



Global Golf Participation 2024.

Excluding the USA & Mexico

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108M

People playing golf (adult + junior)
+3M since 2023

8.4M

Registered golfers

43.3M

Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)

64.1M

Adults playing golf
+3% increase since 2023

43.9M

Juniors playing golf
+3% increase since 2023

13%

Rise in registered golfers since
2020

18,948

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 Global* Golf Participation Report for 2024, providing an overview of global golf through an analysis of the number and breakdown of golfers and golf courses in R&A affiliated national federations around the world.

This report collates data gathered in the same year from Asia, Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, Central & South America, Europe, the Middle East and Oceania. It excludes the USA and Mexico which fall under the jurisdiction of the USGA.

Having started my role as Chief Executive of The R&A late last year, I have enjoyed immersing myself in the sport in recent months and I am delighted to see participation continue to grow in our affiliated markets, encompassing 148 countries.

Across all formats of the sport – and including junior data for the first time thanks to new analytical tools – it is pleasing to highlight that 108 million people are playing golf, an increase of almost three million from 2023. Over 100 million golfers is a significant milestone and one to be celebrated.

The growth in non-traditional formats such as golf simulators, pitch and putt and adventure golf is helping drive participation among adults and juniors on a global scale. On-course golf also remains very popular and there are now 43.3 million golfers playing on 9 and 18 hole courses. This continues the growth we have seen in recent years and is up on the 42.7 million figure from 2023.

*Global excluding the USA and Mexico

Between 2012 and 2016 golf participation was fairly static but had started to rise before 2020. While the Covid-19 pandemic had an impact, the surge in popularity golf has enjoyed and sustained is testament to the endeavours of so many involved in the sport. I would particularly like to thank national federations for their hard work and partnership as we collectively grow the game.

It truly is a wonderful sport to be involved in and I look forward to building on the fantastic work that The R&A team have achieved over the last decade to help maintain this momentum. Through the collective work of our development activities, the support of national federations and the wider golf industry, there remain opportunities for further growth. New golfer participation programmes with appealing propositions, promotion and imagery are important for encouraging more people into golf and retaining them in greater numbers.

Our vision at The R&A is to ensure golf is open to all and enjoyed by people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, genders and ethnicities. 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 also create pathways for newer golfers who want more formal golf experiences to be able to access them.

We must keep connecting more people to golf clubs and facilities while, at the same time recognising that for some people alternative formats provide everything they want, at least for now.

The opportunity to work within golf and help shape its future is a huge personal motivation for me and I'm excited for the years ahead. This report is valuable in allowing us to track key trends and benchmark progress. As the sport continues to blossom, thank you again to those involved for your energy and commitment in helping to contribute to the report.

The Sporting Insights perspective.

We are pleased to have partnered once again with The R&A to support this latest edition of The R&A Global* Golf Participation Report. It is a privilege to support such a significant piece of work – one that offers not only a detailed view of the current health of golf globally, but also provides vital insights that help shape and develop the sport for the future.

We are very pleased to see this year's findings tell such a positive story. With 108 million people (including adults and juniors) now playing golf outside of the USA and Mexico – an increase of 3 million on last year – golf continues to demonstrate its broad appeal. Many organisations in golf, including The R&A at the global level and others more locally, actively promote more flexible golf participation and an evolution away from the more rigid experience of the past, and these initiatives are clearly helping to move golf participation in the right direction.

That golf is not only retaining its core base of 9- and 18-hole players but also successfully engaging new participants – through shorter formats, golf simulators / gamification, family-friendly options, and increasingly inclusive pathways – reflects very positively on the work being done by stakeholders across the globe.

The R&A's leadership in driving evidence-led growth, particularly through tools like The R&A Golf Barometer, is a great example of how governing bodies can facilitate lasting progress in sport.

In a global context, reliable and consistent participation data remains surprisingly scarce. While most major sports have governing bodies at the international level, few produce regular, comprehensive estimates of global participation for their sport. Where figures do exist, they are often sporadic or limited to elite or registered participants. Against this backdrop, golf stands out. The R&A's commitment to producing high-quality, regular monitoring across both traditional and emerging formats sets a benchmark not only for golf but for sport more broadly.

We are delighted to contribute to a project that plays such an important role in the development and understanding of golf at a global level. We look forward to continuing this collaboration and to supporting the sport's future, informed by strong data, clear insights, and a shared commitment to golf's growth.

 **Sporting Insights**

*Global excluding the USA and Mexico

About the process.

To produce the most accurate and reliable assessment of global* 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 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 2024.

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 subject to 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 2024 evaluation, we received input from 103 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, golf association / federation feedback and the understanding of golfer behaviour gathered through The R&A Golf Barometer.

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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 R&A Golf Barometer represents 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 2024 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 2024 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 11th March 2025 (<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 third time that an estimate has been made for Total Golf Participation based on anything other than the core recorded figures. Until this year, the total figure was 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.

The other golfer categories (full length (9&18 hole) course users, other format golfers (not 9&18 hole) and total participation) are based on estimates from the national golf associations / federations, other research 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.

OTHER FORMAT GOLFERS (NOT 9&18 HOLE)

- People who have NOT played on a 9 or 18 hole course in the part 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 are included as other formats of golf.

TOTAL ADULT PARTICIPATION

- People who have played any on-course or other format at least once in the past year.

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, but are not affiliated to their national golf association / federation. 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 - 2024:

Region	All registered golfers 2024 (millions)	All 9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024 (millions)	Total adult participation 2024 (millions)	Total junior participation 2024 (millions)
Africa	0.3	0.7	4.9	7.5
Asia	2.1	20.3	26.2	8.6
Canada	0.6	5.7	6.9	2.9
Caribbean	0.01	0.03	0.1	0.01
Central & South America	0.1	0.3	1.4	4.0
Europe	4.7	13.6	20.3	18.5
Middle East	0.02	0.04	0.1	0.02
Oceania	0.6	2.6	4.3	2.4
Total	8.4	43.3	64.1	43.9

- Core golfer categories – 2024 vs 2023:

Registered golfers	9&18 hole golfers
+3%	+1%
Total adult participation	Total junior participation
+3%	+3%

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

'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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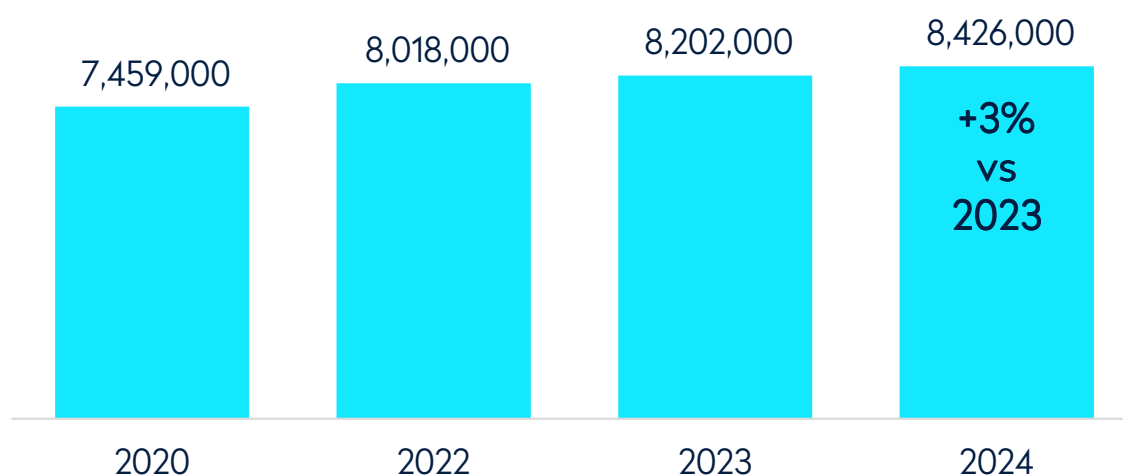


Registered golfers.

- Change in registered golfer numbers over time:

Registered golfers						
Region	2016	2020	2022	2023	2024	% change 2023 vs 2024
Africa		187,000	198,000	293,000	312,000	6%
Asia		1,899,000	2,031,000	1,975,000	2,082,000	5%
Canada		285,000	319,000	511,000	550,000	8%
Caribbean		10,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	11%
Central & South America		130,000	122,000	120,000	122,000	1%
Europe	4,192,000	4,328,000	4,567,000	4,696,000	4,716,000	1%
Middle East		11,000	16,000	16,000	17,000	6%
Oceania		610,000	755,000	580,000	615,000	6%
Total		7,459,000	8,018,000	8,202,000	8,426,000	3%

Global* registered golfers by year



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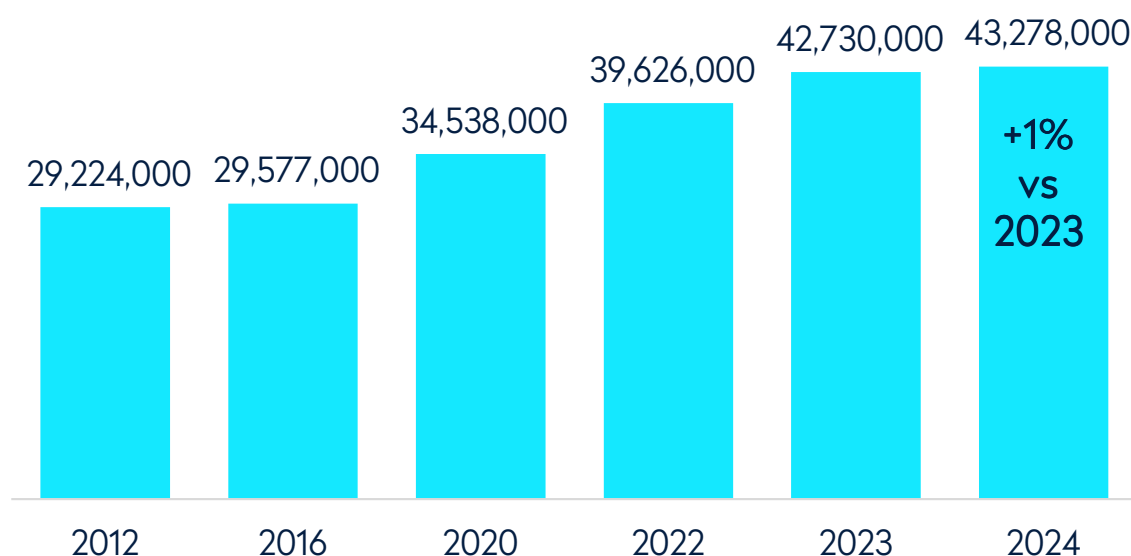


9&18 hole golfers.

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

9&18 hole golfers							
Region	2012	2016	2020	2022	2023	2024	% change 2023 vs 2024
Africa	376,000	370,000	439,000	594,000	731,000	720,000	-2%
Asia	13,719,000	13,893,000	16,153,000	16,148,000	20,539,000	20,303,000	-1%
Canada	5,800,000	5,470,000	5,700,000	5,588,000	5,851,000	5,700,000	-3%
Caribbean	19,000	17,000	18,000	27,000	30,000	33,000	10%
Central & South America	108,000	97,000	213,000	349,000	269,000	271,000	1%
Europe	7,529,000	7,961,000	10,617,000	14,016,000	13,125,000	13,636,000	3%
Middle East	13,000	20,000	26,000	42,000	25,000	44,000	76%
Oceania	1,660,000	1,750,000	1,372,000	2,862,000	2,160,000	2,571,000	19%
Total	29,224,000	29,577,000	34,538,000	39,626,000	42,730,000	43,278,000	1%

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							
Market	2012	2016	2020	2022	2023	2024	% change 2023 vs 2024
Argentina	59,000	52,000	100,000	157,000	162,000	161,000	-1%
Australia	1,140,000	1,200,000	878,000	1,876,000	1,906,000	2,300,000	21%
Canada	5,900,000	5,700,000	5,700,000	5,588,000	5,851,000	5,700,000	-3%
France	547,000	570,000	800,000	1,459,000	1,884,000	1,681,000	-11%
Great Britain & Ireland	3,820,000	3,615,000	5,774,000	5,624,000	5,574,000	5,811,000	3%
Germany	740,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	2,117,000	1,904,000	2,307,000	21%
Japan	6,309,000	6,933,000	6,115,000	8,143,000	10,459,000	10,775,000	3%
Republic of Korea	3,952,000	4,090,000	5,339,000	5,350,000	7,682,000	6,961,000	-9%
South Africa	350,000	350,000	350,000	450,000	459,000	468,000	2%
Total - Barometer markets	22,816,000	23,609,000	26,206,000	30,764,000	35,881,000	36,164,000	1%
Global* total	29,224,000	29,577,000	34,538,000	39,626,000	42,730,000	43,278,000	1%
Barometer market participation as a % of Global* participation	78%	80%	76%	78%	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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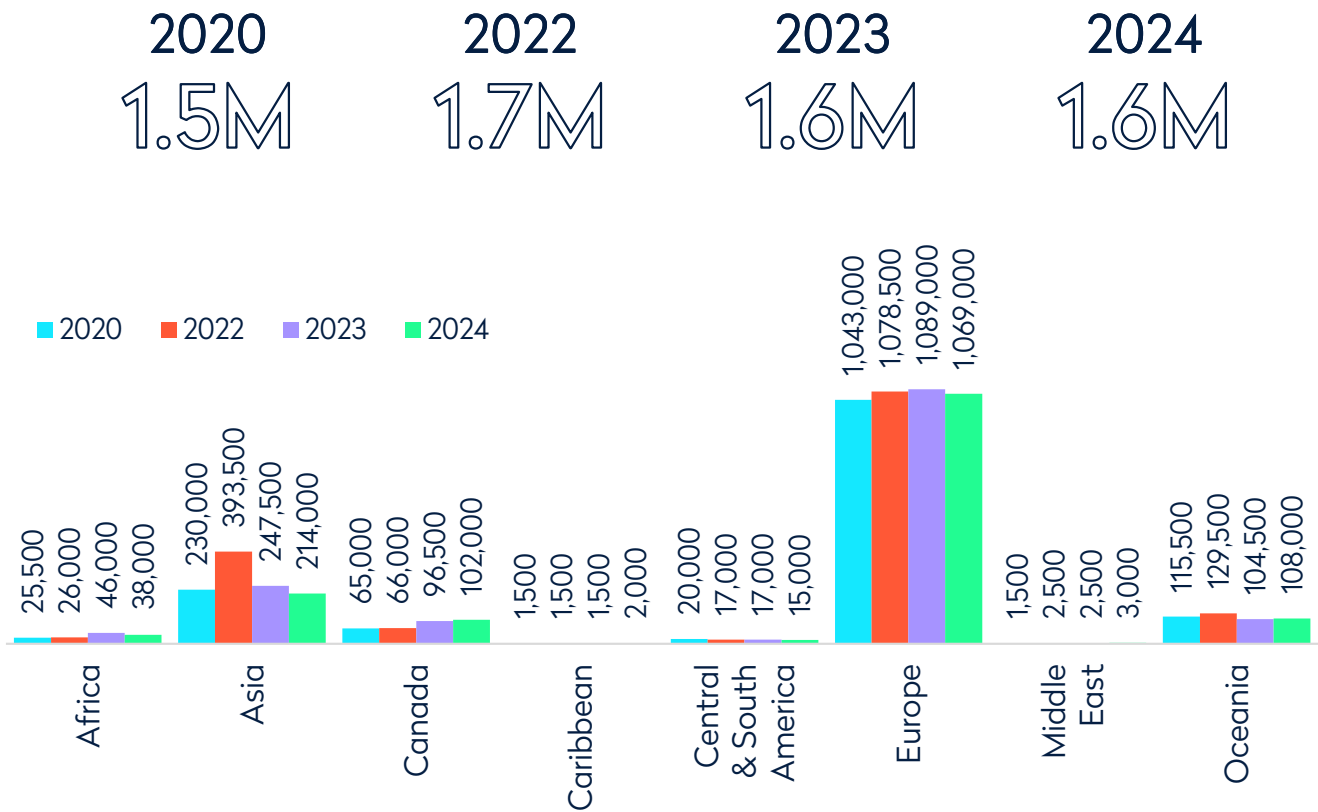
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Women's representation.

Registered golfers

- Registered golfers who are women:



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

Country	% of adult registered golfers who are women	Number of registered adults
Germany	33%	644,461
Netherlands	30%	429,804
Denmark	26%	155,408
Vietnam	26%	149,600
Finland	24%	136,215
France	24%	400,259
Spain	23%	268,876
Sweden	21%	480,169
Canada	19%	534,488
New Zealand	19%	135,383
Norway	18%	128,393
Ireland	18%	198,185
Australia	17%	435,516
Republic of Korea	16%	189,326

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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

25%

...identify as women

Other format adult golfers (not 9&18 hole)

50%

...identify as women

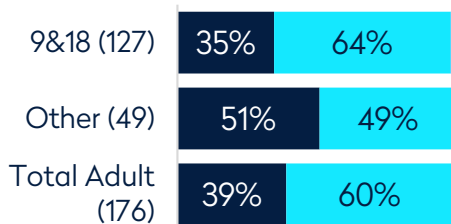
Total adult participation

31%

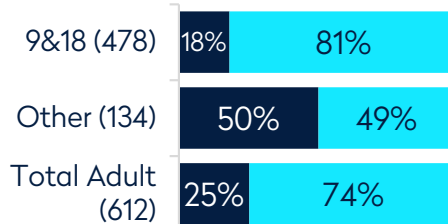
...identify as women

■ Women ■ Men ■ Non-binary / Refused

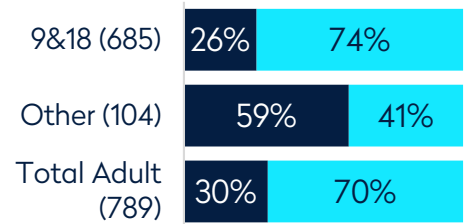
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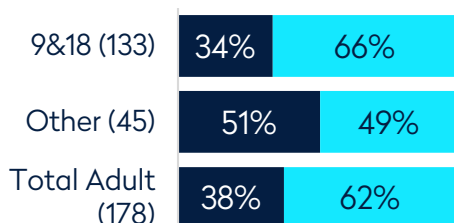
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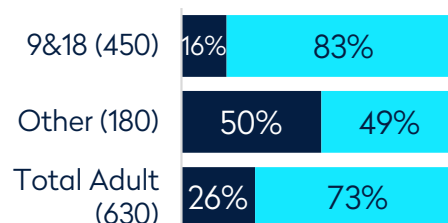
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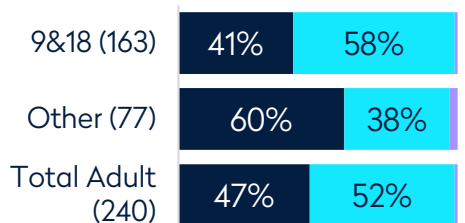
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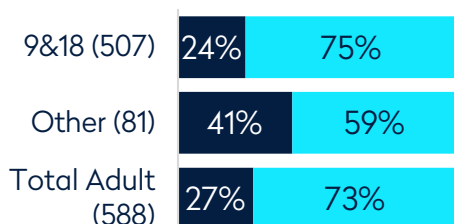
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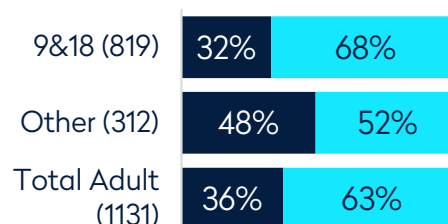
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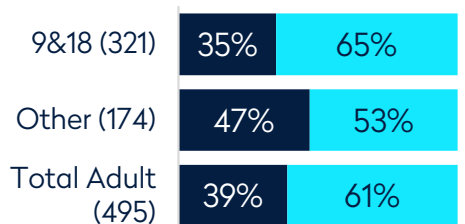
Japan



Republic of Korea



South Africa





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:

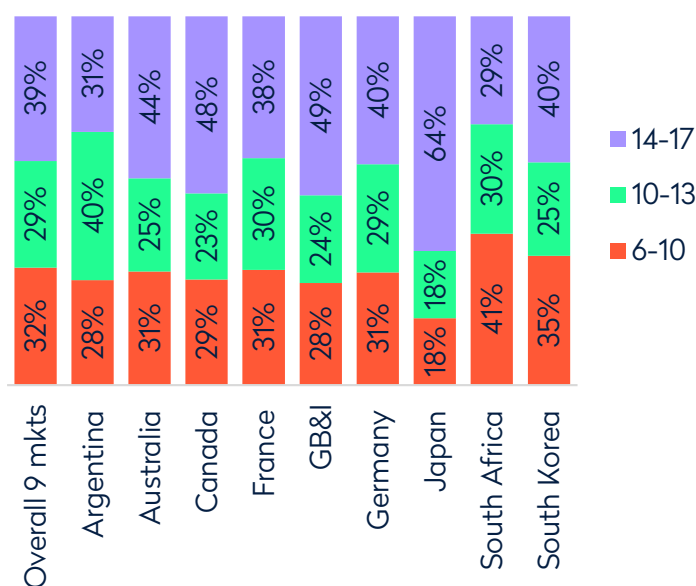
Region	Registered junior golfers 2024 (thousands)
Africa	27k
Asia	143k
Canada	16k
Caribbean	1k
Central & South America	6k
Europe	421k
Middle East	2k
Oceania	38k
Total	654k +9% vs 2023

Region	Total junior participation 2024 (millions)
Africa	7.5M
Asia	8.6M
Canada	2.9M
Caribbean	0.01M
Central & South America	4.0M
Europe	18.5M
Middle East	0.02M
Oceania	2.4M
Total	43.9M +3% vs 2023

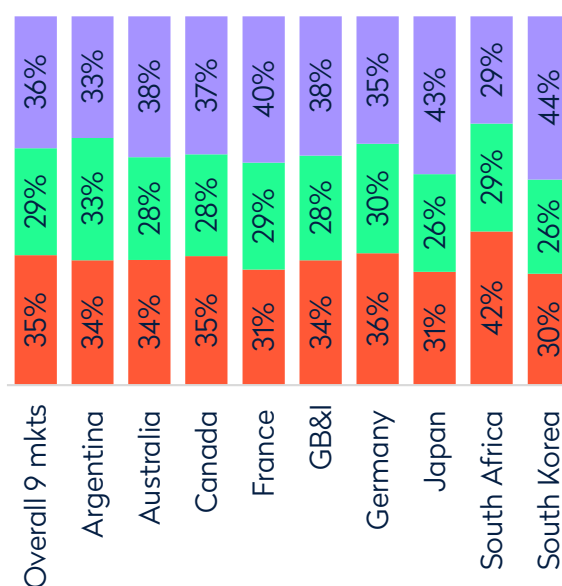
- The R&A Golf Barometer suggests that of all junior golfers (aged 6-17), around 20% have played 9 or 18 hole golf in the past year.
- The remaining 80% have only played other (not 9 or 18 hole) formats.

- 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 2023

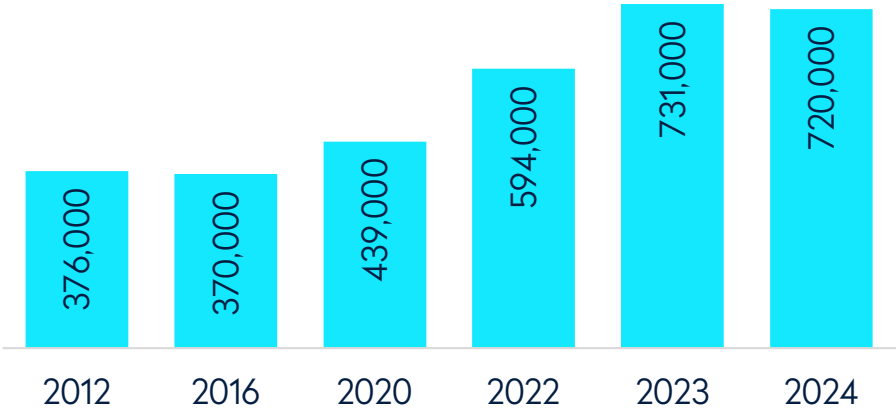
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Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
-2% vs 2023

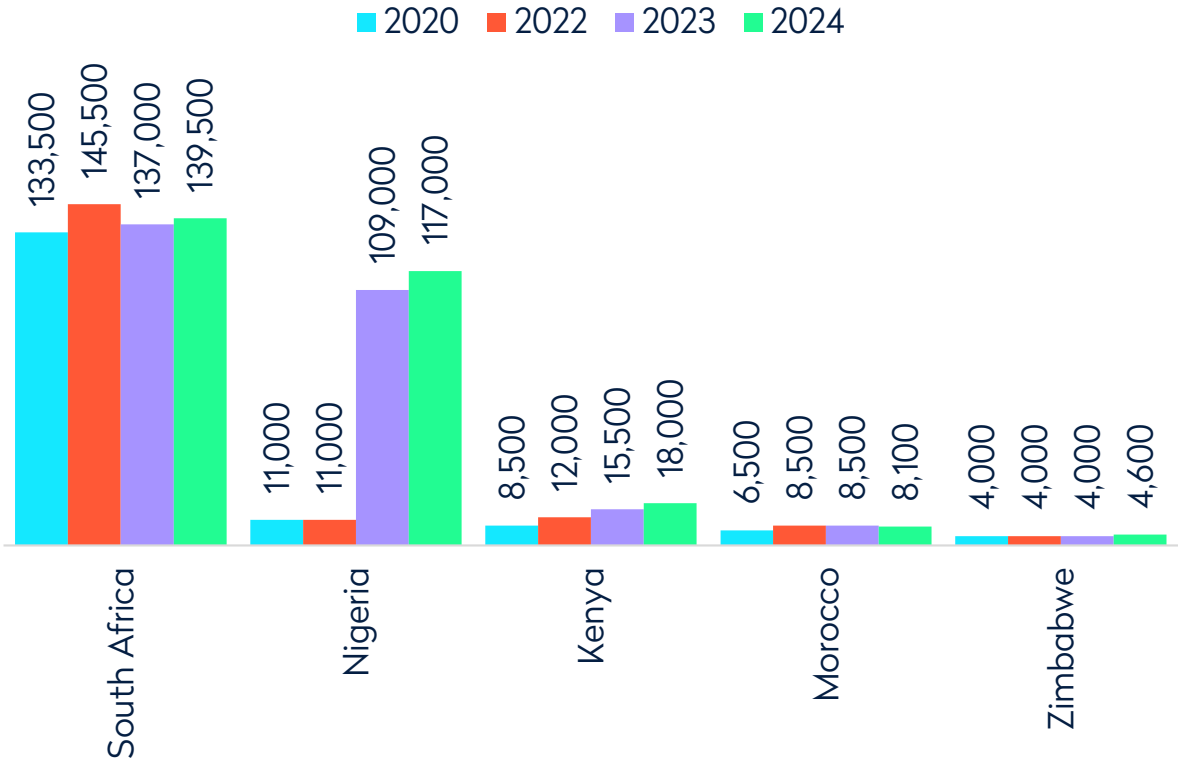
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Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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Africa.



Country	Total population	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Algeria	46,164,219	620	-	-	-	1,000	1	1,000	2%
Angola	36,749,906	290	196	5	91	400	3	130	3%
Benin	14,111,034	188	103	12	73	300	3	100	N/A
Botswana	2,480,244	714	559	127	28	2,500	11	250	15%
Cameroon	28,372,687	1,233	733	115	385	2,500	5	510	88%
Dem. Rep. of Congo	105,789,731	590	-	-	-	1,500	3	580	3%
Egypt	114,535,772	2,200	1,200	300	700	3,000	21	140	55%
Eswatini	1,230,506	1,260	970	58	230	6,000	8	750	85%
Ethiopia	128,691,692	130	113	18	2	400	2	220	3%
Gabon	2,484,789	342	246	50	46	400	3	140	-8%
Gambia (The)	2,697,845	270	164	25	81	1,000	1	1,000	5%
Ghana	33,787,914	2,092	1,473	356	263	3,500	19	170	32%
Ivory Coast	31,165,654	630	359	62	205	1,000	3	380	3%
Kenya	55,339,003	18,000	11,000	4,000	3,000	21,000	40	530	15%
Liberia	5,493,031	330	-	-	-	1,000	2	520	2%
Libya	7,305,659	340	139	-	205	1,500	5	270	1%
Madagascar	31,195,932	250	150	70	30	2,000	6	330	-2%
Malawi	21,104,482	740	421	158	158	1,000	12	90	3%
Mauritius	1,261,041	1,804	1,404	318	82	3,500	13	280	8%
Morocco	37,712,505	8,113	3,800	2,151	2,162	14,000	46	300	-3%
Namibia	2,963,095	1,593	1,363	148	82	5,000	12	430	1%
Nigeria	227,882,945	117,000	96,000	13,000	8,000	144,500	89	1,620	7%
Rwanda	13,954,471	426	332	45	49	1,500	4	380	N/A
Senegal	18,077,573	320	231	32	53	1,000	3	310	2%
Seychelles	119,773	190	157	24	7	1,000	2	390	0%
Sierra Leone	8,460,512	234	155	23	56	300	1	340	54%
South Africa	63,212,384	139,496	114,272	15,459	9,765	467,500	415	1,130	2%
Tanzania	66,617,606	1,000	900	150	110	1,500	11	130	29%
Tunisia	12,200,431	630	335	130	165	2,500	9	270	-24%
Uganda	48,656,601	2,500	1,700	300	500	7,000	18	380	66%
Zambia	20,723,965	3,524	2,283	342	899	5,500	28	190	13%
Zimbabwe	16,340,822	4,600	4,000	600	0	14,500	43	340	19%
Total	1,206,883,824	311,646	244,758	38,077	27,426	720,000	842	440	6%

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Asia.

2.1M

Registered golfers
+5% vs 2023

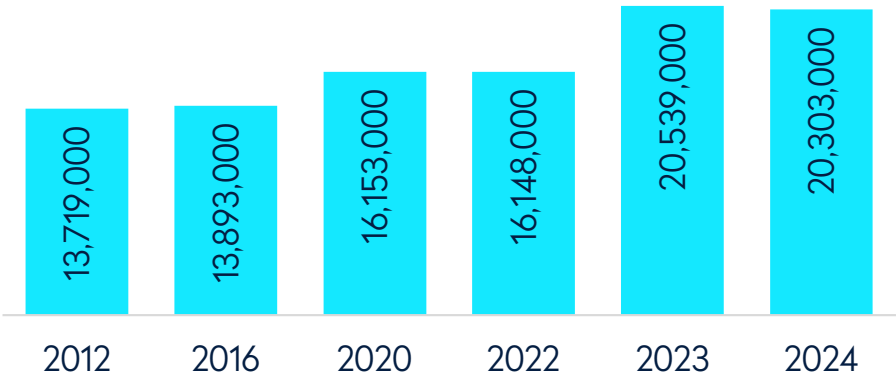
20.3M

Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
-1% vs 2023

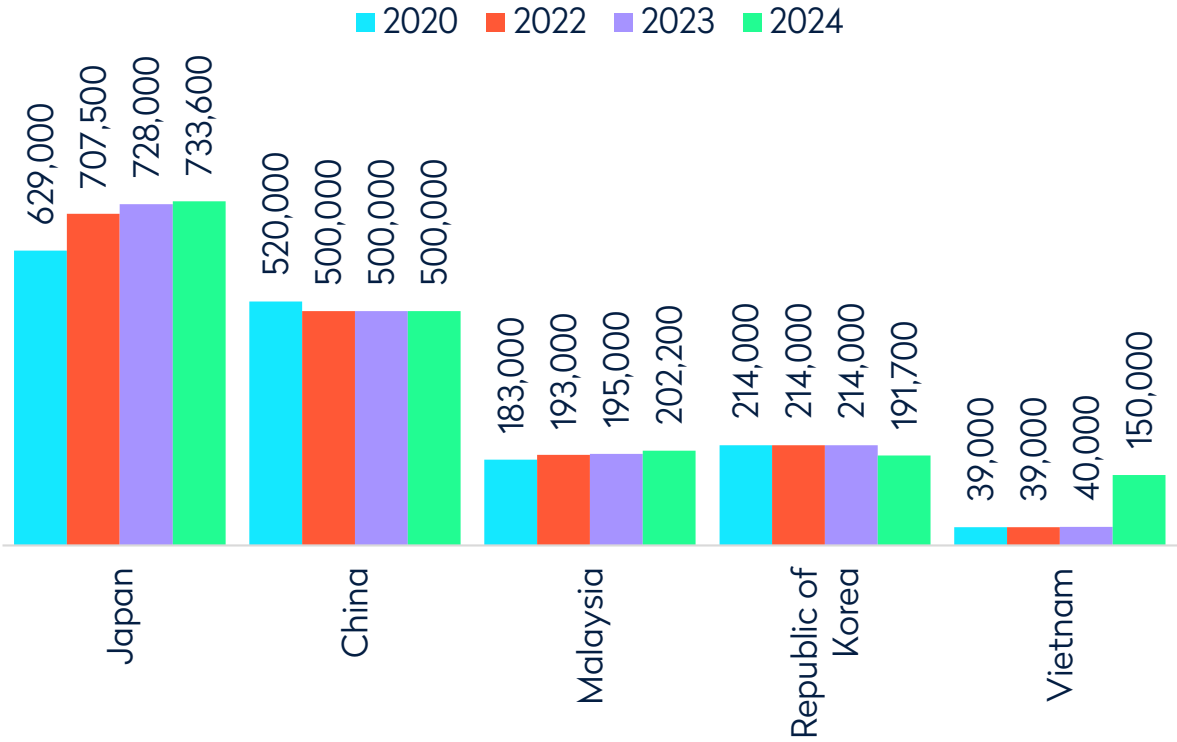
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Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



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Asia.



Country	Total population	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Afghanistan	41,454,761	310	157	21	136	500	1	620	2%
Azerbaijan	10,153,958	150	131	15	8	1,000	3	250	0%
Bangladesh	171,466,990	4,200	3,553	278	324	8,000	20	410	1%
Bhutan	786,385	650	-	-	-	3,000	4	790	1%
Cambodia	17,423,880	1,200	800	100	300	4,500	13	360	137%
China	1,410,710,000	500,000	2,079	717	93,296	1,000,000	601	1,660	0%
Chinese Taipei	23,143,688	62,500	32,505	25,597	4,368	120,500	87	1,380	0%
Hong Kong	7,536,100	16,760	11,343	4,518	897	33,000	9	3,690	3%
India	1,438,069,596	100,900	70,621	10,089	20,177	185,500	289	640	1%
Indonesia	281,190,067	14,300	-	-	299	29,000	169	170	1%
Japan	124,516,650	733,567	658,639	73,854	7,458	10,775,500	2,176	4,950	1%
Kazakhstan	20,330,104	1,320	598	107	615	4,000	6	680	0%
Kyrgyzstan	7,099,750	50	-	-	-	400	1	350	2%
Laos	7,664,993	2,000	1,800	50	150	6,000	18	330	-12%
Malaysia	35,126,298	202,154	114,572	15,677	1,556	606,500	128	4,740	4%
Mongolia	3,481,145	130	105	22	-	400	4	110	1%
Myanmar	54,133,798	230	162	8	61	4,500	119	40	1%
Nepal	29,694,614	1,100	769	80	260	1,500	6	280	0%
Pakistan	247,504,495	10,000	8,000	1,000	1,000	17,000	50	340	22%
Philippines	114,891,199	25,600	24,040	1,023	511	77,000	130	590	1%
Republic of Korea	51,712,619	191,672	159,541	29,785	2,346	6,960,500	844	8,250	-10%
Singapore	5,917,648	41,936	30,917	8,279	2,740	140,000	18	7,780	0%
Sri Lanka	22,037,000	1,000	745	124	154	4,500	8	550	-1%
Thailand	71,702,435	20,120	16,586	3,516	3,003	130,000	315	410	12%
Vietnam	100,352,192	150,000	110,000	39,600	3,411	189,500	75	2,520	279%
Total	4,298,100,365	2,081,765	1,247,664	214,460	143,070	20,303,000	5,094	1,680	5%

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Canada.

0.6M

Registered golfers
+8% vs 2023

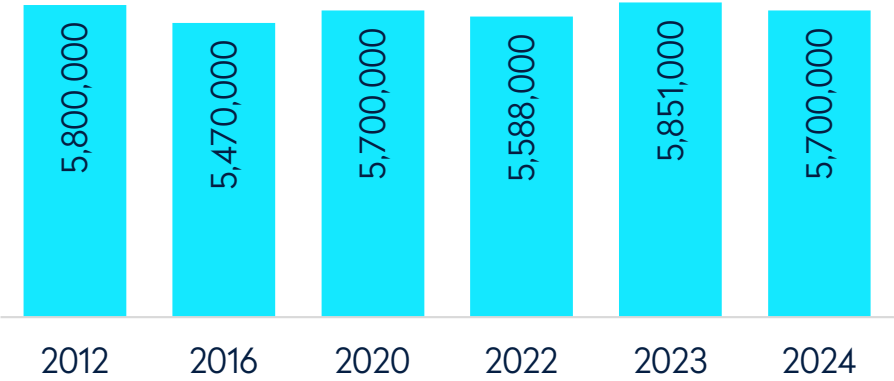
5.7M

Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
-3% vs 2023

6.9M

Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Country	Total population	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Canada	40,097,761	550,389	432,153	102,333	15,901	5,700,000	2,357	2,420	8%



Caribbean.

12k

Registered golfers
+11% vs 2023

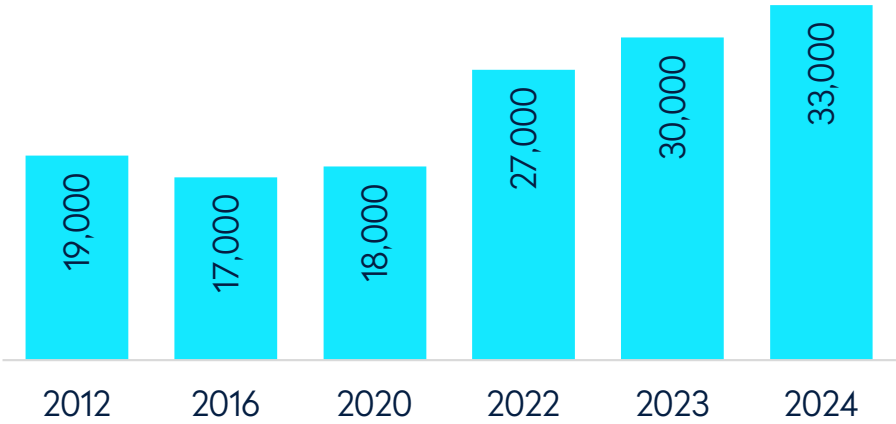
33k

Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+10% vs 2023

55k

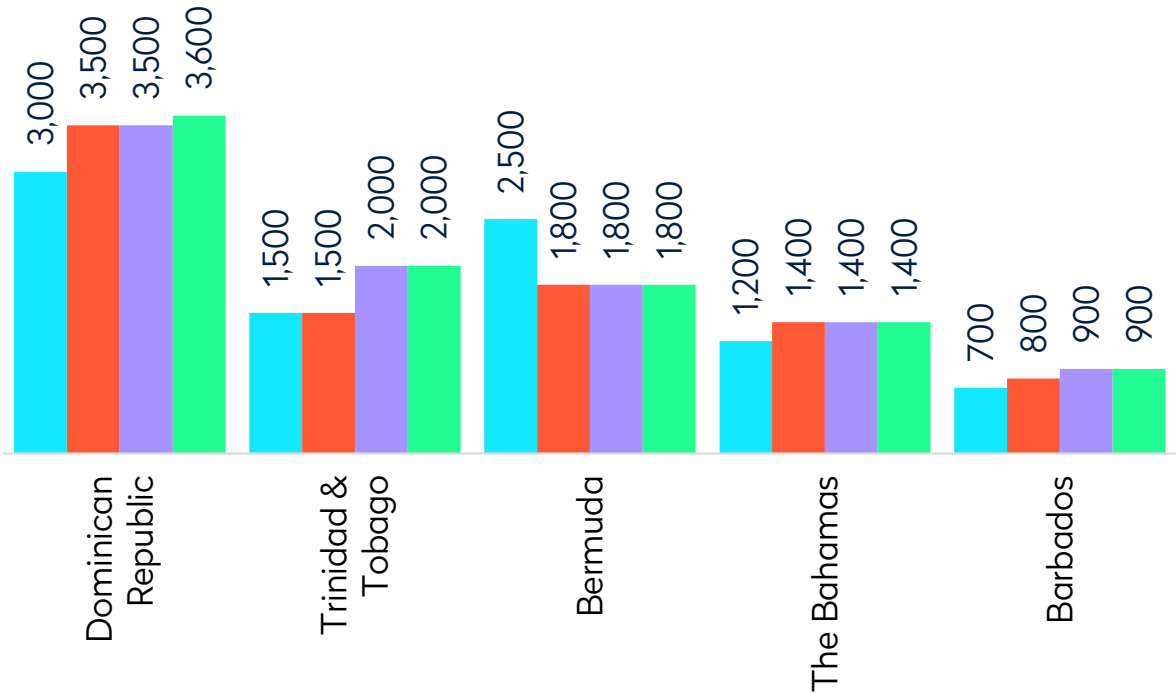
Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers

2020 2022 2023 2024



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Caribbean.



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Barbados	282,336	920	702	188	32	4,500	8	540	0%
Bermuda	64,698	1,800	1,150	575	65	3,500	7	510	0%
Cayman Islands	73,038	545	429	89	27	2,500	2	1,220	110%
Dominican Republic	11,331,265	3,600	3,258	156	153	11,000	36	310	1%
Haiti	11,637,398	130	95	18	15	400	1	430	1%
Jamaica	2,839,786	850	765	50	35	2,500	8	290	394%
Saint Maarten	42,749	91	77	11	3	3,000	1	2,820	14%
St Lucia	179,285	155	125	35	15	200	2	90	N/A
The Bahamas	399,440	1,400	1,014	239	188	2,000	13	160	0%
Trinidad & Tobago	1,367,510	2,000	1,502	300	215	2,000	8	280	0%
Turks and Caicos Islands	46,198	120	89	24	8	200	1	220	1%
Virgin Islands	104,917	480	-	-	-	1,500	3	490	0%
Total	28,368,620	12,112	9,204	1,686	756	33,000	90	610	11%



Central & South America.

122k

Registered golfers
+ 1% vs 2023

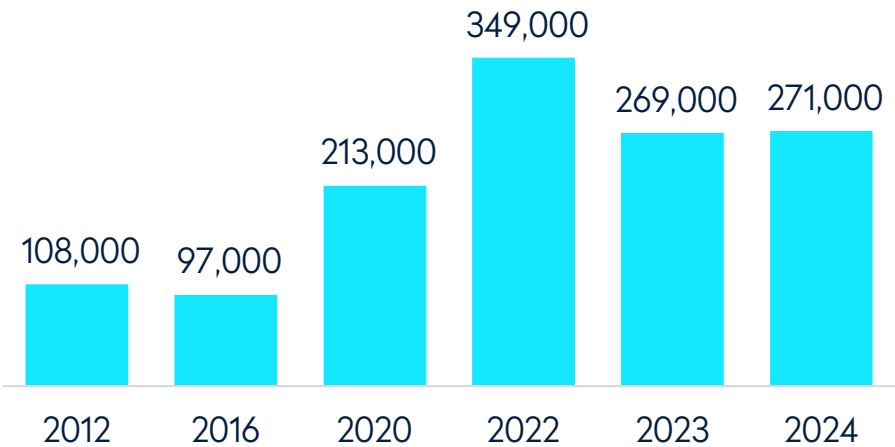
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Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+1% vs 2023

1.4M

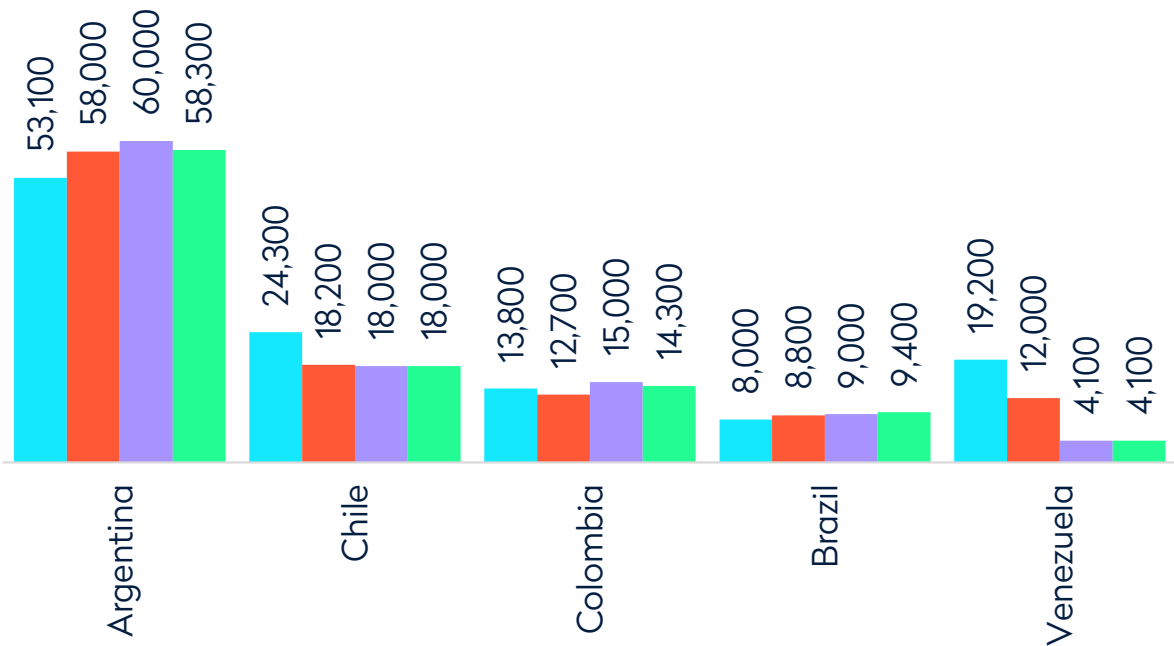
Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers

2020 2022 2023 2024



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Central & South America.

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Argentina	45,538,401	58,335	51,220	5,939	1,176	160,500	349	460	-3%
Belize	411,106	30	28	0	-	100	2	70	2%
Bolivia	12,244,159	850	650	50	150	2,000	7	270	68%
Brazil	211,140,729	9,420	7,598	1,499	323	15,500	101	160	5%
Chile	19,658,835	18,000	14,714	2,306	980	20,000	62	320	0%
Colombia	52,321,152	14,327	11,283	2,112	1,362	29,500	77	380	-4%
Costa Rica	5,105,525	713	575	71	64	2,500	13	190	-1%
Curaçao	147,862	390	-	-	-	1,000	3	390	-1%
Ecuador	17,980,083	1,315	1,117	123	75	3,500	8	410	10%
El Salvador	6,309,624	514	250	100	164	1,500	3	510	71%
Falkland Islands	3,470	320	-	-	-	1,000	1	960	-8%
Guatemala	18,124,838	1,400	1,180	100	120	1,500	7	210	-7%
Honduras	10,644,851	1,300	-	-	-	4,000	9	460	2%
Nicaragua	6,823,613	250	198	20	33	500	4	140	1%
Panamá	4,458,759	2,462	2,202	260	132	5,500	12	460	19%
Paraguay	6,844,146	3,200	2,300	650	250	5,000	9	580	229%
Peru	33,845,617	3,541	2,684	657	200	5,500	12	460	2%
Uruguay	3,388,081	1,213	974	198	41	2,500	16	150	-1%
Venezuela	28,300,854	4,100	3,009	602	502	9,000	22	410	0%
Total	483,291,705	121,709	99,982	14,687	5,572	271,000	717	370	1%

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Europe.

4.7M

Registered golfers
+1% vs 2023

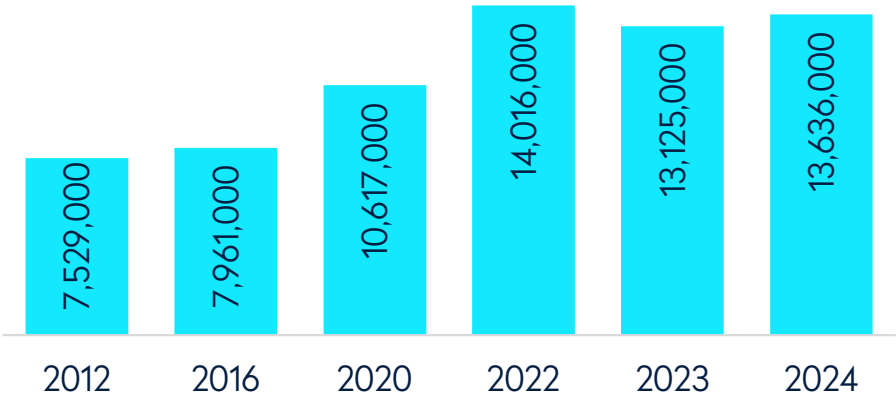
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Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+3% vs 2023

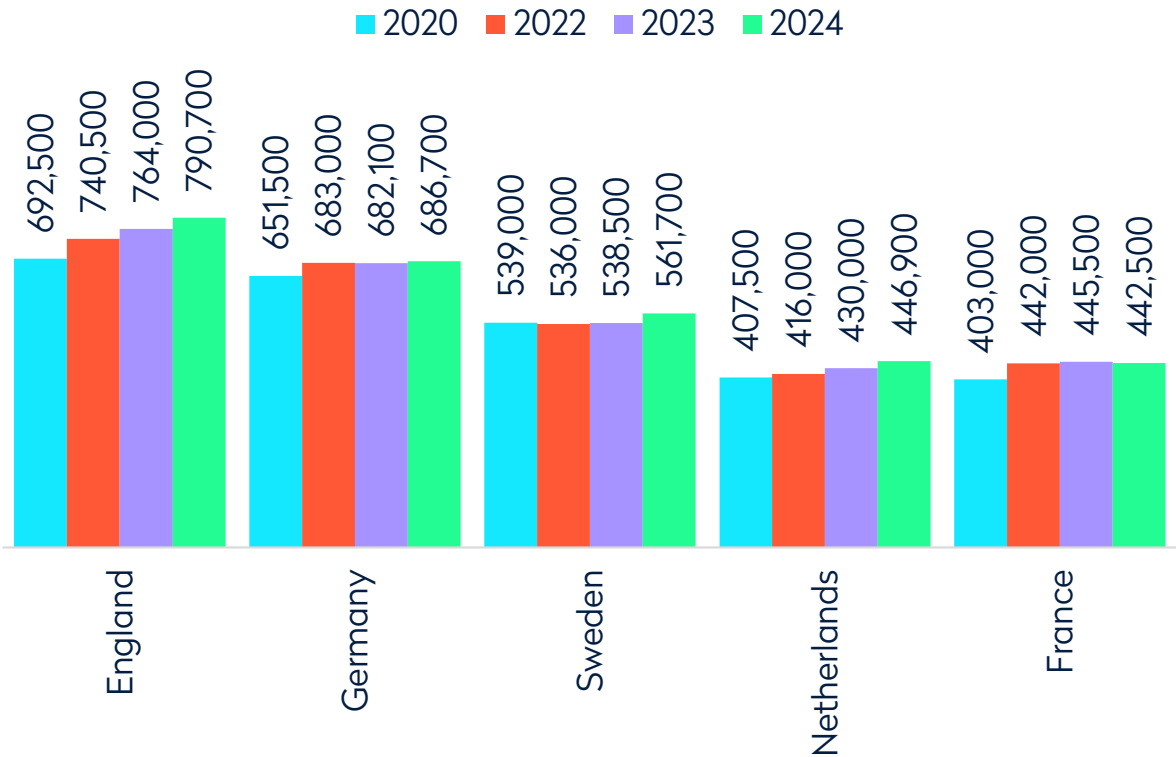
20.3M

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	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Albania	2,745,972	83	71	6	6	400	1	410	8%
Andorra	80,856	533	343	108	82	2,000	4	550	4%
Armenia	2,990,900	50	15	5	30	200	1	150	1%
Austria	9,131,761	94,926	55,071	33,136	6,719	223,000	175	1,270	-26%
Belarus	9,178,298	974	526	315	133	2,000	1	1,990	26%
Belgium	11,787,423	78,444	47,362	23,621	7,461	153,000	77	1,990	1%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,185,073	194	135	28	31	1,000	3	250	-7%
Bulgaria	6,446,596	1,003	651	187	165	1,500	9	160	3%
Croatia	3,859,686	819	425	330	64	1,000	7	160	2%
Cyprus	1,344,976	1,209	942	234	33	1,500	8	180	11%
Czech Republic	10,864,042	50,794	31,037	12,808	6,949	97,000	111	880	-1%
Denmark	5,946,952	162,957	112,307	43,101	7,549	327,000	192	1,700	0%
England	57,690,300	790,728	658,852	85,457	46,419	3,905,500	2,304	1,700	4%
Estonia	1,370,286	3,380	2,080	980	320	6,500	17	390	-13%
Finland	5,583,911	156,315	98,554	37,661	20,100	303,000	161	1,880	0%
France	68,287,487	442,536	294,694	105,565	42,277	1,681,500	687	2,450	-1%
Georgia	3,715,483	244	180	45	19	1,000	6	180	-7%
Germany	83,280,000	686,708	417,194	227,267	42,247	2,306,500	726	3,180	1%
Greece	10,405,588	999	550	150	299	10,000	12	820	-4%
Hungary	9,592,186	2,381	1,711	394	276	5,000	12	410	5%
Iceland	393,349	26,349	14,924	7,905	3,520	56,000	64	880	9%
Ireland	7,228,000	225,363	158,548	39,637	27,178	696,000	377	1,840	1%
Italy	58,993,475	94,090	64,611	20,235	9,244	184,000	270	680	1%
Kosovo	1,756,366	81	71	7	3	400	1	380	0%
Latvia	1,877,445	1,768	1,134	461	173	8,000	8	970	33%

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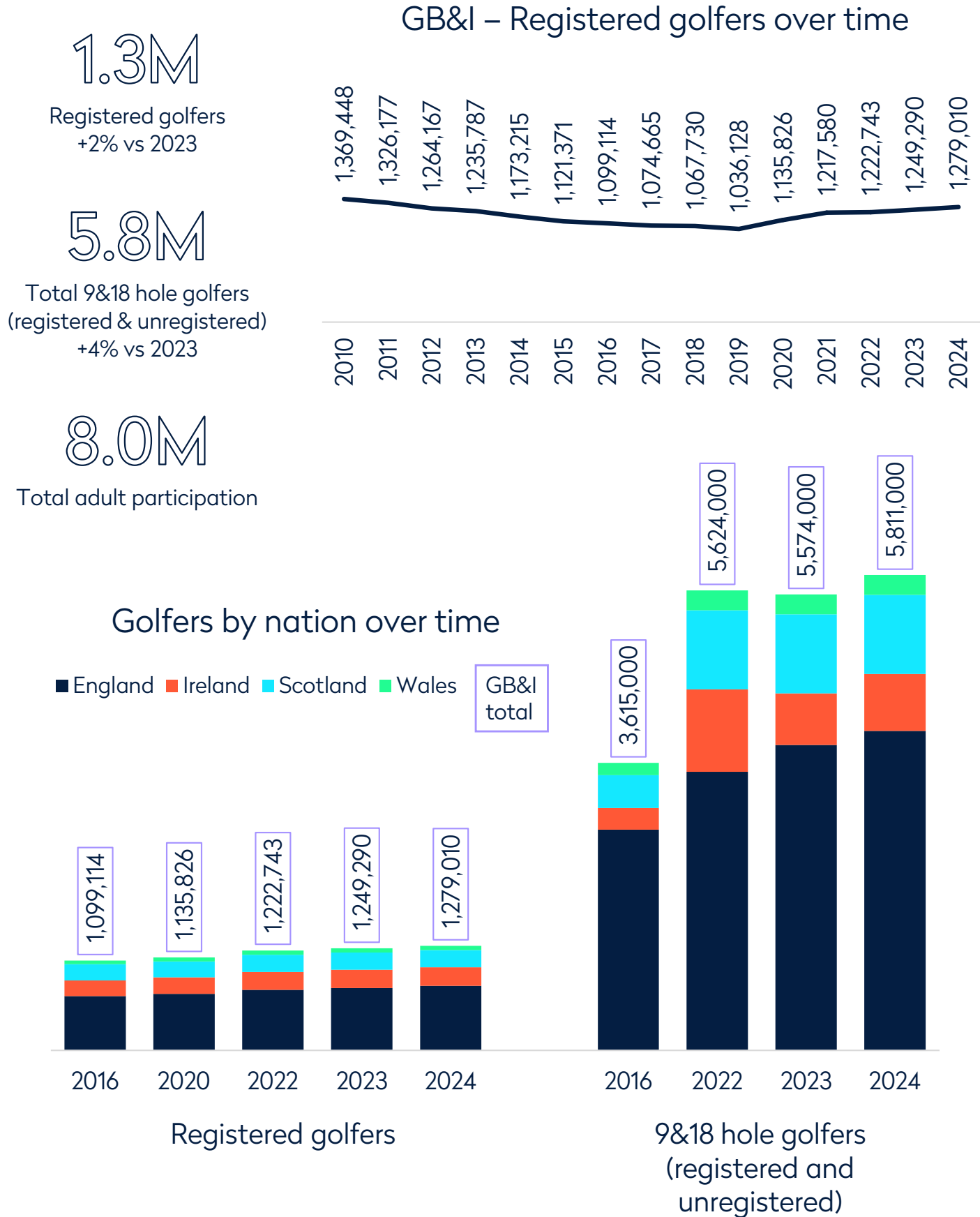
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Liechtenstein	39,850	1,727	1,020	577	130	3,500	0	-	11%
Lithuania	2,871,585	1,174	783	288	103	5,500	6	880	0%
Luxembourg	666,430	3,251	1,974	868	409	6,500	5	1,250	0%
Malta	552,747	692	477	129	86	3,000	1	3,010	10%
Moldova	2,457,783	130	80	18	31	300	1	320	-3%
Netherlands	17,877,117	446,888	294,049	135,755	17,084	669,500	259	2,580	4%
Norway	5,519,594	149,288	101,932	26,461	20,895	287,500	174	1,650	10%
Poland	36,687,353	7,633	5,325	1,565	743	15,000	36	420	7%
Portugal	10,578,174	18,186	13,301	3,489	1,396	36,000	83	440	0%
Rep. of North Macedonia	1,827,816	40	35	3	-	100	1	140	0%
Romania	19,059,479	2,398	1,807	414	177	4,000	10	390	60%
Russia	143,826,130	4,508	2,561	1,257	690	8,500	43	200	16%
San Marino	33,860	185	102	21	62	500	1	670	21%
Scotland	5,490,100	210,278	162,488	21,957	25,833	967,500	550	1,760	0%
Serbia	6,623,183	864	584	160	120	4,000	2	1,910	5%
Slovakia	5,426,740	9,297	5,479	2,238	1,580	12,500	25	510	16%
Slovenia	2,120,461	7,493	4,790	2,357	346	16,500	16	1,020	17%
Spain	48,347,910	305,603	197,111	71,765	36,727	611,000	497	1,230	2%
Sweden	10,536,632	561,677	361,387	118,782	81,508	608,500	680	900	4%
Switzerland	8,888,093	105,109	63,393	35,192	6,524	149,000	128	1,160	2%
Turkey	85,325,965	1,654	739	272	643	8,000	32	250	-74%
Ukraine	37,732,836	2,589	1,478	688	423	5,000	6	810	3%
Wales	3,164,400	52,641	42,808	5,297	4,536	242,500	149	1,630	-1%
Total	833,390,649	4,716,230	3,225,691	1,069,196	421,343	13,636,000	7,939	1,010	1%

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Great Britain & Ireland Focus.



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The total adult participation figure is slightly different to the total adult participation figure determined by The R&A Golf Barometer due to input from the national associations / federations and calculation of separate regional totals for the Global Participation report vs a combined GB&I market survey for The R&A Golf Barometer.

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Middle East.

17k

Registered golfers
+6% vs 2023

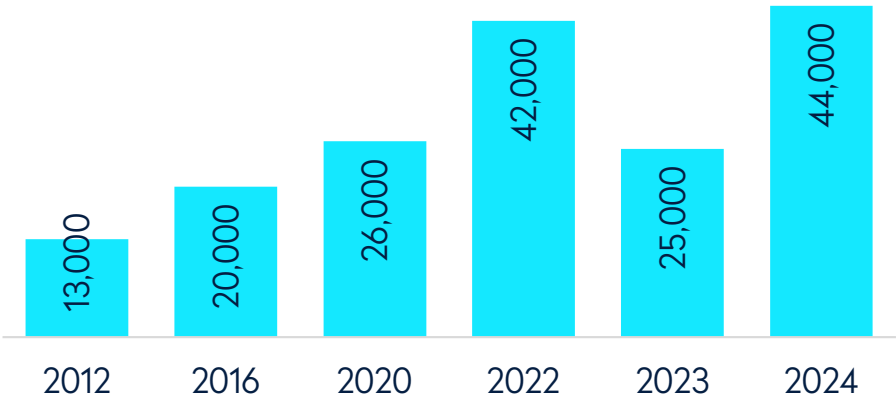
44k

Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+76% vs 2023

74k

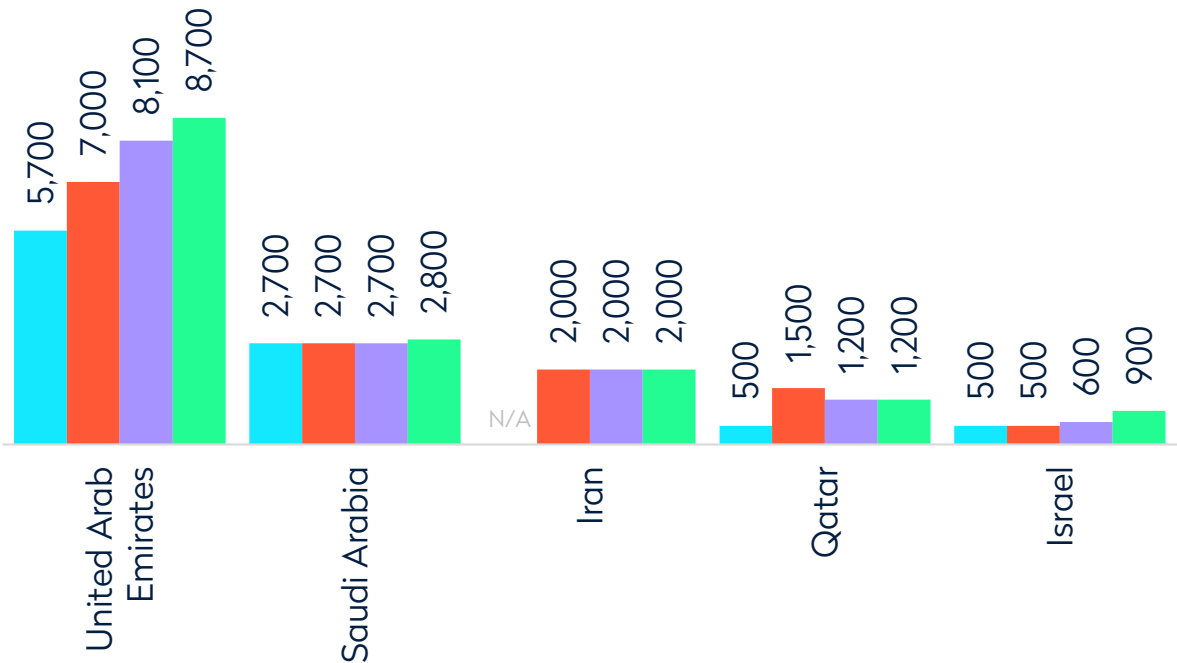
Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers

2020 2022 2023 2024





Middle East.

Country	Total population	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Bahrain (Kingdom of)	1,577,059	790	692	62	36	1,000	6	150	3%
Iran	90,608,707	2,000	948	657	398	3,500	1	3,720	1%
Israel	9,756,600	850	600	200	50	1,500	2	810	53%
Jordan	11,439,213	110	67	9	63	300	3	110	2%
Lebanon	5,773,493	193	149	21	23	1,000	1	910	-29%
Oman (Sultanate of)	5,049,269	690	560	91	43	1,500	6	220	7%
Qatar	2,656,032	1,200	900	200	100	3,000	7	440	0%
Saudi Arabia	33,264,292	2,800	2,383	109	314	5,500	14	390	3%
United Arab Emirates	10,483,751	8,717	6,839	1,233	645	27,000	24	1,120	7%
Total	170,608,416	17,366	13,138	2,583	1,672	44,000	64	870	6%



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0.6M

Registered golfers
+6% vs 2023

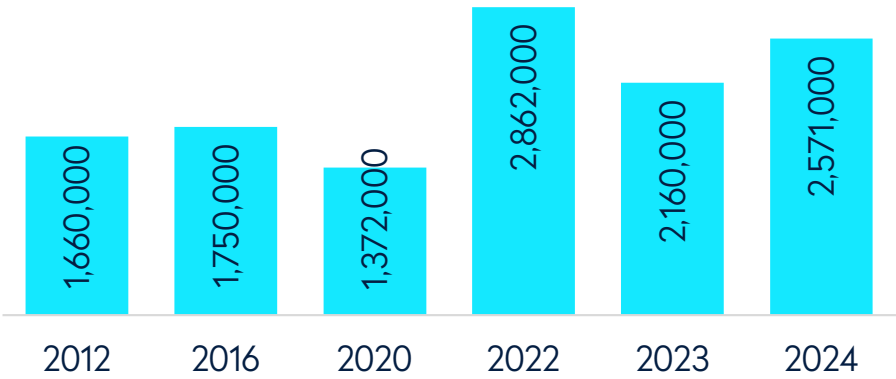
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Total 9&18 hole golfers
(registered & unregistered)
+19% vs 2023

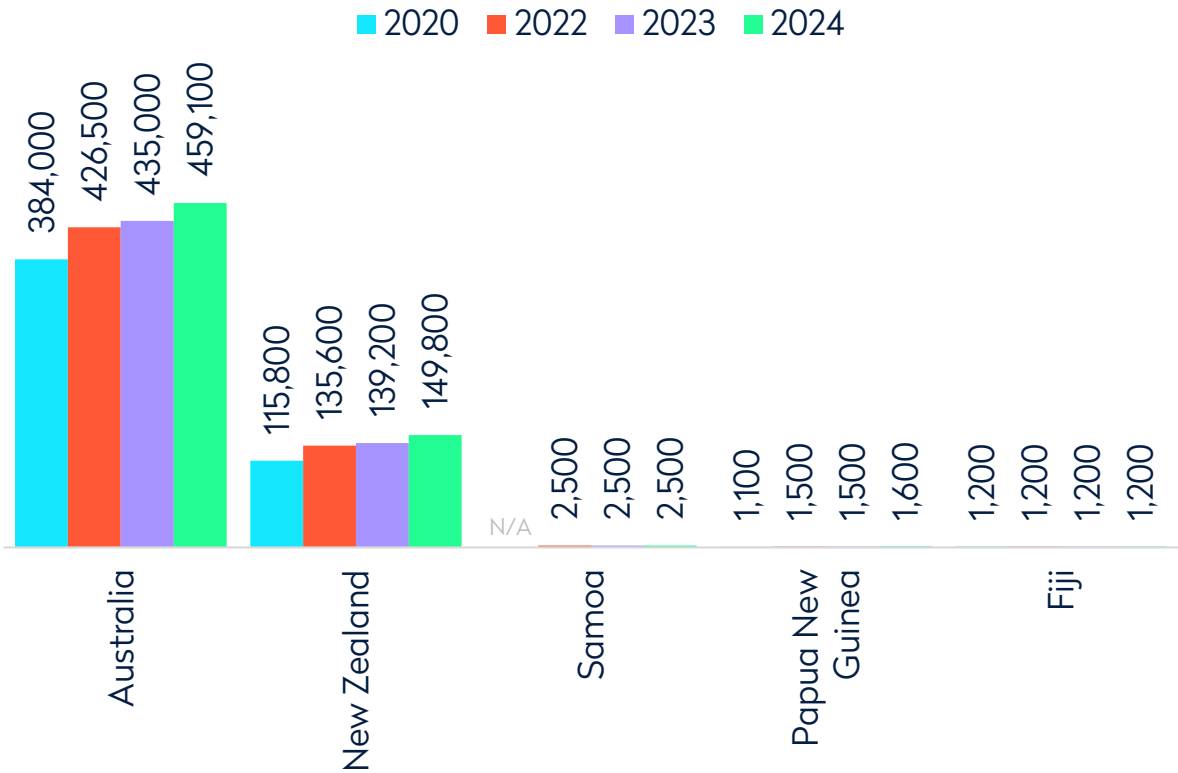
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Total adult participation

Number of 9&18 hole golfers by year



Top 5 markets for Registered Golfers



Please note: Some tables and charts show rounded figures. Figures were rounded after calculations were carried out. The figures for total 9&18 hole golfers and total registered golfers include juniors in the majority of cases.

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Country	Total population	Registered golfers Total 2024	Registered golfers – Men 2024	Registered golfers – Women 2024	Registered golfers – Juniors 2024	9&18 hole golfers (registered and unregistered) 2024	Number of 9 or 18 hole golf courses	Average of mean number of users per course	Registered golfers % change 2023 vs 2024
Australia	26,658,948	459,143	355,878	79,638	23,627	2,300,000	1,404	1,640	6%
Cook Islands	13,729	270	198	50	22	500	2	230	-3%
Fiji	924,145	1,200	1,011	101	91	4,000	14	290	1%
New Zealand	5,223,100	149,829	107,604	27,779	14,446	258,500	402	640	7%
Papua New Guinea	10,389,635	1,600	1,038	311	208	3,000	15	200	2%
Samoa	216,663	2,500	-	-	-	4,000	4	1,030	1%
Vanuatu	320,409	220	153	40	26	1,000	4	230	2%
Total	43,746,629	614,733	465,882	107,920	38,420	2,571,000	1,845	610	6%



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