

# European Golf 

## Participation

## Report.

2024


Total number of golfers across Europe*


Markets growing in Europe
(Affiliated European markets with growth in registered golfers - 2021 v . 2019)


Female golfers as a percentage of registered adult golfers in Europe


Junior golfers as a percentage of registered golfers in Europe

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*Total Golfer numbers (those who play on 18 -hole and 9 -hole full length courses) provided by national federations or from SMS nationally representativ studies and expert estimates.

## Introduction from Martin Slumbers, Chief Executive of The R\&A.

A$n$ overall rise in golfers is always something to be celebrated, and this is even more significant against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic. That $73 \%$ of affiliated European federations have recorded growth in registered golfers over the ast two years is impressive, as is the speed of that growth in countries where golf has traditionally struggled for a foothold.
It is even more exciting to move beyond registered golfers and measure total golfer numbers in Europe. With over 10.6 million golfer across Europe, we are seeing that a wide range of initiatives taking place in several markets are having a positive impact. Broadening access o golf and making sure that all of those who play its many forms feel welcome is vital.

National federations, golf facilities and other organisations involved in the sport across Europe should be proud of the results they have achieved to enable the sport to grow over the last 18 months. However, we must also be mindful that the rise of golf has not been universal across the continent, and, for many federations, including some
of the largest in Europe, the last 18 months have been challenging and a period marked by downturns in participation. There is still work to do, not least to get more women and juniors into the sport but considering the impact of the pandemic on societies as a whole stability on these and other metrics is an achievement.
Indeed, there have been more important issues and challenges for the world to deal with. Neither golf nor the wider world has fully emerged from the pandemic yet, but it is heartening to know that golf has been able to continue to be played safely by many people providing significant physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits during a time when we have needed them most.

This report on European participation joins The R\&A family of reports on participation including the recently published R\&A Participation Report 2021 on Africa Asia-Pacific, Canada and Latin America. In total there are now 41.7 million golfers falling under The R\&A jurisdiction or $62.6 \%$ of the global total golfer number. Golf is in good health. I hope you enjoy the report.


Martin Slumbers Chief Executive of The R\&A
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## Introduction from Michael Thannhäuser, General Secretary of the EGA.

On behalf of the EGA, it is my pleasure to present the second edition of the Euncide our friends at The R\&A.

This report, published every two years, compiles data from the EGA's 9 member federations with the aim of measuring participation of across the continent. It is estimony to the diverse landscap f golf participation in Europe. We f golf participation in Europe. We hope that the findings inspire golf administrators to continue their excellent work and enable them to best direct their efforts towards growing the game.
It is highly encouraging that, amidst a challenging two years, the number of registered golfers in Europe has grown by $4.6 \%$ to a total of 4.32 miliion, with increases seen in nearly three out of four European countries. The role of national federations in this growth is vital, and I commend those who took the pandemic as an pportunity to promote golf as a afe and healthy sport and attract new players. The signs are that golf in Europe is in a stable position.

Although the report is very positive there is no room for complacency when it comes to developing the game and securing its future. The percentage of female reqistered golfers in Europe fell by a small golfers in Europe fell by a smali percentage over the last two years, meaning that more newcomers to the game are men. There is still work to be done to attract women and juniors into golf, and we look forward to contributing to this endeavor however possible.
My thanks go to all of our 49 members for their contributions, and to The R\&A for their valuable work and support. I sincerely hope you enjoy the valuable insights in this report.
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## European golf rides the pandemic rollercoaster.



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ince the last European Golf Participation Report in 2019 countries around the entire world have seen their population's daily lifestyles and habits turned on their head. Golf has not been immune to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. This report looks at the current landscape of golf participation in Europe and compares this to the trends seen pre-pandemic in the 2019 report.
Before the pandemic, there were many successful initiatives underway in Europe to drive participation and help grow the sport. The last 18 months have seen many of these initiatives having to adapt or be put on hold until restrictions could be relaxed. This varied immensely in practice across Europe and this is reflected in the trends seen in this report with some federations seeing positive growth, some seeing stability, and some seeing decline.
'New for this year's report is a look at the total number of golfers, providing a view of everyone who plays golf in Europe."

The report looks at the number of registered golfers in Europe as well as the representation of female and junior golfers across the federations, as reported to the EGA in April 2021. Also included are insights into golf course provision across Europe compared with current player demand. New for this year's report is a look at the total number of golfers, which combines both registered and independent golfers to provide a more comprehensive view of everyone who plays golf on a full length golf course in Europe.


## Over 10.6 million golfers across Europe.

t is calculated that more than 10.6 million golfers play the sport among The R\&A's European Affiliates and in the EGA members' markets, a healthy increase from the 7.9 million last monitored for 2016. This total combined with participation figures calculated for the rest of the world earlier this year mean that the total number of people playing golf across the world is almost 66.6 million, of which 41.7 million are in countries within The R\&A's governance jurisdiction (i.e. outside of the USA and Mexico).
Total golfers in Europe - those who play on 18-hole and 9-hole full length courses - account for $1.2 \%$ of the population, and there are nine markets in Europe where more than $3 \%$ of the population are golfers. The markets with the highest proportion of total golfers in the population include Iceland (17.7\%), Scotland (10.9\%), England (8.0\%) and Ireland (7.8\%).


Top five markets for total golfers as a percentage of the population

| $\square$ | Iceland | 17.74\% |  |
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| $Z$ | Scotland | $10.89 \%$ |  |
| $\square$ | England | $8.00 \%$ |  |
| $\square$ | In | Ireland | $7.84 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Sweden | $5.80 \%$ |  |


of the population play golf in Europe

In Europe, the breakdown of the total golfer community reveals that there are more independent golfers ( $59 \%$ ) compared to those registered with their national federation (41\%). However, this difference is not replicated in all markets and variation is seen among the top 10 total golfer markets.
Markets with a greater proportion of independent golfers include England ( $85 \%$ independent / $15 \%$ registered) and Italy ( $80 \%$ / 20\%). Conversely, markets with a greater proportion of registered golfers include Spain and Sweden (10\% independent / 90\%
registered) and the Netherlands (11\% / 89\%). Markets with a more even split include France ( $50 \% / 50 \%$ ) and Germany ( $43 \%$ independent / $57 \%$ registered)

The R\&A has been encouraging affiliates around the world to embrace independent golfers and bring them into the sport. Building a relationship with independent golfers has provided opportunities to increase club member numbers. An example of a market demonstrating this successfully is England through its iGolf platform.
The demand from independent golfers unsurprisingly brings new issues for courses to contend with, predominantly the balance of meeting total golfer player demand and maintaining member satisfaction. This ssue is referenced in greater detail later on in this report.

Breakdown of total golfers in the top 10 total golfer markets and their player demand per course


## Registered golfers increased in the majority of European countries.

ghe number of registered golfers in Europe has risen by more than 190,000 from 4.13 million to 4.32 million, a $4.6 \%$ growth in the past two years. From 2019 to 2021, almost $75 \%$ of markets showed growth in registered golfers, $6 \%$ showed no change and $21 \%$ showed a decline.

Before the pandemic, 34\% of markets experienced growth in the number of registered golfers from 2018 to 2019. Following the fart of the pandemic $73 \%$ of markets are showing growth in the number of registered golfers from 2019 to 2021, indicating the positive experiences new golfers are having with the sport.
This is supported by the Post Covid Opportunity Research commissioned by The R\&A which
found that among new golfers $98 \%$ of those interviewed identified they are enjoying playing golf and 95\% see themselves playing golf for many years to come. A total of nine markets - largely among emerging golfing markets - saw rewth in golfig marets - saw growth in registered golfers of
over $30 \%$, with Latvia and Belarus achieving over $150 \%$ growth.

Across many sports, participant numbers have seen their biggest shake up in a long time and golf is no exception. Golfers across federations have been lost due to medical or health reasons, lifestyle changes, financial challenges and the prioritisation of new activities discovered during lockdowns. Equally, new golfers have found, or rediscovered, the sport, providing a surge of new, enthusiastic golfers. Each federation would have seen
a unique blend of these changes which have impacted on their registered golfer communities.

Markets that saw the greatest growth in registered golfers from 2019 to 2021 include England (up by 63,500 golfers) and Sweden (up by 54,589 ). The data shows that the largest declines in registered golfers were seen in Spain (down by 35377 ) and France (down by 15750 ). However, later data shows that However, later data shows that markets are now seeing an increase in registered golfers. For example, in France, while April 2021 data showed a decline in registered golfers, October 2021 data is showing a strong increase in registered golfers. This suggests other markets which also saw a decline early in the year, may now be seeing a positive uplift in registered golfers.

Change in registered golfers in Europe over the last 5 years (2017-2021)

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4,150,000
$4,100,000$

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$4,000,000$

Percentage of markets showing change in registered golfers - 2021 v. 2019


These varying figures are likely to be markets have continued to see the result of the different pandemic egulations seen across Europe over time. in some countries, England for example, golf clubs were fortunate to remain open; therefore as one of only a handful of permitted leisure pursuits, clubs saw an increase in their number of members.

A number of newly-emerging golfing nations in eastern European
trong relative growth in the number of registered golfers in the past two years, with the top five markets for the greatest percentage growth in Europe all located there. Several of these countries recently participated in The R\&A's Leading Golf project supporting them to lay the building blocks and strategy to help grow their participation in the sport.

growth in registered golfers from 2019 to 2021

Biggest increases 2021 v 2019
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Biggest decreases 2021 v 2019
35.4k $\sqrt{4}$ 15.8k $\sqrt{3}$

## Highest concentration of registered golfers in Western Europe.

Of the 4.32 million registered golfers in Europe's 49 affiliated markets, $85 \%$ ar concentrated in the top 10 markets, which are mostly located in Western Europe. The top five markets each have more than 400,000 registered golfers with the highest numbers in England ( 692,500 golfers) and Germany ( 651,417 golfers), while there are 11 markets with more than 100,000 registered players.

While the number of registered golfers has increased in the past two years due to comparable increases in population sizes across Europe, the percentage of registered golfers as a proportion of the population in Europe has remained at $0.5 \%$. The number of markets that recorded more than $2 \%$ of their national population as registered golfers has risen from eight markets in 2019 to nine markets in 2021, with Norway joining the list this year.

of Norwegian population are registered golfers. Passed the 2\% mark in 2021


Top 10 markets share of Europe's registered golfers


Markets with more than $2 \%$ of the national population as registered golfers

Largest number of registered golfers by market 2021 - Top 10


Markets with more than $2 \%$ registered golfers as a percentage of the population

|  | Iceland | $5.46 \%$ |
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| $\square$ | Sweden | $5.21 \%$ |
|  | Scotland | $3.53 \%$ |
| - | Liechtenstein | $3.17 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Ireland | $2.94 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Finland | $2.84 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Denmark | $2.65 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Netherlands | $2.34 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Norway | $2.07 \%$ |



## The number of golf courses in Europe remains relatively stable.

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ver the past two years, the number of golf courses in Europe has remained latively stable with a decline by just $1 \%$ from 8,001 in 2010 to 8.914 just $1 \%$ from 8,91 in 2019 to 8,914 2021, a net loss of 77 courses. ust over $70 \%$ of Europe's courses are concentrated in the top seven markets for total number of courses, all of which are established western European federations with over 400 golf courses each.


Net loss of golf courses from 2019 to 2021


Top 7 markets in Europe for the number of golf courses (Golf Around the World)


Number of golf courses per affiliated European country (Golf Around the World)


At the opposite end of the scale, 59\% of markets, equaling 29 federations in Europe, have fewer than 50 courses. The majority of these are emerging markets where the numbe of courses is driven by their country size, level of domestic development and commercial golf tourism.

Number of golf courses
Over 400
Less than 50


## Registered player demand on golf courses increases across Europe.

Across affiliated European federations, the average number of registered golfer er course has risen by $5 \%$ from 460 in 2019 to 486 in 2021 , At an dividual mat ndividual market level, there is significant variation in the play
demand on golf courses, from ,164 registered golfers per course in the Netherlands to 11 registered golfers per course in Azerbaijan
The biggest area of growth over the last two years has been in the number of markets with a player demand close to the average figure of 486. The number of markets where player demand is between 300-499 registered golfers per course has increased from $13 \%$ in 2019 to $28 \%$ in 2021.

This shift has been driven by $66 \%$ of markets experiencing an increase in their registered player demand per golf course over the past two years. The biggest increases have been seen in both absolute and ercentage changes in Ukraine 750\%) and Latvia (213\%). (750\%) and Latvia (213\%).

of markets saw an increase in registered player demand per golf course

Percentage of markets showing change in registered golfers per golf course - 2021 v. 2019


Absolute and \% change increases in registered player demand per golf course from 2019 to 2021 Top 10 by absolute

Absolute increase
\% increase

| $\square$ | Latvia | 272 | $213 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | ---: |
| $\square$ | Ukraine | 270 | $750 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Lithuania | 108 | $56 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Finland | 99 | $14 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Slovenia | 99 | $30 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Sweden | 97 | $13 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Belarus | 90 | $102 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Belgium | 89 | $17 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Hungary | 84 | $109 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Norway | 75 | $15 \%$ |



Registered player demand on golf courses 2019 and 2021


Average number of registered golfers per course

- 100-299

300-499
500-999
More than 1,000

## Course demand from total golfers puts pressure on some federations.

When analysing course demand in relation to the total golfer figures in Europe, on average there are 1,191 olfers per course. Unsurprisingly, the markets most affected by high course demand are those with the highest number of total golfers including England (2,044 golfers per course), Italy $(1,378)$ and the Netherlands $(1,314)$. There are eight markets who have more than 1,000 total golfers per course.

Within individual markets, there will be variation in player demand based on course locations. Courses in closer proximity to city areas are likely to see higher demand than courses in more rural locations due to the higher population density.

The high demand from golfers brings new challenges for golf courses to manage. With a larger volume of both registered and independent golfers looking to secure tee times, courses are working hard to balance maximising commercial success and delivering a positive golfing experience for all.


Average total golfers per course across Europe
"Courses in closer proximity to city areas are likely to see higher demand than courses in more rural locations due to the higher population density.

Markets with more than 1,000 total golfers per course (Golf Around the World)



## Growth of women in golf is steady and going in the right direction.

Over the past two years, the absolute number of female golfers in Europe has increased by $1 \%$ from $1,030,226$ in 2019 to 1,043,338 in 2021, a net gain greater than 13,000 women. The proportion of women registered as adult golfers in Europe has emained relatively stable. In 2019, female golfers accounted for $27 \%$ of the registered adult golfers in Europe, and this has narrowly declined to $26 \%$ in 2021.
"There are still opportunities for all federations to raise the profile of women's golf'

The established western markets continue to attract and retain the highest concentration of female golfers, with the top five markets collectively having 64\% of registered female golfers in Europe. Within these markets Europe. Within these markets, gender representation amongst registered adult golfers is close to or above $30 \%$ as reported by four out of five federations. In these five federations, the number of registered female golfers in absolute playing numbers has increased by $1 \%$ or less in the last two years, indicating that there are still opportunities for all federations to raise the profile of women's golf in the established markets and the overall proportion of registered female golfers.

of adult registered golfers are female in Europe


Net gain of female registered adult golfers in Europe (2021 vs. 2019)

Top five markets for number of registered adult female golfers and their \% of registered adult golfers


Percentage of registered female golfers per affiliated European country


Women account for $30 \%$ or more of the registered adult golfers in ust over a quarter of European federations. Leading the way is Austria ( $38 \%$ of adult registered Austria (38\% of ade) followed goifers were femaie), follow y Liechtenstein (37\%) and hen Germany and Switzerland (both 36\%). Encouragingly, 53\% of federations have between 20-29\% registered female player representation, up from 45\% of federations in 2019
Among the emerging markets, there are four federations that have increased their representation of female golfers by over 10\% in the last two years. Federations that saw the greatest growth from 2019 to 2021 were Latvia (+22\%), Azerbaijan (+18\%), Belarus (+12\%) and Ukraine (+11\%).

Top five markets for \% of adult
female golfers

| $\square$ | Austria | $38 \%$ | $\square$ | Latvia | $22 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Liechtenstein | $37 \%$ | $\boxed{0}$ | Azerbaijan | $18 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Germany | $36 \%$ | $\square$ | Belarus | $12 \%$ |
| $\square+$ | Switzerland | $36 \%$ | $\square$ | Ukraine | $11 \%$ |
|  | Estonia | $35 \%$ | $\square$ | Andorra | $5 \%$ |



Top five markets for \% growth in adult female golfers

Markets where female golfers account for $30 \%$ or more of registered adult golfers

## Junior golfer numbers are stable overall.



[^0]"Most federations
saw an increase in junior golfers, but sadly
some are in a more challenging situation.'
with pre-pandemic figures, although there are some federations who are sadly in a more challenging situation. Among the top five markets, there has been a mixed experience with the growth of registered junior golfers over the last two years. Sweden and England have both enjoyed strong growth ( +15 K and +26 K respectively) whereas Germany France and whereas Germany, France and Spain have all seen numbers slightly decline - although only between one and two percent in each case.


Junior golfers as a proportion of registered golfers in Europe


Net gain of junior registered golfers in 2021 (vs. 2019)

Top five markets for number of junior golfers and their \% of registered junior golfers



Top five markets for \% of junior golfers

| $\square$ | Azerbaijan | $59 \%$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Armenia | $53 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Greece | $26 \%$ |
| $\square$ | Moldova | $24 \%$ |
| $\square$ | San Marino | $24 \%$ |

Percentage of registered junior golfers per affiliated European country


## Federation Statistics.

The R\&A and the EGA are working closely with 49 affiliates across Europe to grow and develop golf as an active sport. Submitted in April 2021, details on the national golf federations for each country follow - including their contact information and key individuals. New for this report are the details of total golfers - those registered and independent golfers playing on a full length course - as well statistics on registered golfers in each country, change in registered golfer numbers over the last five years and a summary of golf courses in each market - the totals recorded from The R\&A's Golf Around the World publication and separately those that are affiliated to the federation.

## Andorra 떼


ANDORRAN GOLF FEDERATION
foral
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+376861100
(t. www.federaciogolfandorra.com

## 77,270 <br> Total population

Registered golfers - change over time

Golf Around the World)
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@FederacioG


- President: Xavier Espot Miró
- CEO / Secretary:

Benjamí Pujol Chaufaille

## 210

Registered golfers per course
(Golf Around the World courses)
$38 \%$ 174\%
\% Change ('21v '19) \%Change ('21v '17)
10
\& developmen/ elite player
50 / 12\%
unior registered golfers
500
Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole
Total golfers

## Comparisons between GAW and Affiliates course numbers.

In some cases, the number of golf courses affiliated from each federation is different to the total inventory of golf courses as detailed in The R\&A's Golf Around the World publication. This R\&A initiative, working with the US-based National Golf Foundation, has been monitoring The R\&A's Golf Around the World publication. This R\&A initiative, working with the US-based National Golf Foundation, has been monitoring
the number of golf courses around the world - that have over six holes per venue - for many years. In order to ensure consistency of reporting across the markets in The R\&A's jurisdiction, the Golf Around the World golf course numbers have been used in the calculation of the registered golfers per course across the monitored markets - which replicates the methodology used in the 2019 report for Europe, and the
Golf Participation 2021 for Africa. Asia-Pacific. Canada and Latin America. In the federation statistics section, details have been provided by Golf Participation 2021 for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Canada and Latin America. In the federation statistics section, details have been provided by the national federations on the number of 18 -hole, 9 -hole and other golf courses affiliated to the federation. These numbers may not correlate completely with the total number of golf courses in each country as identified by Golf Around the World.

## Armenia

NATIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION OF ARMENIA
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- golfarmenia@gmail.com
- +37455050913
lis www.golfarmenia.com


## 2,963,230 <br> Total population

Registered golfers - change over time 100110

| 100 | 110 |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

- President: Mr. Karen Hovhannisyan
- CEO / Secretary:

75 / 0.00\%
Registered golfers / \% of population

Adult female registered golfers / \% of adult registered golfers
$1 / 0$
Total affiliated golf courses 9-hole / 18-hole

## f /GolfinArmenia

© - @Golf_in_Armenia
75 Registered golfers per course
(Golf Around the World courses)
$7 \%$-25\%
\% Change ('21 v'19) \% Change ('21 v'

0
National squad / elite player
\& development squad golfers
\$ $40 / 53 \%$ \% of total registered golfers




## Croatia $=$

CROATIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION


## Cyprus

## CYPRUS GOLF FEDERATION



| Czech Republic CZECH GOLF FEDERATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Toich $10.698,9000$ |  |  |
|  | 323 | $\frac{-2 \% \square}{4}$ |
| ${ }^{207} \times 2080$ | 200 |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  | Ono |

## Denmark :



## England +

(3) ENGLANDGOLF

## ENGLAND GOLF




## Estonia

ESTONIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

| - info@golf.ee | - President: Ekri Mölder | f /Golfiliit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ¢ +3725280120 | - CEO / Secretary: Kristo Raudam | \% - |
| If. www.golf.ee |  | (0) @eestigolfiliit |
| 1,331,060 | 3,637 / 0.27\% | 331 |
| Total population | Registered golfers / \% of population | Registered golfe (Golf Around the |




| France II french golf federation |  | ffgolf ${ }^{\text {® }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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|  |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Respreater }}}{ }$ |
|  | 4834 | -4\% -4\% |
| $0^{07}{ }^{208}{ }^{208}$ | ${ }^{209}$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| 811 |  |  |

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GEORGIAN GOLF FEDERATION




## Kazahkstan

## KAZAHKSTAN GOLF FEDERATION



## Latvia $=$

LATVIAN GOLF FEDERATION

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/. www.lgf.lv

1,901,550
Total population
Registered golfers - change over time



## Luxembourg $=$ <br> LUXEMBOURG GOLF FEDERATION

P Domaine de Belenhaff, - 6141, Junglinster, Luxembourg


## Malta

MALTA GOLF ASSOCIATION

- Aldo Moro Street, - MRS9064, Marsa, Malta



## Moldova [ill

GOLF ASSOCIATION OF MOLDOVA




## Poland $=$

POLISH GOLF UNION


Registered golfers - change over time

$5 \%$ 个 $39 \%$
\% Change ('21v'19) \%Change ('21v '17) 0

National squad / elite player \& development squad golfers

20,000


## Republic of North Macedonia 路



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0 / 0
$$

## Romania II

ROMANIAN GOLF FEDERATION


## Russia

RUSSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION


## San Marino

## SAN MARINO GOLF FEDERATION



## Scotland ©

## SCOTTISH GOLF

Arrol House, Rosyth Europarc, Viking Way, Rosyth, KY11 2 UU


Total affiliated golf courses Total golfers
Total affiliated golf courses
9 -hole $/ 18$-hole

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f /ScottishGolf
@ScottishGolf
@ @wearescottishgol
Registered golfers per course
7% \ 0%
35
& develsquad/ elite player
#16,522 / 9%
% of total registered golfers
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    Golf Around the World)
    

## Slovakia

SLOVAK GOLF ASSOCIATION

(Golf Around the World)

Total affiliated golf courses
9-hole / 18-hole
/GolfasocijacijaSrbijeGolfAssociation Serbia

409 Registered golfers per course
$10 \%$ 个 $10 \%$
\% Change ('21 v '19) \% Change ('21 v '17) 14 National squad / elite player
\& development squad golfers
74 / $9 \%$ / \% of total registered golfers

1,100



## Switzerland $\boldsymbol{+}$

## SWISS GOLF

P Place Croix-Blanche 19, Case Postale 204-1066, Epalinges, Switzerland


## Turkey ${ }^{c}$

TURKISH GOLF FEDERATION


## Ukraine

UKRAINIAN GOLF FEDERATION

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## Wales 朰

WALES GOLF

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C +441633436040 | - CEO / Secretary: Richard Dixon | @wales_golf |
| k. www.walesgolf.org |  | © @walesgolf |

3,170,000 47,852 / 1.51\% 264

Total population
Registered golfers - change over time

| Registered golfers - change over time |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 46,304 |  |  | 47,852 |  |
|  | 44,547 | 42,830 | 43,408 |  |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |

## П $39,200 / 88 \%$ <br> $\%$ of adult registered golfers

## 181 <br> Total golf courses (Golf Around the World)

4,400 / 12\%

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Adult' female registered golfers } \\
& \text { / \% of adult registered golfers }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 33 / 105 \\
& \text { Total affiliated golf courses } \\
& \text { 9-hole / 18-hole }
\end{aligned}
$$

264
(Golf Around the per course (afound
$12 \%$ 个 $3 \%$
\% Change ('21v '19) \% Change ('21 v '17)
30
National squad / elite player
\& development squad golfers
13,252 / 7\% Junior registered golfers
/ \% of total registered golfers

116,000
Total golfers


## National Federation Statistics Summary．

The following tables rank and detail the national federation－supplied statistics to show comparability across The R\＆A European affiliates and EGA members．

## Total Golfers－ranked from highest to lowest absolute numbers

| arke |  | solute |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＋ | England | 4，523，000 |
| － | Germany | 1，150，000 |
| $\square$ | France | 800，000 |
| E | Sweden | 600，000 |
| 区 | Scotland | 595，000 |
| －1－ | Ireland | 540，000 |
|  | Netherlands | 460，000 |
| $\square$ | Italy | 430，000 |
| E | Spain | 300，000 |
| － | Denmark | 206，000 |
| ＋ | Finland | 200，000 |
| Hㅐㅁ | Norway | 125，000 |
| 鲻 | Wales | 116，000 |
|  | Austria | 115，000 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 112，000 |
| I | Belgium | 81，000 |
| 다ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Iceland | 65，000 |
| － | Czech Republic | 60，000 |
|  | Russia | 28，000 |
| － | Portugal | 20，000 |
| － | Poland | 20，000 |
| $\because$ | Slovenia | 12，000 |
| $\square$ | Slovakia | 10，000 |
| c． | Turkey | 8，000 |
|  | Latvia | 6，000 |
| E | Estonia | 4，500 |
|  | Luxembourg | 4，200 |
| 喿 | Greece | 4，000 |
|  | Hungary | 3，500 |
|  | Lithuania | 2，800 |
| － | Ukraine | 2，000 |
| $\square$ | Kazakhstan | 1，500 |
| $\sigma$ | Cyprus | 1，500 |
| － | Israel | 1，500 |
| － | Romania | 1，400 |
|  | Liechtenstein | 1，400 |
| E | Croatia | 1，400 |
| － | Bulgaria | 1，100 |
| ［1］ | Serbia | 1，100 |
| $\square$ | Malta | 700 |
|  | Belarus | 700 |
| ｜c｜ | Andorra | 500 |
| $\div$ | Georgia | 500 |
| ＊ | San Marino | 250 |
| ， | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 200 |
| － | Moldova | 200 |
|  | Armenia | 200 |
| Ec | Azerbaijan | 200 |
| \％ | Republic of North Macedonia | 100 |

Total Golfers per Course Golf Around the World）－ranked from highest to lowest golfers per course

| Market |  | Absolute \＃ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＋ | England | 2，044 |
| \％ | Israel | 1，500 |
| － | Italy | 1，378 |
|  | Netherlands | 1，314 |
| －－－ | Ireland | 1，130 |
|  | Germany | 1，091 |
| ＋ | Finland | 1，053 |
| － | Russia | 1，037 |
| － | Scotland | 1，002 |
| － | France | 986 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 957 |
| 틀 | Sweden | 923 |
| 타ㅌㅡㅡㄹ | Iceland | 915 |
|  | Luxembourg | 840 |
| $\square$ | Slovenia | 800 |
| ＋${ }^{+}$ | Malta | 700 |
| $\square$ | Belgium | 664 |
| 듬 | Norway | 648 |
| 等 | Wales | 641 |
| ＝ | Spain | 609 |
| 들 | Denmark | 594 |
|  | Austria | 564 |
| 5 | Serbia | 550 |
| E | Latvia | 500 |
| － | Czech Republic | 444 |
| 表 | Greece | 444 |
| ＝ | Estonia | 409 |
| － | Lithuania | 400 |
| － | Poland | 370 |
|  | Belarus | 350 |
| － | Ukraine | 333 |
| $\square$ | Slovakia | 303 |
| －｜ | Andorra | 250 |
| c． | Turkey | 242 |
|  | Hungary | 233 |
| $\pm$ | Croatia | 233 |
| －＊ | Moldova | 200 |
|  | Armenia | 200 |
| － | Portugal | 183 |
| ［8） | Kazakhstan | 167 |
| \％ | Georgia | 167 |
| － | Romania | 156 |
| $\sigma$ | Cyprus | 136 |
| － | Bulgaria | 110 |
| ， | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 100 |
| cer | Azerbaijan | 67 |
|  | Liechtenstein | N／A |
| － | San Marino | N／A |
| 83 | Republic of North Macedonia | N／A |

Registered Golfers－ranked from highest to lowest absolute numbers

| arket |  | Absoiute \＃ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＋ | England | 692，500 |
|  | Germany | 651，417 |
| 토를 | Sweden | 538，962 |
|  | Netherlands | 407，302 |
| ！ | France | 402，991 |
| E | Spain | 270，040 |
| －1－ | Ireland | 202，750 |
| 区 | Scotland | 192，724 |
| ＋ | Finland | 157，175 |
| － | Denmark | 154，803 |
| Hㅡㅁ | Norway | 111，301 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 95，717 |
|  | Austria | 93，718 |
| － | Italy | 87，380 |
| ！ | Belgium | 76，381 |
| － | Czech Republic | 52，401 |
| 格 | Wales | 47，852 |
|  | Iceland | 20，000 |
| － | Portugal | 15，297 |
| $\square$ | Slovakia | 8，566 |
| － | Poland | 6，562 |
| $\square$ | Slovenia | 6，393 |
| E | Latvia | 4，804 |
| c． | Turkey | 4，536 |
|  | Estonia | 3，637 |
| － | Luxembourg | 3，523 |
|  | Russia | 2，641 |
| 三 | Hungary | 2，409 |
| E | Lithuania | 2，108 |
| － | Ukraine | 1，837 |
| F | Liechtenstein | 1，210 |
| ［－ | Kazakhstan | 1，090 |
| － | Romania | 1，054 |
| ＊ | Cyprus | 1，016 |
| 砉 | Greece | 910 |
| － | Bulgaria | 870 |
| Ear | Serbia | 818 |
| － | Croatia | 627 |
| $\square$ | Malta | 599 |
| － | Israel | 544 |
| \¢ | Andorra | 419 |
| － | Belarus | 355 |
| $\div$ | Georgia | 219 |
| ＊ | San Marino | 209 |
| ， | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 187 |
| － | Moldova | 137 |
| － | Armenia | 75 |
| 困 | Republic of North Macedonia | 74 |
| Cos | Azerbaijan | 34 |

Registered Golfers per Course Golf Around the World）－ranked from highest to lowest golfers per course

| Market |  | Absolute \＃ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＝ | Netherlands | 1164 |
| － | Sweden | 829 |
| ＋ | Finland | 827 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 818 |
|  | Luxembourg | 705 |
| － | Belgium | 626 |
|  | Germany | 618 |
| $\square$ | Malta | 599 |
| 바ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Norway | 577 |
| E | Spain | 548 |
| － | Israel | 544 |
| － | France | 497 |
|  | Austria | 459 |
| 븜 | Denmark | 446 |
| － | Slovenia | 426 |
| －－－ | Ireland | 424 |
| P6 | Serbia | 409 |
| ＝ | Latvia | 400 |
| $\triangle$ | Czech Republic | 388 |
| ＝ | Estonia | 331 |
| 区 | Scotland | 324 |
| ＋ | England | 313 |
|  | Ukraine | 306 |
| － | Lithuania | 301 |
|  | Iceland | 282 |
| － | Italy | 280 |
| 迷 | Wales | 264 |
| 0 | Slovakia | 260 |
| －${ }^{-1}$ | Andorra | 210 |
| － | Belarus | 178 |
|  | Hungary | 161 |
| － | Portugal | 140 |
| c． | Turkey | 137 |
| －${ }^{\text {I }}$ | Moldova | 137 |
| － | Poland | 122 |
| ［0 | Kazakhstan | 121 |
| － | Romania | 117 |
| 든 | Croatia | 105 |
| 喿 | Greece | 101 |
| $\square$ | Russia | 98 |
| N | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 94 |
| $\sigma$ | Cyprus | 92 |
| － | Bulgaria | 87 |
|  | Armenia | 75 |
| $\div$ | Georgia | 73 |
| E | Azerbaijan | 11 |
|  | Liechtenstein | N／A |
| $\cdots$ | San Marino | N／A |
| 8 | Macedon | N／A |


| Adult male registered golfers－ showing absolute and \％of adult golfers |  |  |  | Adult female registered golfers <br> －showing absolute and <br> \％of adult golfers |  |  |  | Junior registered golfers－ showing absolute and \％of adult golfers |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market |  | \％\＃ | $\underset{\#}{\text { Absolute }}$ | Market |  | \％\＃ | $\underset{\#}{\text { Absolute }}$ | Market |  | \％\＃ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Absolute } \\ \# \end{gathered}$ |
| － | Israel | 88\％ | 466 |  | Austria | 38\％ | 33，163 | C． | Azerbaijan | 59\％ | 20 |
|  | Republic |  |  |  | Liechtenstein | 37\％ | 426 | － | Armenia | 53\％ | 40 |
| 8 | of North Macedonia | 88\％ | 60 |  | Germany | 36\％ | 221，865 | 些 | Greece | 26\％ | 238 |
| ＊ | San Marino | 88\％ | 140 | ＋ | Switzerland | 36\％ | 32，762 | ［4］ | Moldova | 24\％ | 33 |
| 䢕 | Wales | 88\％ | 39，200 |  | Estonia | 35\％ | 1，124 | － | San Marino | 24\％ | 50 |
| ※ | Scotland | 88\％ | 154，571 | ！ | Belgium | 34\％ | 23，202 | － | Kazakhstan | 22\％ | 240 |
| ＋ | England | 86\％ | 556，589 |  | Luxembourg | 33\％ | 1，022 | c． | Turkey | 19\％ | 880 |
| ＋ | Georgia | 83\％ | 175 | 파ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Iceland | 33\％ | 5，600 |  | Belarus | 19\％ | 68 |
| ， | Bosnia and | 83\％ | 130 |  | Ukraine | 32\％ | 496 |  | Russia | 17\％ | 459 |
| 1 | Herzegovina | 83\％ | 130 |  | Netherlands | 32\％ | 125，537 | － | Ukraine | 16\％ | 295 |
| $\underline{\underline{\underline{\underline{x}}}}$ | Greece | 82\％ | 550 |  | Latvia | 31\％ | 1，386 |  |  |  |  |
| －${ }^{1}$ | Moldova | 82\％ | 85 |  | Lithuania | 30\％ | 613 | ， | Herzegovina | 16\％ | 30 |
| －－－ | Ireland | 80\％ | 148，000 | － | Czech | 30\％ | 13，579 | $\square$ | Slovakia | 15\％ | 1，274 |
|  | Croatia | 80\％ | 467 |  | Republic | 30\％ | 13，579 | 르ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Iceland | 15\％ | 2，900 |
| ＊ | Portugal | 80\％ | 11，265 | 0 | Slovakia | 29\％ | 2，141 | ＝ | Bulgaria | 13\％ | 117 |
|  | Bulgaria | 79\％ | 592 |  | Belarus | 29\％ | 84 | － | Czech | 13\％ | 6，916 |
|  | Hungary | 78\％ | 1，652 |  | Russia | 29\％ | 635 |  | Republic | 13\％ | 6，916 |
| 5 | Serbia | 78\％ | 577 | $\pm$ | Finland | 29\％ | 40，568 | E | Spain | 12\％ | 33，751 |
| Heㅐㅡㄹ | Norway | 78\％ | 78，481 | ㅌㅡㅡㅡㅡㄹ | Denmark | 29\％ | 42，161 | \0］ | Andorra | 12\％ | 50 |
| ＋$\square$ | Malta | 77\％ | 430 |  | Armenia | 29\％ | 10 |  | Hungary | 12\％ | 287 |
|  | Poland | 77\％ | 4，571 | Ec | Azerbaijan | 29\％ | 4 |  | Luxembourg | 12\％ | 412 |
| 1 | Romania | 77\％ | 1，091 | 들 | Sweden | 27\％ | 129，949 | 듬 | Sweden | 11\％ | 61,839 |
| － | Kazakhstan | 76\％ | 650 | － | Spain | 27\％ | 63，987 | ！ | Belgium | 11\％ | 8，097 |
| － | Cyprus | 76\％ | 759 | 1 | France | 27\％ | 98，265 | $\pm$ | Finland | 11\％ | 17，125 |
| $1 \square$ | Italy | 76\％ | 60，432 | c． | Turkey | 27\％ | 982 |  | Estonia | 11\％ | 385 |
| －${ }^{\text {｜}}$ | Andorra | 75\％ | 278 | $\cdots$ | Slovenia | 25\％ | 1，552 |  | Poland | 10\％ | 648 |
| $\stackrel{\square}{*}$ | Slovenia | 75\％ | 4，576 | －${ }^{1}$ | Andorra | 25\％ | 91 | ！ | France | 10\％ | 38，549 |
| c． | Turkey | 73\％ | 2，674 | － | Italy | 24\％ | 19，455 | －1－ | Ireland | 9\％ | 18，750 |
| － | France | 73\％ | 266，177 | ＊ | Cyprus | 24\％ | 234 | 바ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Norway | 9\％ | 10，105 |
| 든 | Spain | 73\％ | 172，302 | ［0 | Kazakhstan | 24\％ | 200 | 5 | Serbia | 9\％ | 74 |
| E | Sweden | 73\％ | 347，174 | $\square$ | Romania | 23\％ | 321 | $!$ | Italy | 9\％ | 7，493 |
| E | Armenia | 7\％ | 25 | － | Poland | 23\％ | 1，343 | ※ | Scotland | 9\％ | 16，522 |
| $\cdots$ | Azerbaijan | 71\％ | 10 | － | Malta | 23\％ | 125 | \％ | Republic of North | 8\％ | 6 |
| 들 | Denmark | 71\％ | 105，134 | Hㅡㄹ | Norway | 22\％ | 22，715 |  | Macedonia |  |  |
| ＋ | Finland | 71\％ | 99，482 | ［0］ | Serbia | 22\％ | 167 |  | Latvia | 8\％ | 386 |
|  | Russia | 71\％ | 1，547 |  | Hungary | 22\％ | 470 | － | Malta | 7\％ | 44 |
|  | Belarus | 71\％ | 203 | － | Bulgaria | 21\％ | 161 | － | Portugal | 7\％ | 1，096 |
| $\square$ | Slovakia | 71\％ | 5，151 | \％ | Portugal | 20\％ | 2，896 |  | Austria | 7\％ | 6，634 |
|  | Czech |  |  | － | Croatia | 20\％ | 116 | $\underline{\square}$ | Croatia | 7\％ | 44 |
| － | Republic | 70\％ | 31，906 | －1－ | Ireland | 20\％ | 36，000 | － | Wales | 7\％ | 3，252 |
|  | Lithuania | 70\％ | 1，400 | ｜＊｜ | Moldova | 18\％ | 19 | $+$ | England | 7\％ | 45，304 |
|  | Latvia | 69\％ | 3，032 | 呰 | Greece | 18\％ | 122 |  | Germany | 6\％ | 41，212 |
|  | Netherlands | 68\％ | 267，563 |  |  |  |  | $\square$ | Romania | 6\％ | 92 |
|  | Ukraine | 68\％ | 1，046 | N | Herzegovina | 17\％ | 27 |  | Liechtenstein | 6\％ | 71 |
|  | Iceland | 67\％ | 11，500 | \％ | Georgia | 17\％ | 36 | ＋ | Switzerland | 6\％ | 5，503 |
|  | Luxembourg | 67\％ | 2，089 | ＋ | England | 14\％ | 90，607 |  | Denmark | 5\％ | 7，508 |
| － | Belgium | 66\％ | 45，082 | 区 | Scotland | 12\％ | 21，631 | － | Lithuania | 5\％ | 95 |
|  | Estonia | 65\％ | 2，128 | 薪 | Wales | 12\％ | 5，400 | $\because$ | Slovenia | 4\％ | 265 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 64\％ | 57，452 | $\square$ | San Marino | 12\％ | 19 | ＋ | Georgia | 4\％ | 8 |
|  | Germany | 64\％ | 388，340 |  | Republic | 12\％ |  |  | Netherlands | 3\％ | 14，202 |
|  | Liechtenstein | 63\％ | 713 | a | Macedonia | 12\％ | 8 | ？ | Israel | 3\％ | 16 |
| C | Austria | 62\％ | 53，921 | 팜 | Israel | 12\％ | 62 | \％ | Cyprus | 2\％ | 23 |

National squad／elite player and development squad golfers

| rke |  | bso | Market |  | Absolute \＃ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ＝ | Austria | 71 | ＋ | England | 2，213 |
| 프믐 | Iceland | 60 | － | Germany | 1，054 |
| $\square$ | Portugal | 50 | － | France | 811 |
| ＝ | Spain | 46 | － | Sweden | 650 |
| 䮖 | Greece | 44 | － | Scotland | 594 |
| － | Russia | 43 | $\ldots$ | Spain | 493 |
| － | France | 42 | －1－ | Ireland | 478 |
| －－－ | Ireland | 42 | E | Netherlands | 350 |
| $\cdots$ | Slovenia | 41 | 블 | Denmark | 347 |
| $\pm$ | England | 40 | － | Italy | 312 |
| $\square$ | Czech Republic | 37 | ＝ | Austria | 204 |
| 름 | Denmark | 37 | 파ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Norway | 193 |
| 区 | Scotland | 35 | ＋ | Finland | 190 |
| c． | Turkey | 33 | 第 | Wales | 181 |
| ＋ | Switzerland | 31 | $\square$ | Czech Republic | 135 |
| － | Moldova | 30 | － | Belgium | 122 |
| ＊ | Wales | 30 | ＋ | Switzerland | 117 |
| $\pm$ | Finland | 27 | $\square$ | Portugal | 109 |
| 三 | Netherlands | 27 | 드ㅁㅡㅡㄹ | Iceland | 71 |
| － | Bulgaria | 25 | － | Poland | 54 |
| － | Estonia | 23 | c． | Turkey | 33 |
| 플 | Latvia | 23 | $\cdots$ | Slovakia | 33 |
| － | Hungary | 18 | $\square$ | Russia | 27 |
| － | Lithuania | 17 | $\square$ | Slovenia | 15 |
| max | Serbia | 14 | 三 | Hungary | 15 |
| $\square$ | Belarus | 13 | C | Latvia | 12 |
| － | Ukraine | 12 | － | Estonia | 11 |
| － | Liechtenstein | 11 | $\sigma$ | Cyprus | 11 |
| ｜e｜ | Andorra | 10 | E | Bulgaria | 10 |
| $\square$ | Malta | 9 | － | Romania | 9 |
| ＋ | Georgia | 6 | 丰 | Greece | 9 |
| ㄹ | Armenia | 0 | $\square$ | Kazakhstan | 9 |
| C． | Azerbaijan | 0 | E | Lithuania | 7 |
| － | Belgium | 0 | － | Ukraine | 6 |
| ， | Bosnia and Herregovina | 0 | $\underline{8}$ | Croatia | 6 |
| $\underline{\square}$ | Croatia | 0 | 二 | Luxembourg | 5 |
| ＊ | Cyprus | 0 | \％ | Georgia | 3 |
| － | Germany | 0 | ㄷ． | Azerbaijan | 3 |
| \％ | Israel | 0 | rab | Serbia | 2 |
| － | Italy | 0 | $\square$ | Belarus | 2 |
| $\square$ | Kazakhstan | 0 | －${ }_{\text {－}}$ | Andorra | 2 |
| － | Luxembourg | 0 | ， | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2 |
| 파믐 | Norway | 0 | －${ }^{1}$ | Moldova | 1 |
| － | Poland | 0 | $\square$ | Malta | 1 |
| \＃3 | Republic of North Macedonia | 0 | E | Armenia | 1 |
| $\cdots$ | San Marino | 0 |  | Israel | 1 |
| 0 | Slovakia | 0 | E | Liechtenstein | 0 |
| 블 | Sweden | 0 | $\square$ | San Marino | 0 |
| － | Romania | N／A | 成 | Republic of North Macedonia | 0 |

## Glossary.

The information included in the federation statistics has been provided by the national federation in April 2021 or sourced from recognised international or European established sources.
Where data is shown in italics - this is due to data not being provided by the federation, and an estimate has been made, or the latest number from previous years.
The definitions of the key performance indicators follow.

MARKET COVERAGE
All countries included in this report are Affiliates of The R\&A or members of the European Golf Association (EGA). This may result in some markets appearing not be registered as being in Europe in the ISO list of countries published by the International Organisation for Standardisation (IS), which defines the names of countries, dependent territorie and special areas of geographical interest. TOTAL POPULATION
The national population figures (World Bank 2020 and the Office for Nationd Statistics for UK home nations). The egional population for Europe quoted within the report is the aggregated country populations of the countries affiliated to The R\&A and members of the EGA. This enables analysis of the number of golfers within the monitored ma of those markets. It is not the World Bank aggregated total populations for Europe as defined by the ISO.
TOTAL GOLFERS
This is the accepted measure of golfer numbers in each market and representative of total full course players (18-hole and 9 -hole full length
courses). Total Golfers includes those
defined as Registered Golfers (affiliated
to the national federation or a golf club member) and those Independent golfers who pay-and-play for their rounds as green-fee players. Where ariving the oly golf product and experience available to a player these players may be included in the Total Golfe number. Inclusion may be based on geographical, infrastructure or cultura factors - and are included on agreement with national federation and industry experts. The numbers for Total Golfers are measured through undertaking a nationally representative participation study, or are estimated by applying algorithms influenced by comparative market and cultural aspects, golfer-percourse relationships and are relative to registered golfer numbers or other hationally available participation metrics. REGISTERED GOLFERS
The number of golfers, adult and junior, who are affiliated to the national federation in April 2021. This reflects those golfers who are either a member of a golf club, or who have joined or registered separately with the national federation for the purposes of obtaining a handicap or an official playing accreditation. \% OF POPULATION
Registered golfers as a percentage of the population illustrate the penetration of golf within each country.
REGISTERED GOLFERS PER COURSE (Golf Around the World Courses) Registered golfers per course calculated from The R\&A's report on courses Golf Around the World 2021 - showing total courses per country. Provides a comparative measure of demand and usage from affiliated golfers per golf course for the federation in each country.
\% CHANGE ( 21 v ' 19 )
Change in the number of registered golfers over time comparing April 2021 with April 2019 expressed as a percentag NATIONAL SQUAD / ELITE PLAYER \& DEVELOPMENT SQUAD GOLFERS Number of absolute players in the national squads, on the elite development programmes run by the national federations; includes national team adult, senior and junior players. ADULT MALE REGISTERED GOLFERS / ADULT FEMALE REGISTERED GOLFERS Absolute number of adult male and female golfers registered or affiliated to the national federation.
\% OF ADULT REGISTERED GOLFERS Male/female split of the absolute number of adult male and female golfers to indicate the penetration of golf amo the male and female adult genders. Indicative of the approach towards achieving equality in participation and creation of a family sport in the market.
JUNIOR REGISTERED GOLFERS / \% of REGISTERED GOLFERS Absolute number of junior golfers (under 18 years old) registered or affiliated to the national federation, and calculated as a percentage of approach towards broadening the apped of the sport to a younger generation; achieving equality in participation: and the creation of a family sport. TOTAL GOLF COURSES (Golf Around the World) Total golf courses per country as monitored and measured through The R\&A Golf Around the World programme which explores golf's global reach through the supply of golf courses, existing and under development carried
out in association with the National Golf Foundation. The country totals wil include those courses not affiliated to the national federations. Used as the gol course variable in the calculation of tota golfers and registered golfers per course. OTAL 9-HOLE GOLF COURSES Number of 9 -hole golf courses affiliated to the national federation. A good measure of facilities from tarter venues to established tandalone 9-hole golf courses. TOTAL 18-HOLE GOLF COURSES Number of 18 -hole golf courses affiliated to the national federation.
OTHER GOLF COURSES
Number of other golf courses affiliated to the national federation which may have a different number of hole combinations. This could be a 6 -hole golf course, or a venue with 36 holes ( $2 \times 18$ holes or $4 \times 9$ holes), or 45 holes. The number of golf courses cannot be used to directly calculate the number of holes at each venue or in total.
NOTE - Federation Statistics. Where a ederation has not provided an updated figure in April 2021 the most recent datc has been used. This includes Israel (2019) azakhstan (2020), Liechtenstein (2020) and Ukraine (2020). If a federation fact figure is not available - then this has be etailed $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ in the national statistics.
or clarification, the total sum of 9 -hole, 18-hole and Other Golf Courses affiliated to the national federation may not equa the absolute number of golf courses from


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[^0]:    - here are more than 350,000 registered junior golfers in Europe, an increase of ver 43,000 compared with 2019 As a proportion of the registered golfers in Europe, juniors remain relatively stable at $8 \%$, which is slightly up from the $7.5 \%$ figure seen in 2019. Across the federations, junior golfers account for less than $10 \%$ of registered golfers in almost half of the federations and $20 \%$ or more in only one in ten of federations. These figures are the ame as those seen in 2019 and and that this should remain this should remain

    The good news is that for the majority of federations, the percentage of junior golfers across the markets has remained stable

