation	78%	80%	76%	78%	84%	84%	84%	=

## About The R&A Golf Barometer

The R&A Golf Barometer is a proprietary quarterly tracking survey which uses nationally representative samples of adults in core golfing markets. The composition of the sample represents the composition of the population as defined by the national census in each market as much as possible.

The core markets included in the Barometer since its launch in 2022 are: Great Britain & Ireland, France, Germany, Canada, South Africa, Japan, South Korea, Australia and Argentina. Each quarterly wave of fieldwork gathers feedback from 1,250 adults in each of these markets, leading to a total annual sample of 5,000 per market.

The sample size of 5,000 (or 4,000 for smaller populations) drawn from a full-country population provides a strong basis for statistical analysis. At a 95% confidence level, this sample size yields a margin of error of approximately 1.4%, which is considered highly reliable for estimating population proportions. This means that any proportion measured in the sample is likely to be within  $\pm 1.4\%$  of the true population value, 95 times out of 100. This margin of error is well within the range considered to be 'standard' in public opinion research and large-scale surveys.

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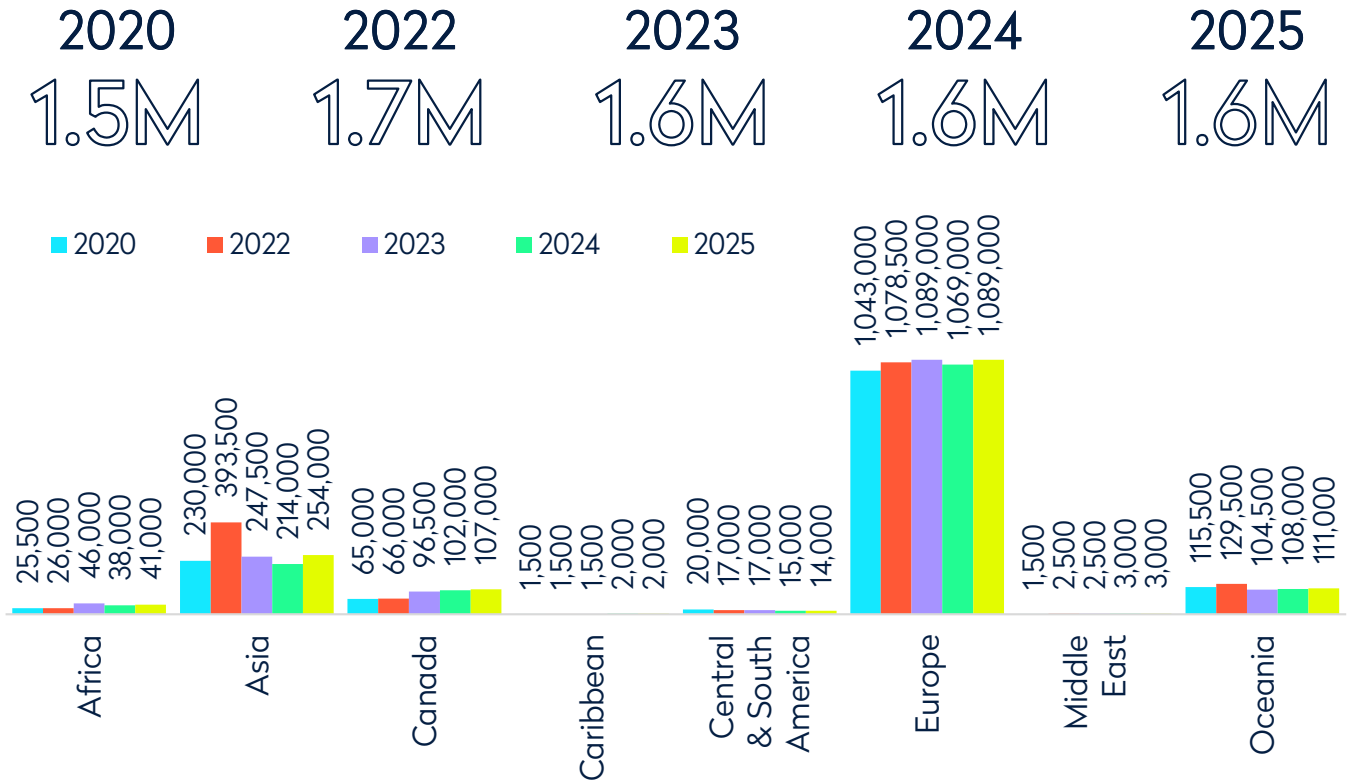
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# Women's representation.

## Registered golfers

- Registered golfers who are women:



- Markets with more than 100,000 registered golfers and a minimum of 15% representation of women\*:

Country	% of adult registered golfers who are women	Number of registered adults (men and women)
Austria	38%	123,600
Switzerland	35%	101,700
Germany	35%	652,800
Netherlands	32%	422,300
Finland	27%	141,400
Denmark	27%	158,100
Spain	27%	279,200
Vietnam	26%	150,500
France	26%	405,000
Sweden	24%	491,500
New Zealand	21%	142,800
Norway	20%	139,800
Ireland	20%	201,700
Canada	19%	561,900
Australia	18%	449,200
Republic of Korea	16%	142,200

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\* Data for India and China has not been shown in this table, due to lack of standardised measurement.



# Women's representation.

## Broader golfer categories

- As part of the Global Golf Participation data gathering, national golf associations / federations are asked to provide specific numbers of registered men and women if possible, and many are able to do this. Estimating the gender split of the other categories is more challenging, but The R&A Golf Barometer, which is based on survey data, is able to give insight into this. The following charts show the proportion of each golfer type that identify as each gender in the nine key golf markets covered by the programme.
- Across the core nine Barometer markets overall:

### All 9&18 hole adult golfers

28%

...identify as women vs 25% in 2024

### Other format adult golfers (not 9&18 hole)

53%

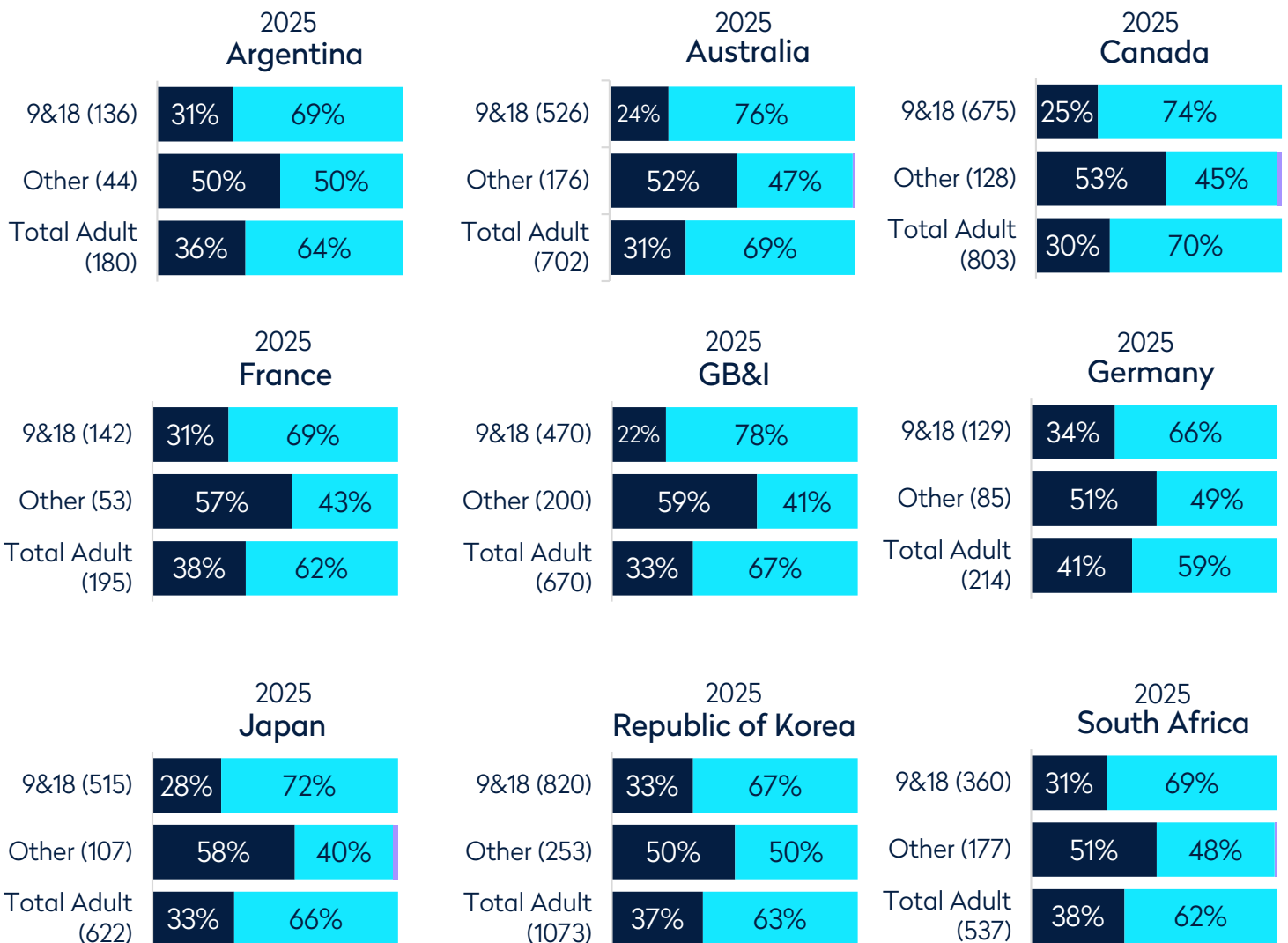
...identify as women vs 50% in 2024

### Total adult participation

34%

...identify as women vs 31% in 2024

■ Women ■ Men ■ Non-binary / Refused



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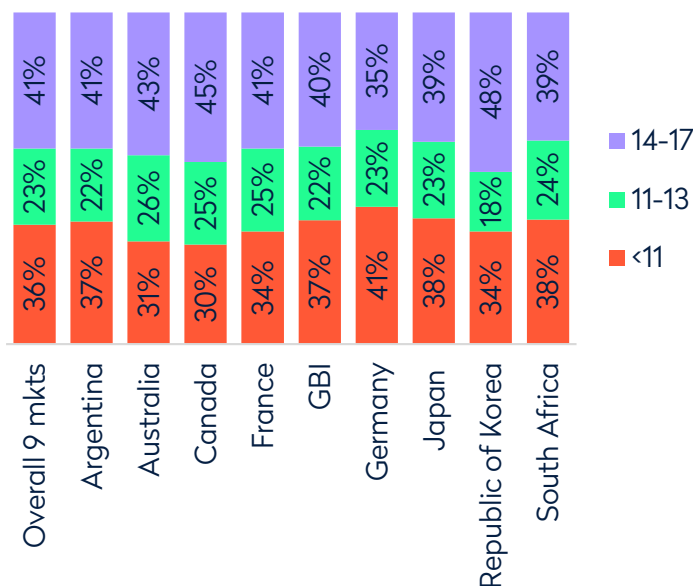
# Junior golfers.

- Information on the number of junior golfers is limited in many markets, but based on the information available and data gathered through The R&A Golf Barometer, estimates of junior participation are as follows:

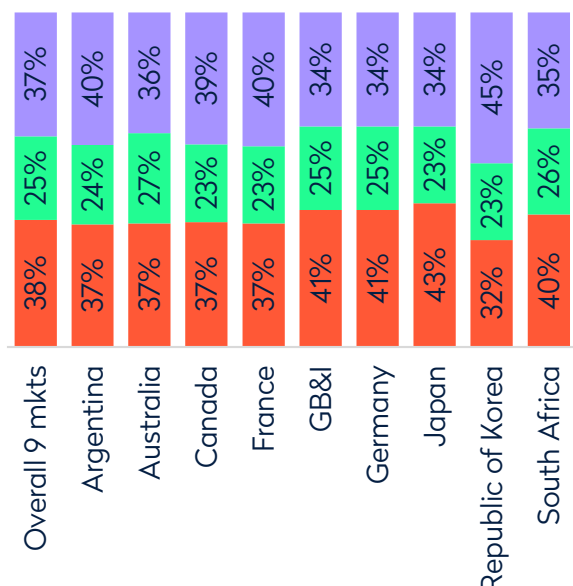
Region	Registered junior golfers 2025 (thousands)	Region	Total junior participation 2025 (millions)
Africa	27k	Africa	7.4M
Asia	222k	Asia	9.7M
Canada	18k	Canada	3.2M
Caribbean	1k	Caribbean	0.01M
Central & South America	29k	Central & South America	4.5M
Europe	479k	Europe	19.9M
Middle East	2k	Middle East	0.02M
Oceania	47k	Oceania	2.3M
<b>Total</b>	<b>824k</b> <b>+26% vs 2024</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>47.1M</b> <b>+6% vs 2024</b>

- Age of junior golfers is not gathered through the Global Golf Participation research, but The R&A Golf Barometer is able to give a directional insight into the age of juniors taking part in each of the broader golfer categories in the nine key golf markets covered by the programme:

### Age: Junior 9&18 hole golfers



### Age: Total junior participation



'Total junior participation' includes participation in all formats of golf – on-course and other formats, and is a broader definition than registered junior golfers. Information on junior participation gathered through The R&A Golf Barometer is provided by the adult respondent about the behaviour of children in their household.

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# Africa.

0.3M

Registered golfers  
+6% vs 2024

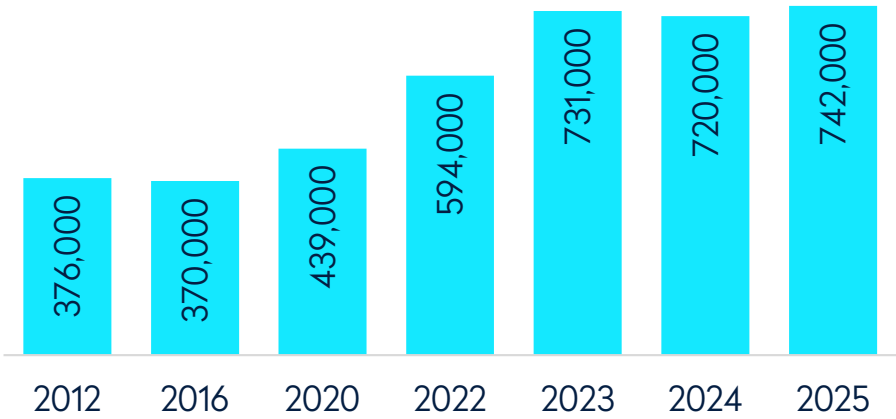
0.7M

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+3% vs 2024

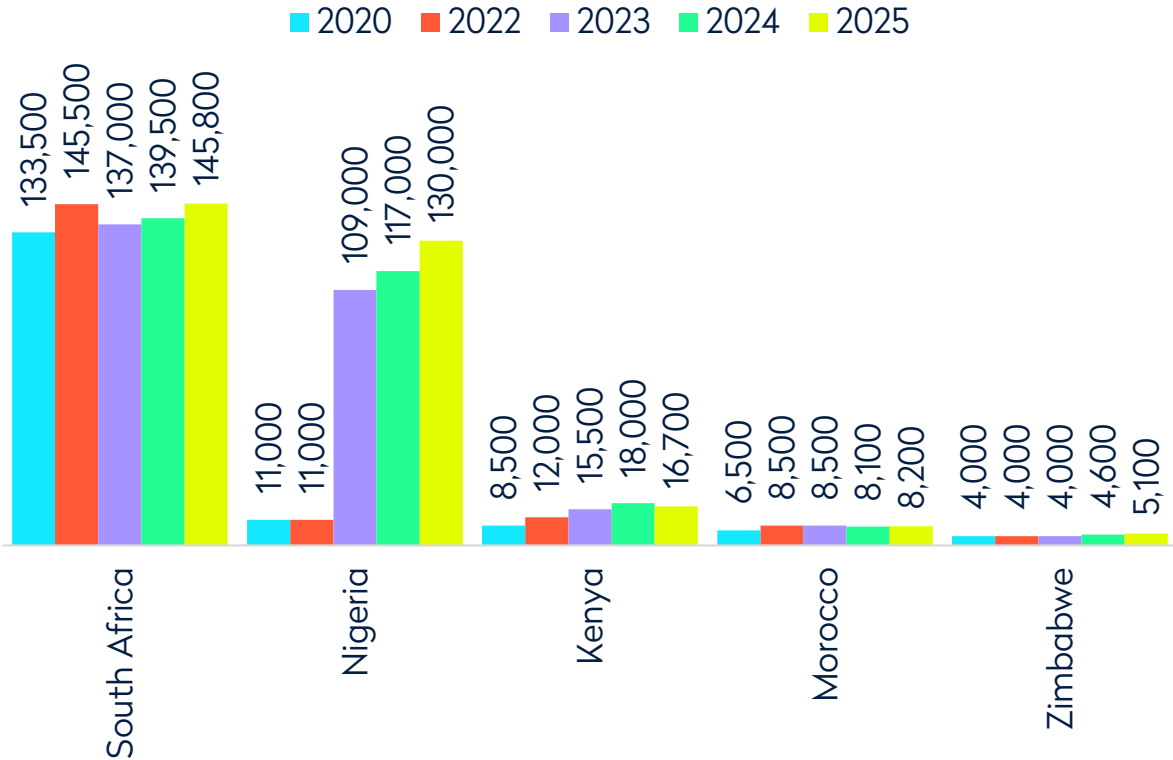
5.1M

Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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# Africa.

Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Algeria	46.8	129	97	32	49	300	1	260	-79%
Angola	37.9	299	202	5	94	400	3	140	3%
Benin	14.5	159	90	7	-	300	-	-	-15%
Botswana	2.5	775	610	143	22	3,000	12	250	9%
Cameroon	29.1	418	334	77	7	500	6	80	-66%
Democratic Republic of Congo	109.3	609	-	-	-	2,000	3	590	3%
Egypt	116.5	876	506	170	200	2,000	20	100	-60%
Eswatini	1.2	1,130	810	90	198	6,500	7	930	-10%
Ethiopia	132.1	181	157	22	2	11,000	2	5,400	39%
Gabon	2.5	378	249	53	79	900	3	310	11%
Gambia (The)	2.8	258	156	27	75	1,000	1	1,140	-4%
Ghana	34.4	2,773	2,015	448	310	3,000	20	150	33%
Ivory Coast	31.9	646	368	63	210	1,000	3	390	2%
Kenya	56.4	16,670	8,800	3,870	4,000	20,000	40	490	-7%
Liberia	5.6	70	66	4	-	100	2	40	-79%
Libya	7.4	344	141	-	207	1,500	5	270	1%
Madagascar	32.0	253	156	88	9	400	5	80	1%
Malawi	21.7	1,200	985	110	105	1,000	11	110	62%
Mauritius	1.2	1,979	1,547	342	90	3,000	13	230	10%
Morocco	38.1	8,187	4,200	2,172	1,815	14,000	42	330	1%
Namibia	3.0	1,545	1,310	165	70	5,000	12	420	-3%
Nigeria	232.7	130,000	106,667	14,444	8,889	144,000	95	1,520	11%
Rwanda	14.3	478	312	85	81	1,500	2	840	12%
Senegal	18.5	328	237	32	54	1,000	3	320	2%
Seychelles	0.1	138	120	10	8	600	2	290	-27%
Sierra Leone	8.6	257	137	36	84	300	1	260	10%
South Africa	64.0	145,835	120,567	16,672	8,604	489,000	408	1,200	5%
Tanzania	68.6	1,864	1,240	240	284	2,500	10	260	86%
Tunisia	12.3	603	333	120	150	2,500	9	260	-4%
Uganda	50.0	2,660	1,685	570	405	3,000	18	170	6%
Zambia	21.3	2,877	2,124	396	570	4,500	28	160	-18%
Zimbabwe	16.6	5,134	3,890	949	570	16,000	33	490	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,234.0</b>	<b>329,052</b>	<b>260,110</b>	<b>41,443</b>	<b>27,240</b>	<b>741,800</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>5%</b>

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# Asia.

## 2.0M

Registered golfers  
-2% vs 2024

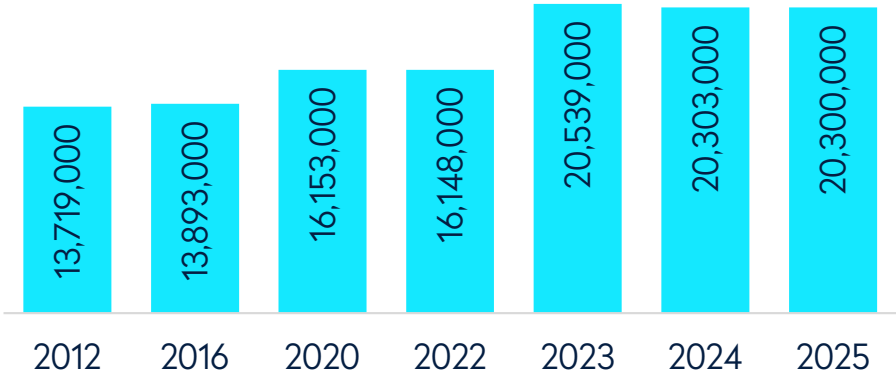
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Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
= vs 2024

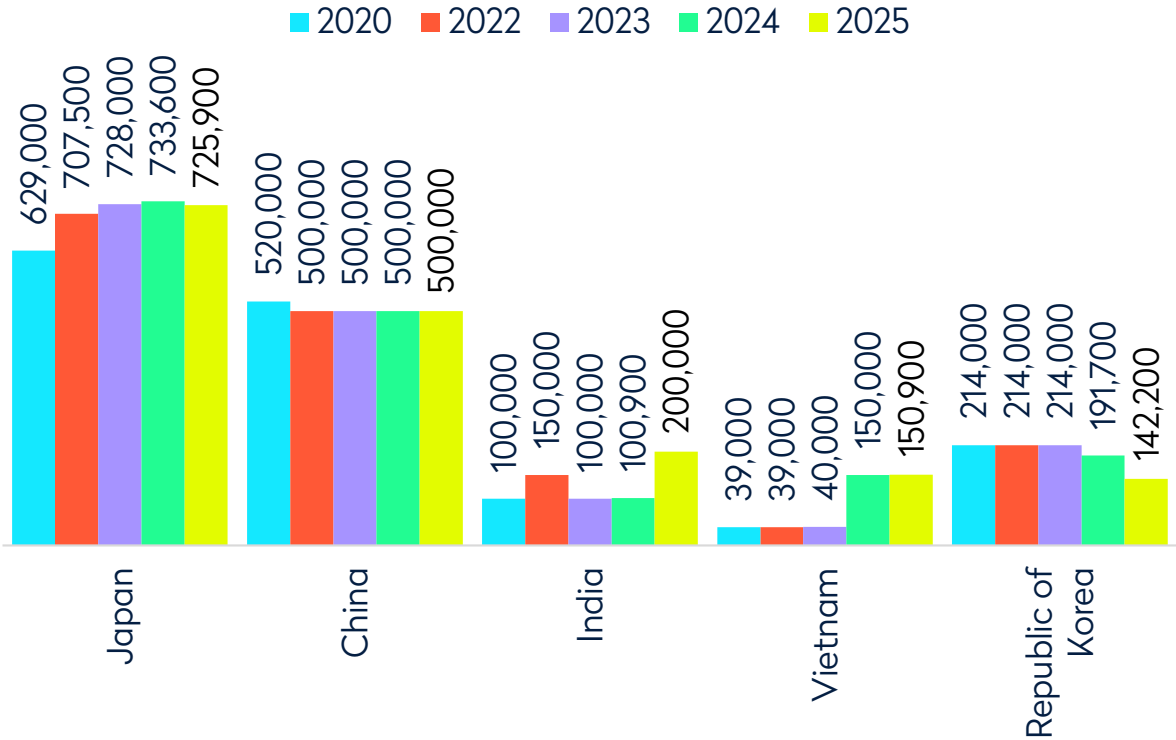
## 26.2M

Total adult participation

### Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



### Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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## Asia.



Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Afghanistan	42.6	45	31	-	14	-	3	20	-85%
Azerbaijan	10.2	154	131	15	8	800	2	390	3%
Bangladesh	173.6	4,251	3,597	282	500	8,000	18	459	1%
Bhutan	0.8	654	-	-	-	3,000	4	800	1%
Cambodia	17.6	1,215	810	101	304	4,500	13	360	1%
China	1,409.0	500,000	2,079	717	153,843	1,000,000	335	2,990	0%
Chinese Taipei	23.0	62,142	32,319	25,451	4,343	120,000	87	1,380	-1%
Hong Kong	7.5	15,811	10,407	4,390	1,014	34,000	14	2,460	4%
India	1,450.9	200,000	100,000	60,000	40,000	368,000	289	1,270	98%
Indonesia	283.5	14,417	-	-	302	29,000	169	170	1%
Japan	124.0	725,855	651,008	74,847	7,177	10,929,000	2,163	5,050	-1%
Kazakhstan	20.6	1,311	589	107	615	2,000	5	360	-1%
Kyrgyzstan	7.2	51	-	-	-	400	1	360	2%
Laos	7.8	2,027	1,825	51	152	6,000	18	330	1%
Malaysia	35.6	87,602	75,666	10,302	1,634	263,000	148	1,780	-57%
Mongolia	3.5	132	106	22	-	400	4	110	1%
Myanmar	54.5	232	163	8	61	4,500	119	40	1%
Nepal	29.7	1,098	768	80	259	1,500	6	280	0%
Pakistan	251.3	9,000	8,200	400	400	16,000	51	310	-10%
Philippines	115.8	25,812	24,240	1,031	516	78,000	130	600	1%
Republic of Korea	51.8	142,210	119,468	22,742	2,335	6,967,000	524	13,300	-26%
Singapore	6.0	45,500	34,125	9,729	1,646	140,000	18	7,780	8%
Sri Lanka	21.9	995	741	124	153	4,500	8	550	-1%
Thailand	71.7	20,110	16,578	3,514	3,002	130,000	315	410	0%
Vietnam	101.0	150,950	110,697	39,851	3,432	190,000	75	2,540	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,321.0</b>	<b>2,011,574</b>	<b>1,193,547</b>	<b>253,764</b>	<b>221,709</b>	<b>20,299,600</b>	<b>4,519</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>-3%</b>

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# Canada.

0.6M

Registered golfers  
+8% vs 2024

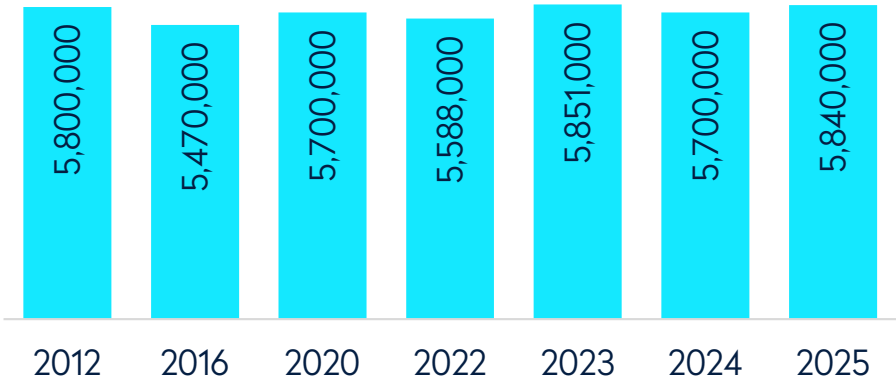
5.8M

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+2% vs 2024

7.1M

Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Canada	41.3	592,820	454,820	107,039	17,786	5,840,000	2,400	2,430	8%

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# Caribbean.

12k

Registered golfers  
= vs 2024

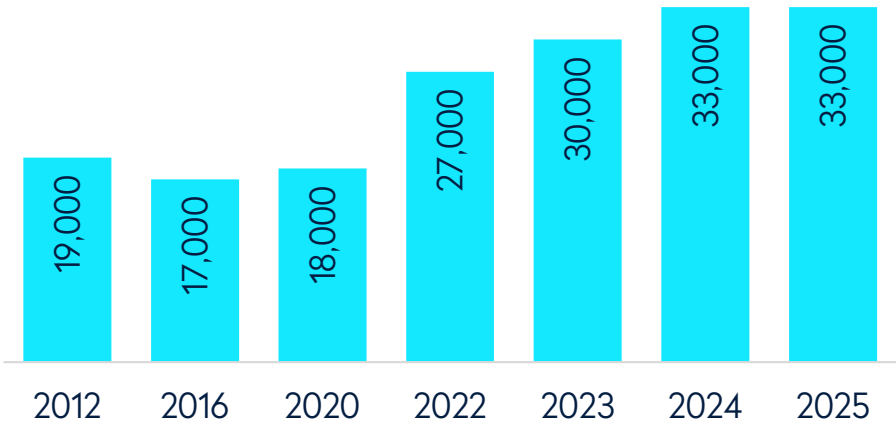
33k

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
= vs 2024

55k

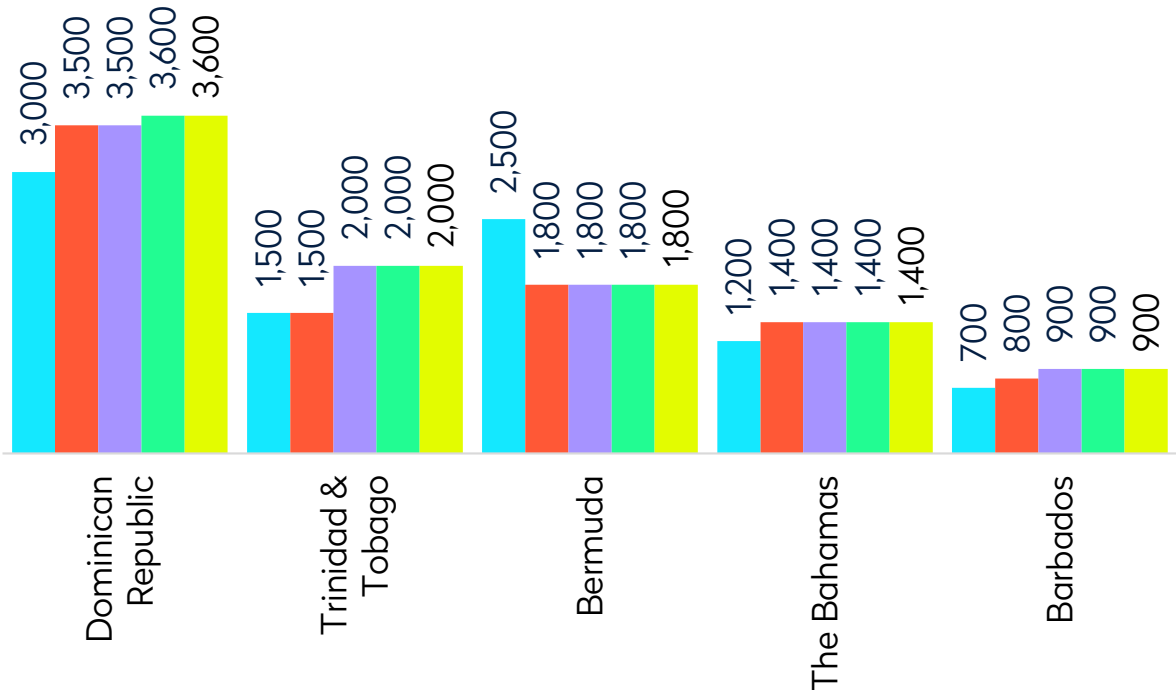
Total adult participation

### Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



### Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers

■ 2020 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025



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# Caribbean.

Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Barbados	0.3	920	702	188	32	4,500	8	540	0%
Bermuda	0.1	1,798	1,149	574	65	3,500	7	510	0%
Cayman Islands	0.1	556	437	91	28	2,500	2	1,240	2%
Dominican Republic	11.4	3,631	3,285	157	154	11,000	36	310	1%
Haiti	11.8	120	82	10	28	400	1	400	-8%
Jamaica	2.8	850	765	50	35	2,500	8	290	0%
Saint Maarten	0.1	88	76	10	2	2,500	1	2,730	-3%
St Lucia	0.2	100	60	40	-	100	3	30	-35%
The Bahamas	0.4	1,406	1,019	240	189	2,000	13	160	0%
Trinidad & Tobago	1.4	2,001	1,503	301	215	2,000	8	280	0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	0.0	121	89	24	8	200	1	220	1%
Virgin Islands	0.1	480	-	-	-	1,500	3	490	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>12,071</b>	<b>9,167</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>32,700</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0%</b>



# Central & South America.

146k

Registered golfers  
+20% vs 2024

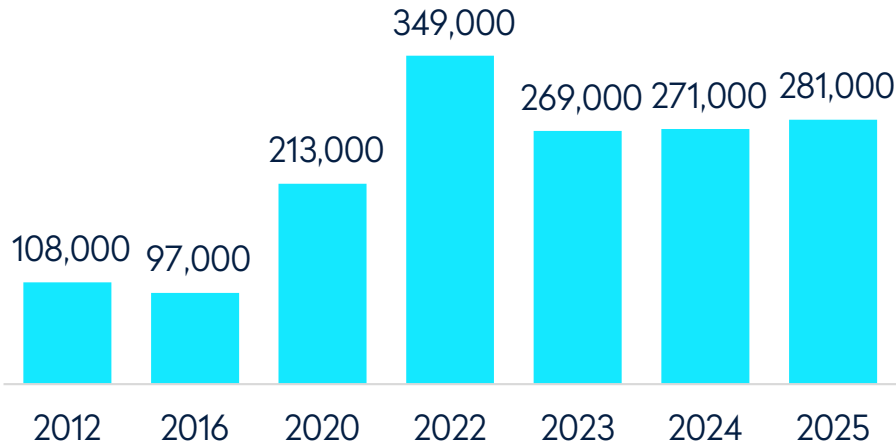
281k

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+4% vs 2024

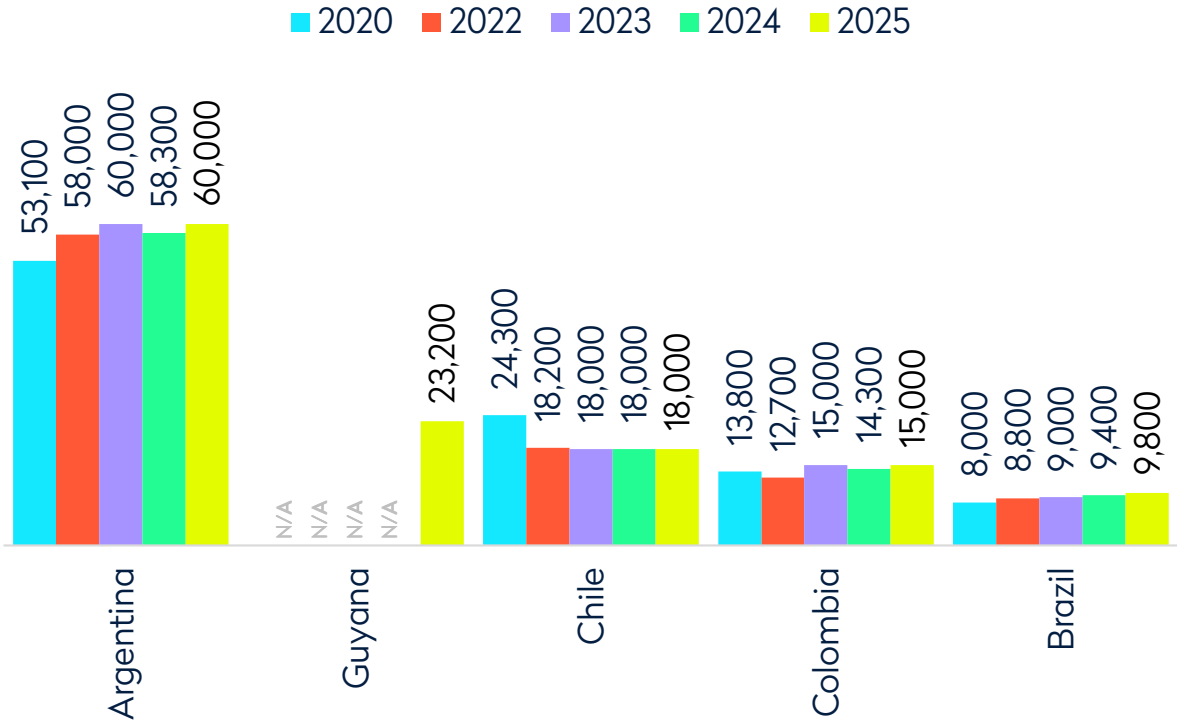
1.4M

Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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# Central & South America.

Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Argentina	45.7	60,000	52,682	6,109	1,210	165,000	330	500	3%
Belize	0.4	92	60	15	17	500	4	970	207%
Bolivia	12.4	980	490	140	350	1,500	10	130	15%
Brazil	212.0	9,800	7,840	1,700	260	16,000	101	160	4%
Chile	19.8	18,000	14,768	2,228	1,004	20,000	60	330	0%
Colombia	52.9	15,000	11,700	1,000	2,300	31,000	60	510	5%
Costa Rica	5.1	838	727	108	69	1,000	14	80	18%
Curaçao	0.2	393	-	-	-	1,000	3	400	1%
Ecuador	18.1	1,480	1,233	127	120	3,500	8	460	13%
El Salvador	6.3	87	42	11	34	400	3	130	-83%
Falkland Islands	0.0	320	-	-	-	1,000	1	960	0%
Guatemala	18.4	1,800	1,600	100	100	2,000	8	240	29%
Guyana	0.8	23,165	130	35	23,000	9,000	4	2,250	N/A
Honduras	10.8	1,322	-	-	-	4,000	9	470	2%
Nicaragua	6.9	415	295	45	75	900	4	230	66%
Panamá	4.5	2,397	2,019	241	137	5,500	13	410	-3%
Paraguay	6.9	1,575	1,220	155	200	3,000	10	320	-51%
Peru	34.2	3,580	2,714	664	202	5,500	12	470	1%
Uruguay	3.4	1,324	1,053	211	60	2,500	15	180	9%
Venezuela	28.4	3,200	2,250	764	186	3,500	24	140	-22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>487.4</b>	<b>145,768</b>	<b>100,822</b>	<b>13,653</b>	<b>29,324</b>	<b>276,800</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>17%</b>

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# Europe.

4.9M

Registered golfers  
+3% vs 2024

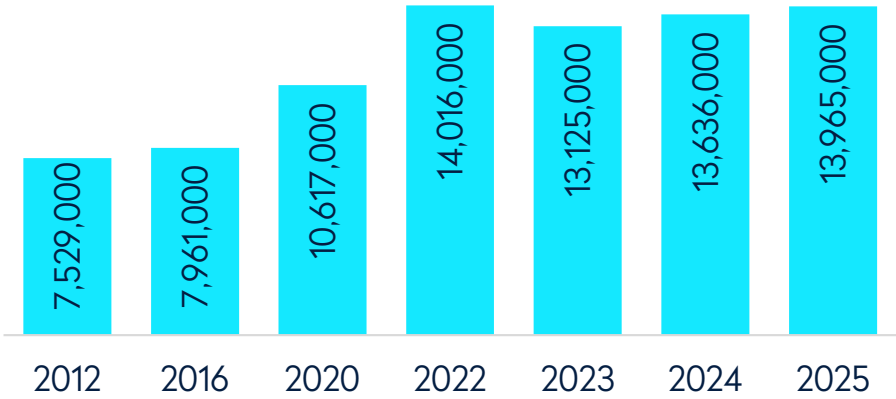
14.0M

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+2% vs 2024

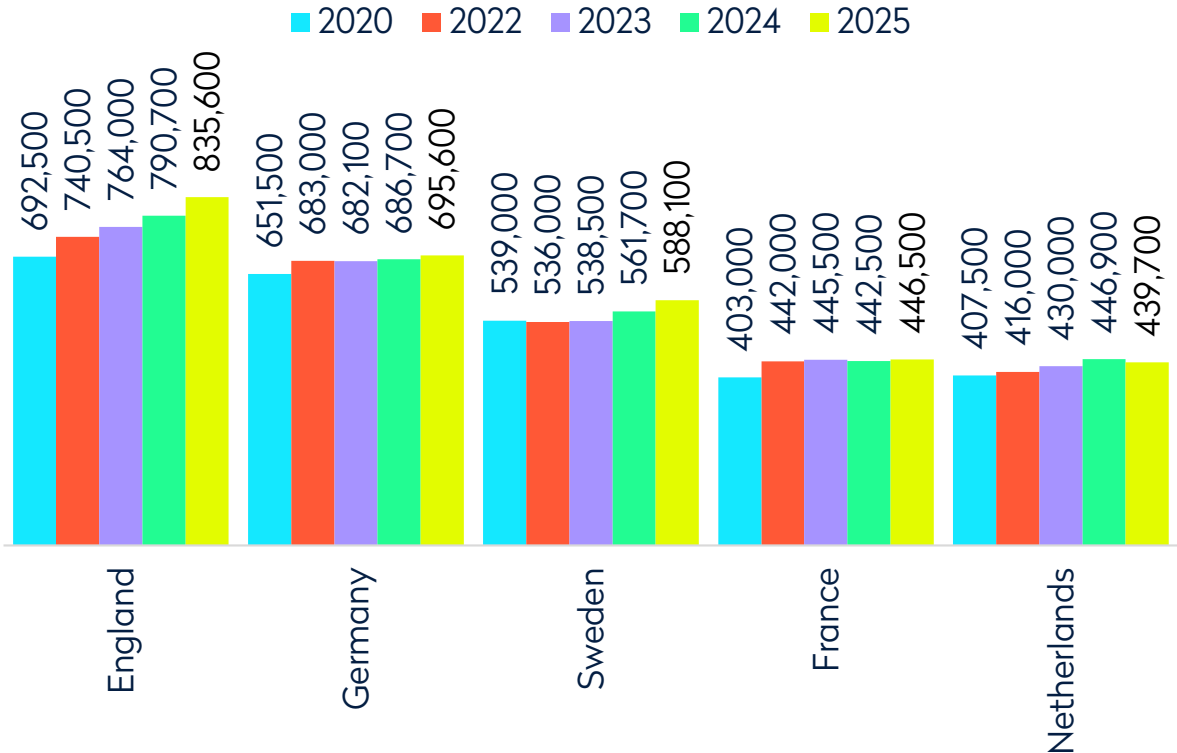
20.6M

Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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# Europe.

Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Albania	2.4	83	71	6	6	400	-	-	0%
Andorra	0.1	581	372	119	90	2,500	4	600	9%
Armenia	3.0	50	15	5	30	200	1	150	-1%
Austria	9.2	131,732	76,091	47,553	8,088	233,000	157	1,490	5%
Belarus	9.1	679	419	213	47	1,500	2	690	-30%
Belgium	11.9	81,866	49,437	24,315	8,114	160,000	92	1,730	4%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.2	298	189	47	62	1,000	3	390	54%
Bulgaria	6.4	1,033	656	198	179	1,500	9	160	3%
Croatia	3.9	864	641	180	43	1,000	6	200	5%
Cyprus	1.4	1,206	910	264	32	1,500	9	140	0%
Czech Republic	10.9	50,483	31,020	12,691	6,772	97,000	107	900	-1%
Denmark	6.0	167,028	115,704	42,412	8,912	335,000	186	1,800	2%
England	58.6	835,554	687,942	84,162	63,450	4,199,000	2,301	1,830	6%
Estonia	1.4	3,058	1,907	849	302	6,000	12	500	-10%
Finland	5.6	161,635	103,241	38,182	20,212	313,000	162	1,930	3%
France	68.6	446,547	299,271	105,760	41,516	1,573,000	885	1,780	1%
Georgia	3.7	266	191	49	26	1,000	4	300	9%
Germany	83.5	695,617	425,097	227,722	42,798	2,337,000	721	3,240	1%
Greece	10.4	999	550	150	299	10,000	12	820	0%
Hungary	9.6	1,910	1,264	459	187	3,000	13	250	-20%
Iceland	0.4	29,370	16,434	8,616	4,320	63,000	71	880	11%
Ireland	7.3	236,470	161,606	40,129	34,735	633,000	377	1,680	5%
Italy	59.0	93,661	64,549	20,144	8,968	183,000	283	650	0%
Kosovo	1.6	77	67	7	3	400	1	360	-5%
Latvia	1.9	2,110	1,361	546	203	2,500	8	290	19%

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# Europe.

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Liechtenstein	0.04	1,906	1,161	609	136	3,500	-	-	10%
Lithuania	2.9	937	627	240	70	4,000	6	700	-20%
Luxembourg	0.7	3,170	1,913	869	388	6,000	5	1,220	-2%
Malta	0.6	758	517	126	115	3,500	1	3,300	10%
Moldova	2.4	127	78	18	30	300	1	320	-2%
Netherlands	18.0	439,731	289,098	133,162	17,471	659,000	271	2,430	-2%
Norway	5.6	165,866	111,618	28,213	26,035	319,000	175	1,820	11%
Poland	36.6	8,317	5,780	1,690	847	17,000	36	460	9%
Portugal	10.7	18,499	13,582	3,496	1,421	37,000	88	420	2%
Republic of North Macedonia	1.8	40	35	3	-	100	1	140	0%
Romania	19.1	2,779	1,941	637	201	4,500	11	410	16%
Russia	143.5	5,073	2,839	1,459	775	9,500	46	210	13%
San Marino	0.03	185	110	25	50	200	1	190	0%
Scotland	5.5	220,210	166,848	22,281	31,081	1,013,000	522	1,940	5%
Serbia	6.6	875	589	166	120	4,000	2	1,930	1%
Slovakia	5.4	9,128	5,579	2,146	1,403	12,000	25	500	-2%
Slovenia	2.1	7,475	4,772	2,350	353	16,000	16	1,020	0%
Spain	48.8	317,155	205,215	73,998	37,942	634,000	497	1,280	4%
Sweden	10.6	588,069	372,450	119,026	96,593	637,000	680	940	5%
Switzerland	9.0	108,543	65,898	35,762	6,883	154,000	123	1,250	3%
Turkey	85.5	6,714	3,953	1,698	1,063	8,000	38	220	0%
Ukraine	37.9	2,695	1,544	719	432	5,000	6	840	4%
Wales	3.2	56,501	45,171	5,549	5,781	260,000	178	1,460	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>835.4</b>	<b>4,907,930</b>	<b>3,340,323</b>	<b>1,089,019</b>	<b>478,584</b>	<b>13,965,100</b>	<b>8,155</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>3%</b>

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# Great Britain & Ireland Focus.

GB&I – Registered golfers over time

1.3M

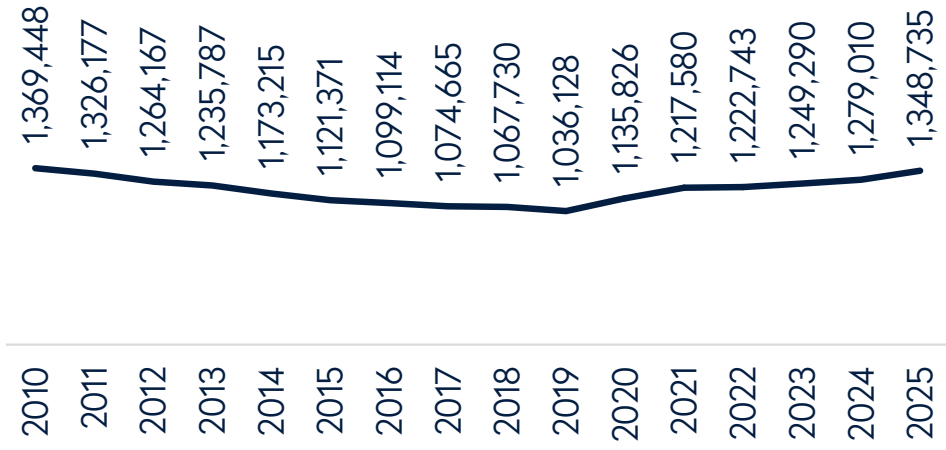
Registered golfers  
+5% vs 2024

6.1M

Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+5% vs 2024

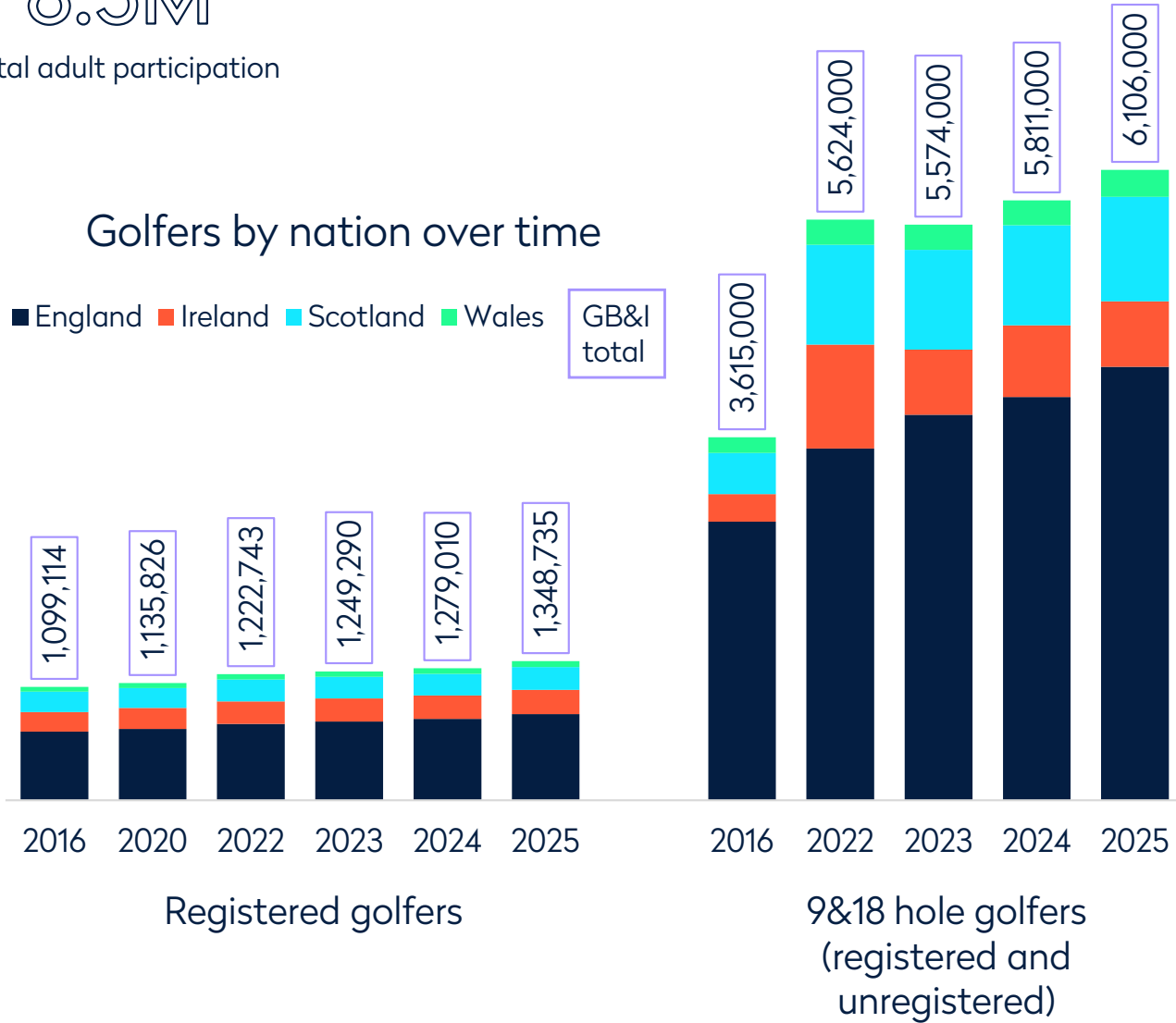
8.5M

Total adult participation



Golfers by nation over time

■ England 
 ■ Ireland 
 ■ Scotland 
 ■ Wales 
 GB&I total



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# Middle East.

## 16k

Registered golfers  
-5% vs 2024

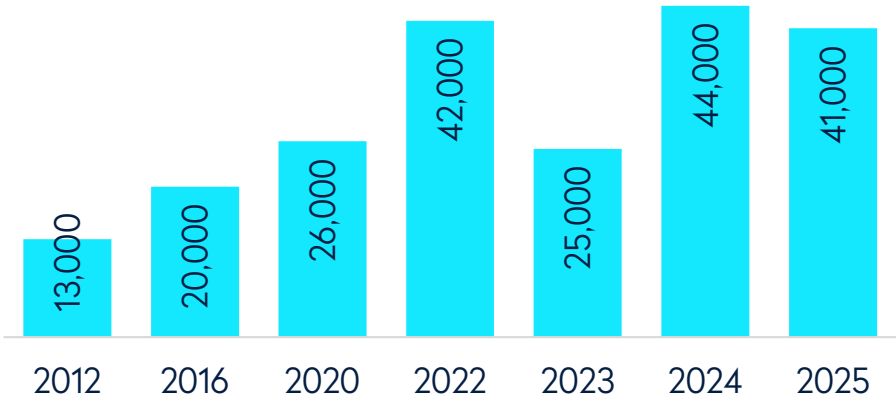
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Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
-8% vs 2024

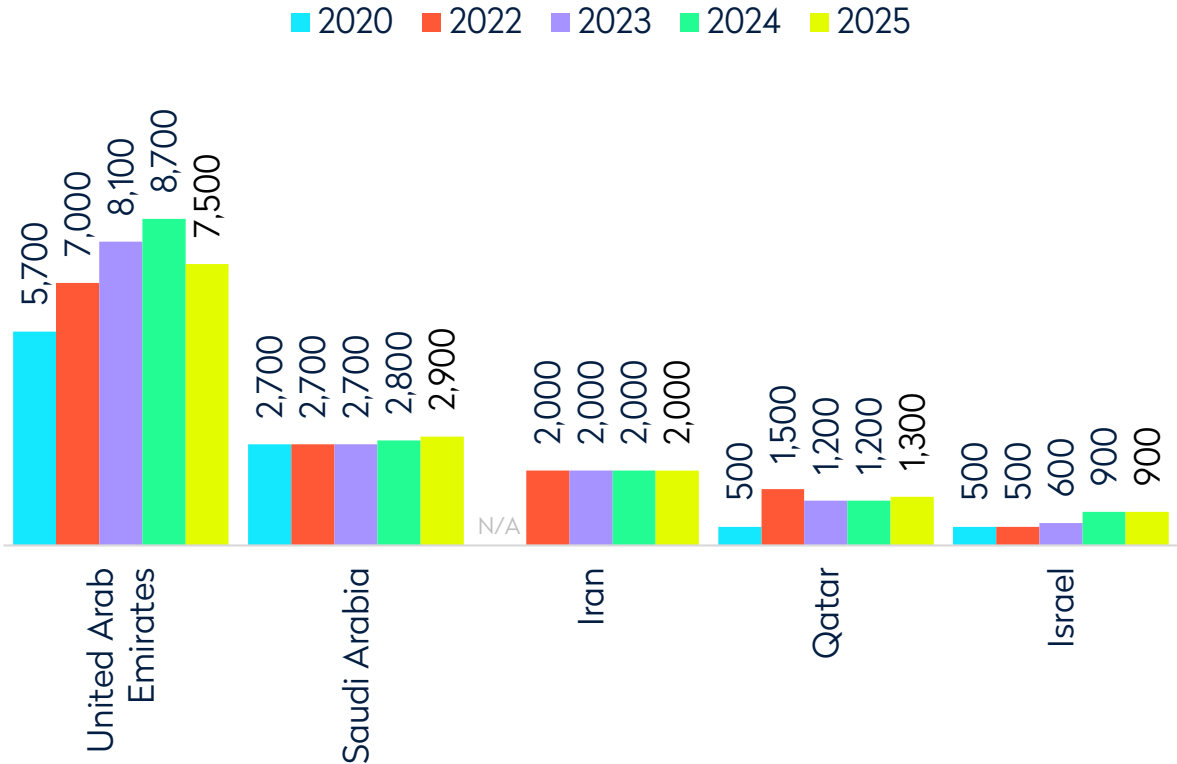
## 67k

Total adult participation

### Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



### Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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# Middle East.

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Bahrain (Kingdom of)	1.6	796	697	63	37	900	6	150	1%
Iran	91.6	2,021	958	664	402	4,000	1	3,760	1%
Israel	10.0	860	600	200	60	1,000	2	500	1%
Jordan	11.6	88	45	3	29	500	3	170	-20%
Lebanon	5.8	194	150	21	23	900	1	910	1%
Oman (Sultanate of)	5.3	722	586	95	45	1,500	6	230	5%
Qatar	2.9	1,291	968	215	108	3,500	7	480	8%
Saudi Arabia	35.3	2,933	2,496	114	329	5,500	14	400	5%
United Arab Emirates	11.0	7,516	5,742	1,133	641	23,000	24	970	-14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>174.9</b>	<b>16,421</b>	<b>12,242</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>40,800</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>-6%</b>



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0.6M

Registered golfers  
+5% vs 2024

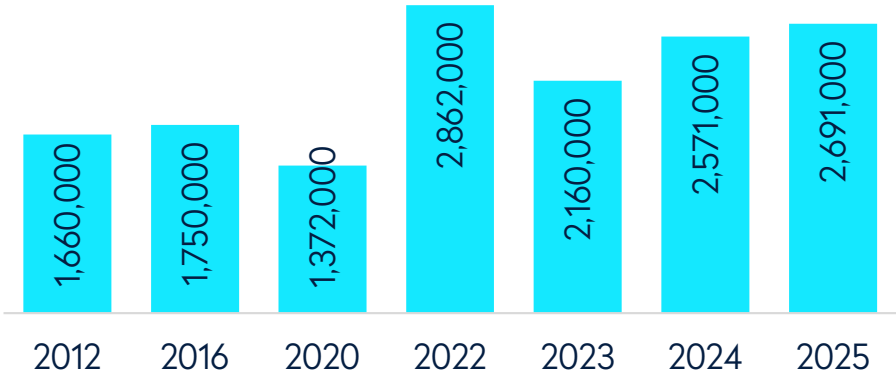
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Total 9&18 hole golfers  
(registered & unregistered)  
+5% vs 2024

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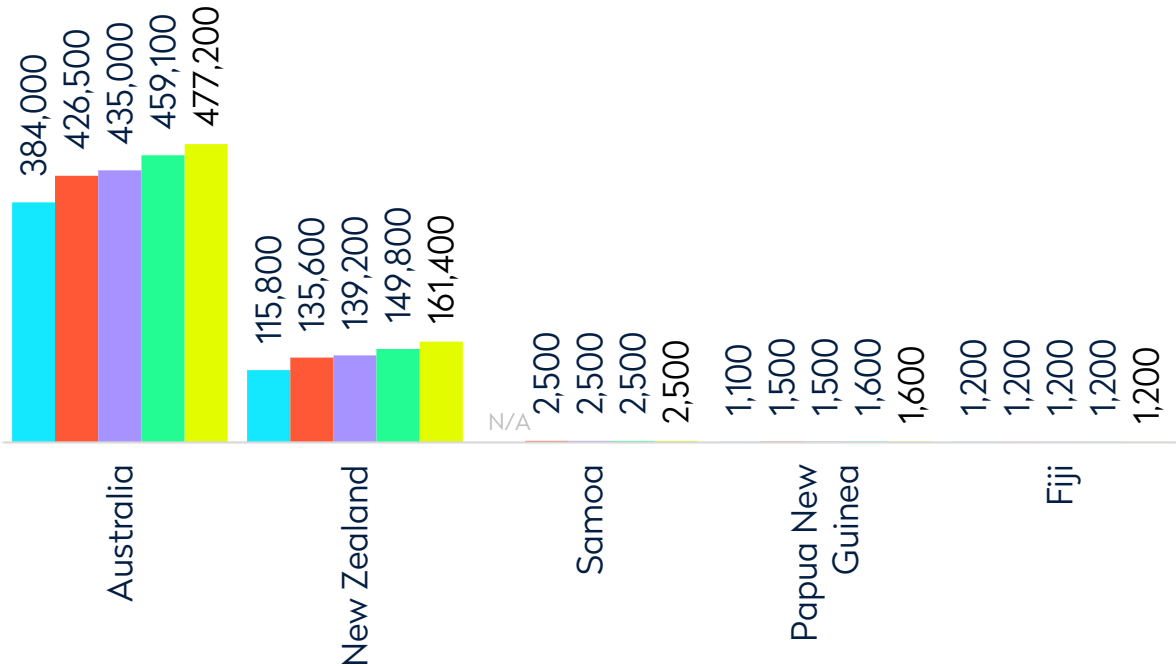
Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers

2020 2022 2023 2024 2025



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Country	Total population (millions)	Registered golfers Total 2025	Registered golfers – Men 2025	Registered golfers – Women 2025	Registered golfers – Juniors 2025	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2025	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2025 vs 2024
Australia	27.2	477,220	368,583	80,618	28,019	2,400,000	1,407	1,710	4%
Cook Islands	0.01	288	209	67	12	300	2	140	7%
Fiji	0.9	1,206	1,016	102	91	4,000	14	290	1%
New Zealand	5.3	161,408	113,249	29,537	18,622	279,000	396	700	8%
Papua New Guinea	10.6	1,629	1,057	317	211	3,000	15	200	2%
Samoa	0.2	2,516	-	-	-	4,000	4	1,040	1%
Vanuatu	0.3	225	157	41	27	1,000	4	240	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>644,492</b>	<b>484,270</b>	<b>110,681</b>	<b>46,983</b>	<b>2,691,300</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>5%</b>

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