

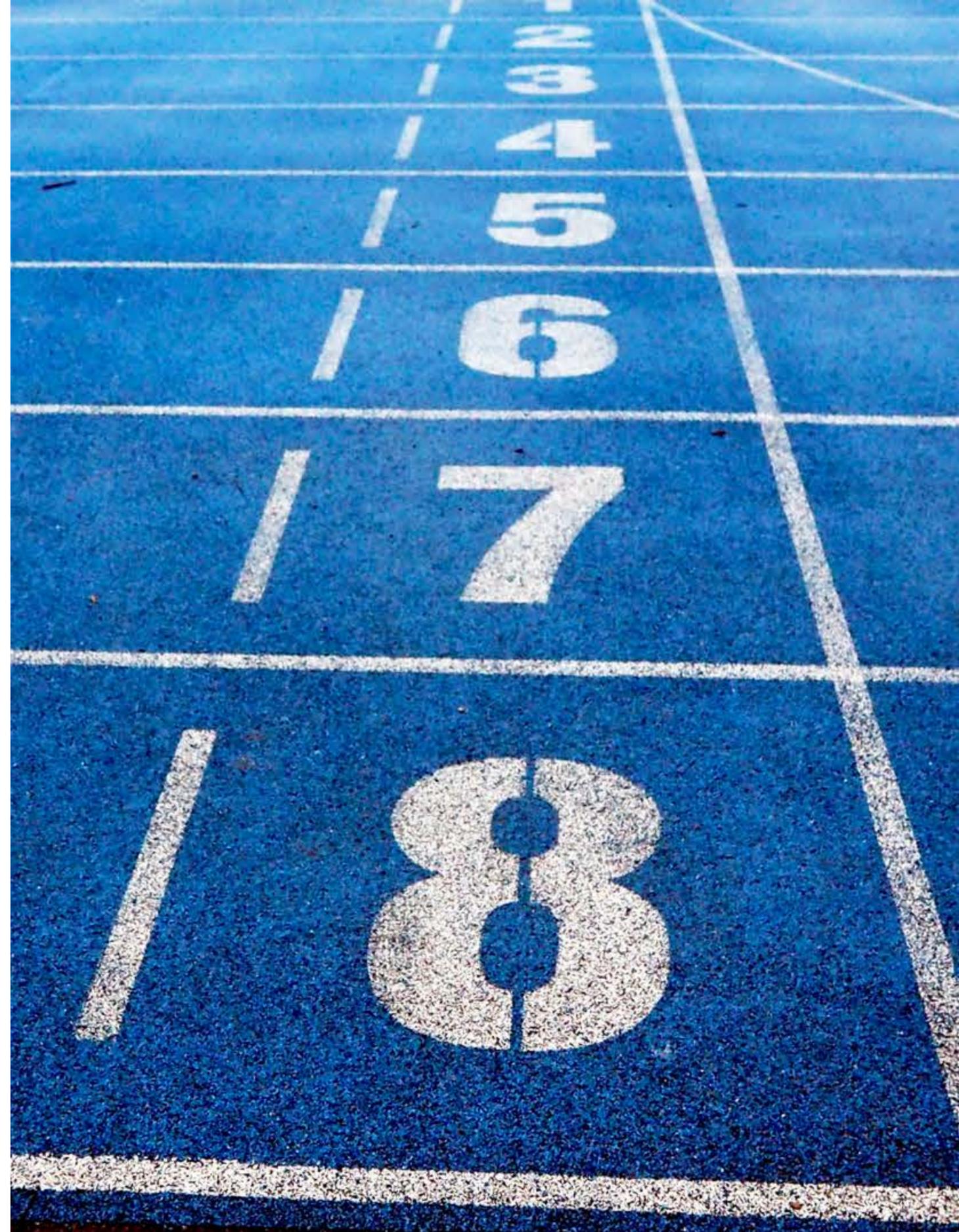
Sports Trends

World Athletics Championships 2023

An Outlier special report on the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary

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Key Points

The 19th edition of the biennial World Athletics Championships will be held in Budapest, Hungary, from 19 to 27 August 2023.

More than 2,000 athletes from 201 countries will take part in 49 events at the newly constructed National Athletics Centre.

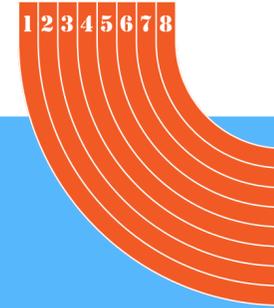
The World Athletics Championship was first held in 1983 in Helsinki, Finland.



Competitors

- **2,187 athletes** will take part in the championships, **1,106 men** and **1,014 women**
- **201 countries** will be represented at the championships
- The Athletics Refugee Team with 6 members will make it **202 teams**

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Events

- There are **49 events** during the championship: **22 individual events** each for men and women and **5 relay events**
- The marathon events have the most competitors with **177 athletes (94 men and 83 women)**
- This is followed by the **100m, 800m and 1,500m** events



The Venue

- The championships will be held at the **National Athletics Centre** on the bank of the Danube river
- The stadium was opened in June 2023 and cost **€658 million** (R13.6-billion) to construct
- It will have a **capacity of 35,000** for the championships. This will be reduced to 15,000 for future events

Winners' Circle

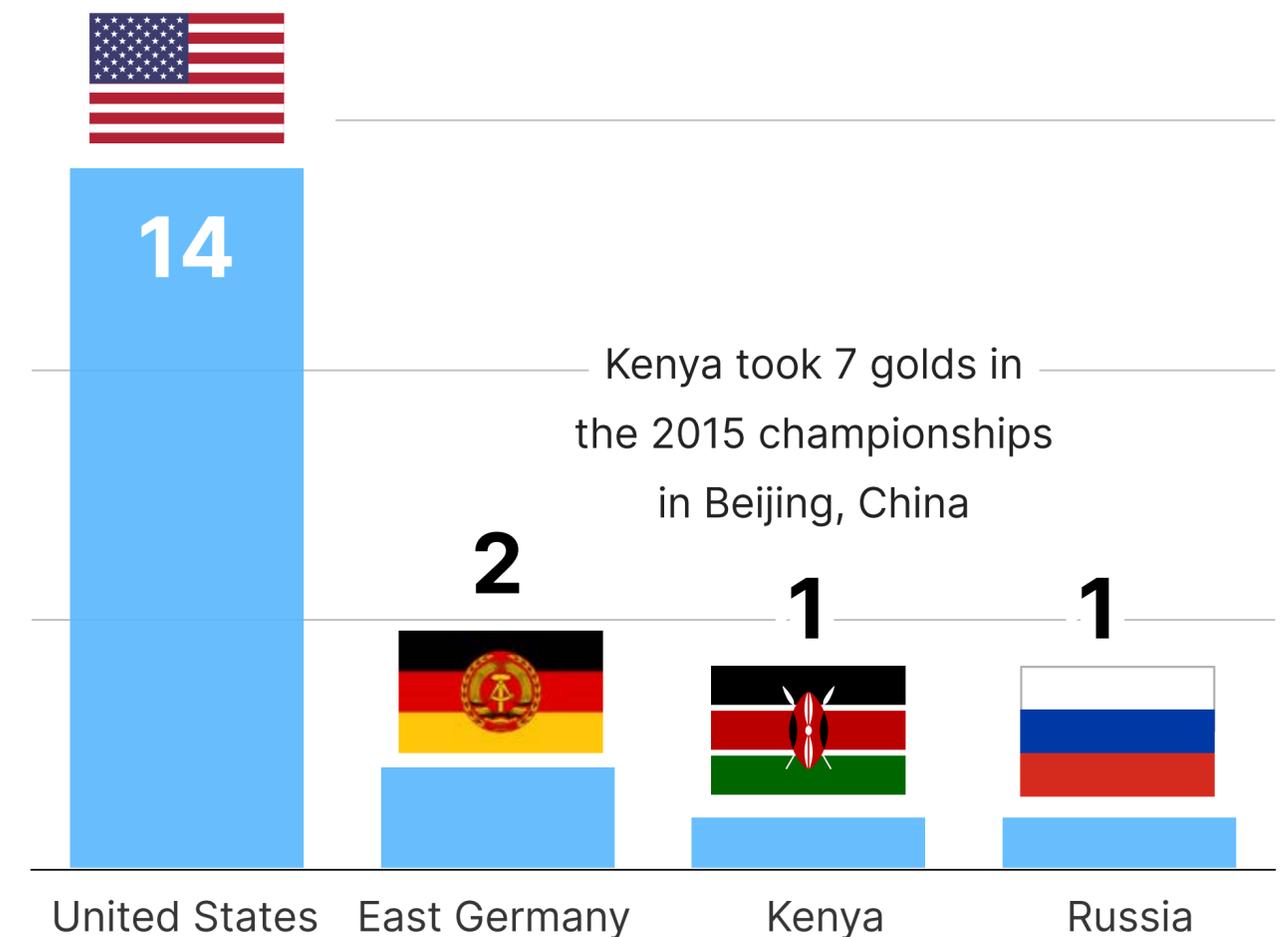
The United States has topped the medal table at 14 of the 18 championships. East Germany, which was dissolved in October 1990, was the only other country to achieve the top spot more than once.

Kenya won the most medals at the 2015 championships held in Beijing, China. The country won 7 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals that year. Jamaica also won 7 gold medals but only 2 silver and 3 bronze. The United States won 6 each of gold, silver and bronze, putting it in third place overall.

On the track, Kenyan men won gold in the 800m, 1,500m, 400m hurdles and 3,000m steeplechase and on the field it took home the men's javelin throw.

Kenyan women took the 10,000m and 3,000m steeplechase gold medals.

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Medal Tally

The **United States** has won 414 medals in total at the championships: 183 gold medals, 126 silver and 105 bronze.

Kenya is a distant second with 161 medals, including 62 golds, 55 silver and 44 bronze.

Russia takes third place overall with 142 medals in total.

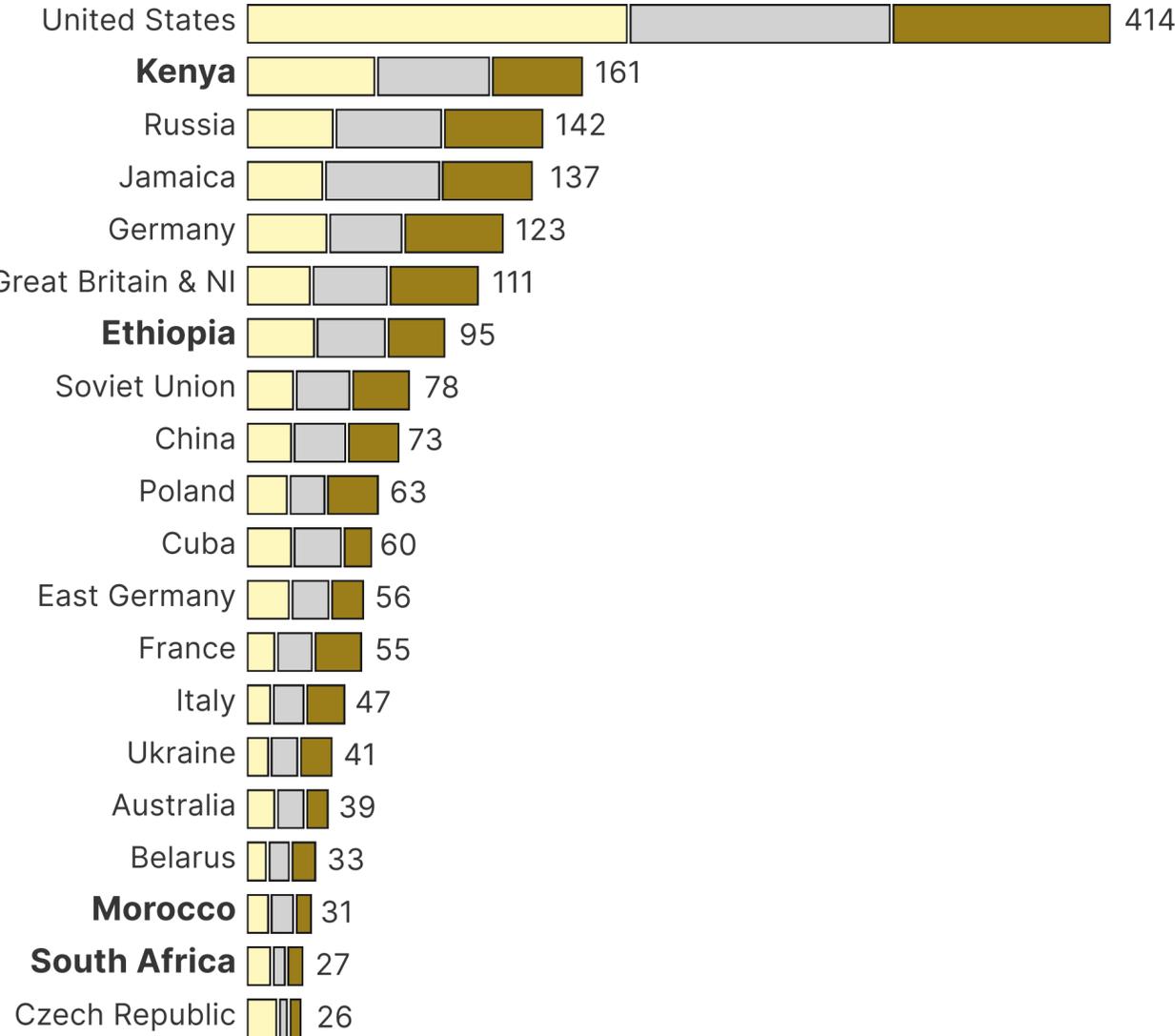
African showing

Also on the top 20 medal winners' list is Ethiopia with 95 medals, Morocco with 31 and South Africa with 27.

Medal Haul

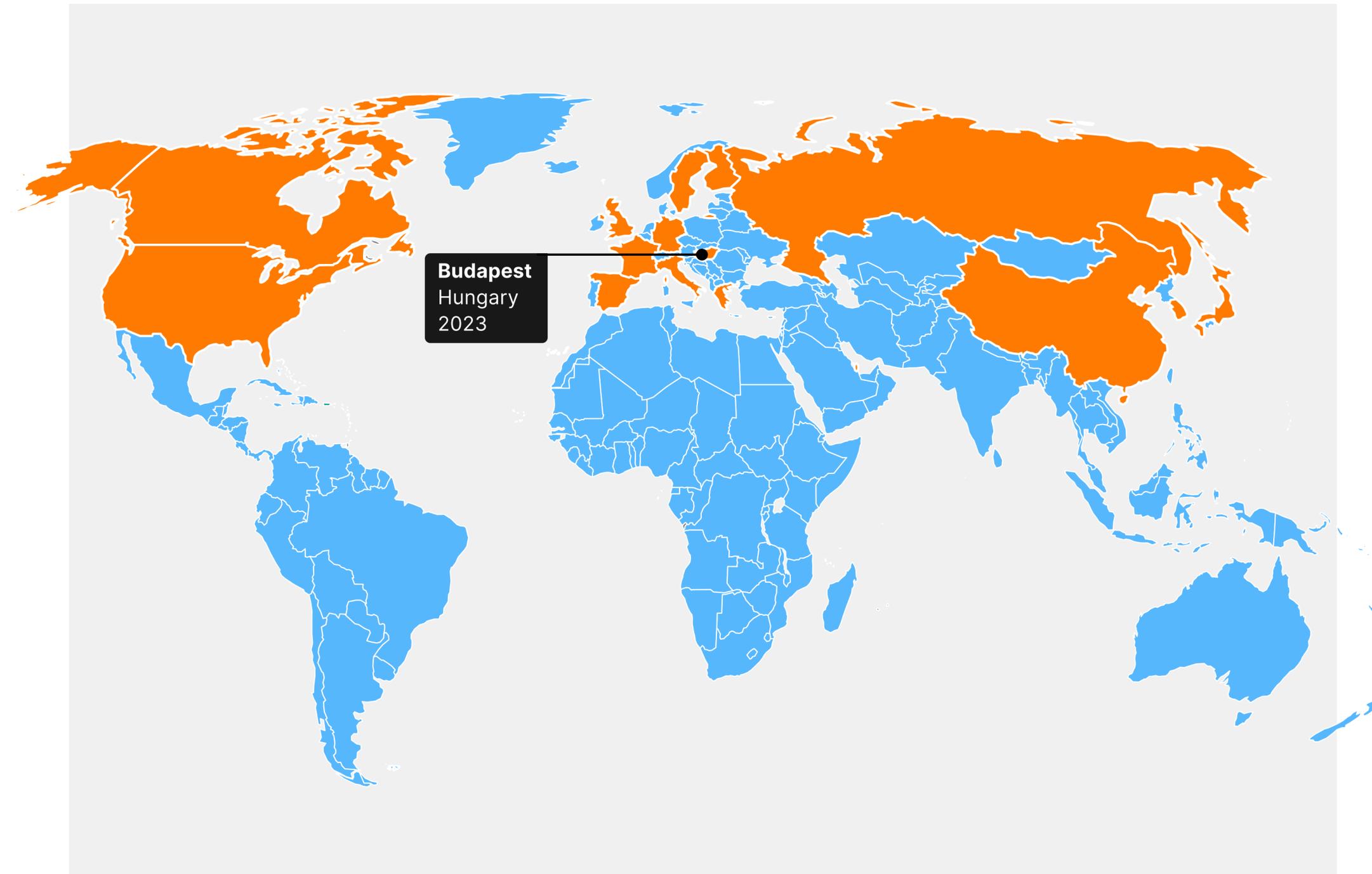


The **United States** has won **more than twice as many medals** as any other nation



Where in the world?

The Athletics World Championships have been held in 17 cities and 15 countries since 1983



Helsinki	1983	Finland
Rome	1987	Italy
Tokyo	1991	Japan
Stuttgart	1993	Germany
Gothenburg	1995	Sweden
Athens	1997	Greece
Seville	1999	Spain
Edmonton	2001	Canada
Paris	2003	France
Helsinki	2005	Finland
Osaka	2007	Japan
Berlin	2009	Germany
Daegu	2011	South Korea
Moscow	2013	Russia
Beijing	2015	China
London	2017	Great Britain
Doha	2019	Qatar
Eugene	2022	United States
Budapest	2023	Hungary

Pay for a finish line view

Tickets for the 2023 championship range from 3,000 forint (HUF), approximately R160, for a morning session, through to 1,980,000 HUF for finish-line seats for all 9 days.

705,000 championship tickets were sold for the 2017 London World Championships.

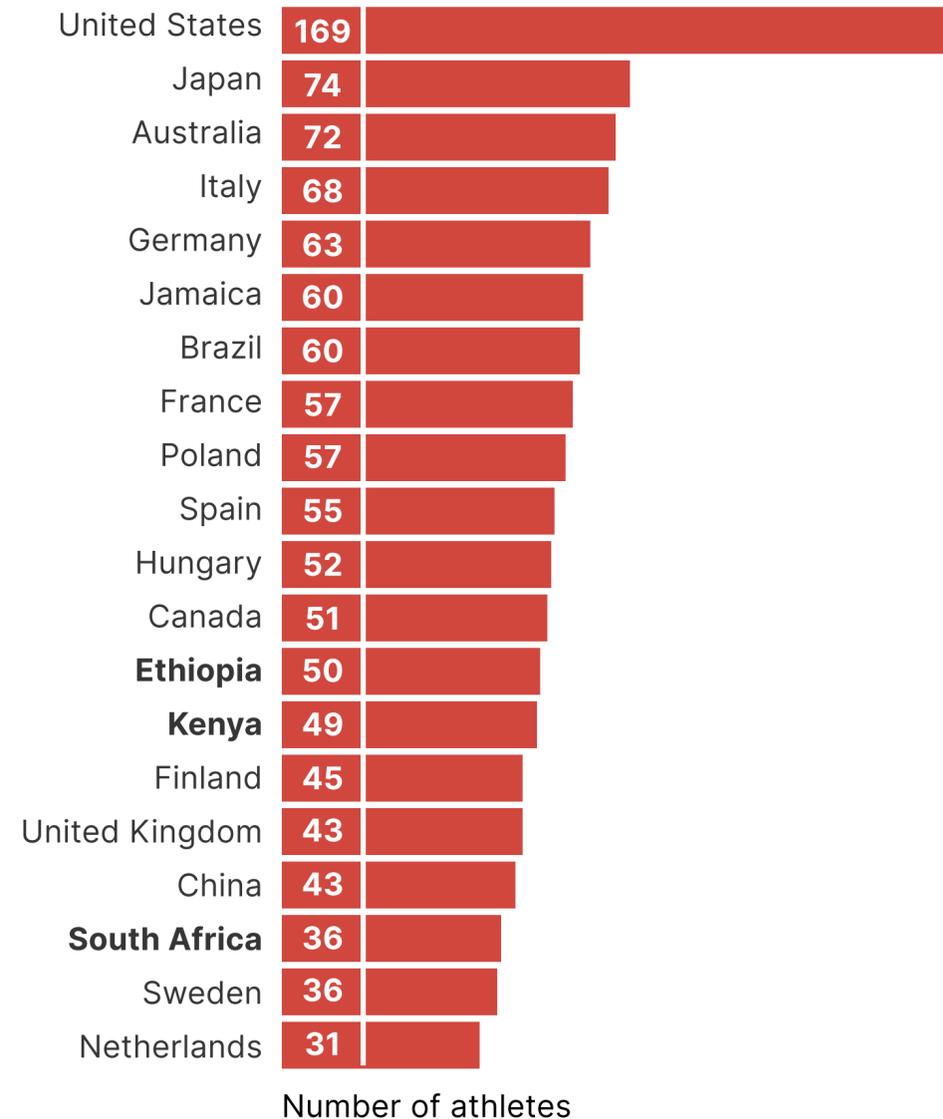
<p>Single Session</p> <p>Morning Session</p> <p>Standard seating 3,000HUF \$8.50 / R161</p>	<p>Single Session</p> <p>Evening Session Mon-Thurs</p> <p>Standard seating 6,900 - 18,900HUF \$19.50 / R1,017</p>	<p>Single Session</p> <p>Evening Session Fri-Sun</p> <p>Standard seating 8,900 - 22,900HUF \$64 / R1,233</p>
<p>Multi-Day Ticket</p> <p>2-days/ 4 sessions</p> <p>Finish Line 516,000HUF \$1,458 / R27,788</p>	<p>Multi-Day Ticket</p> <p>Final Weekend/ 5 sessions</p> <p>Finish Line 766,000HUF \$2,165 / R41,252</p>	<p>Multi-Day Ticket</p> <p>All 9 days/ 14 sessions</p> <p>Finish Line 1,958,00HUF \$5,534 / R105,455</p>

US Dominates Championship Entries

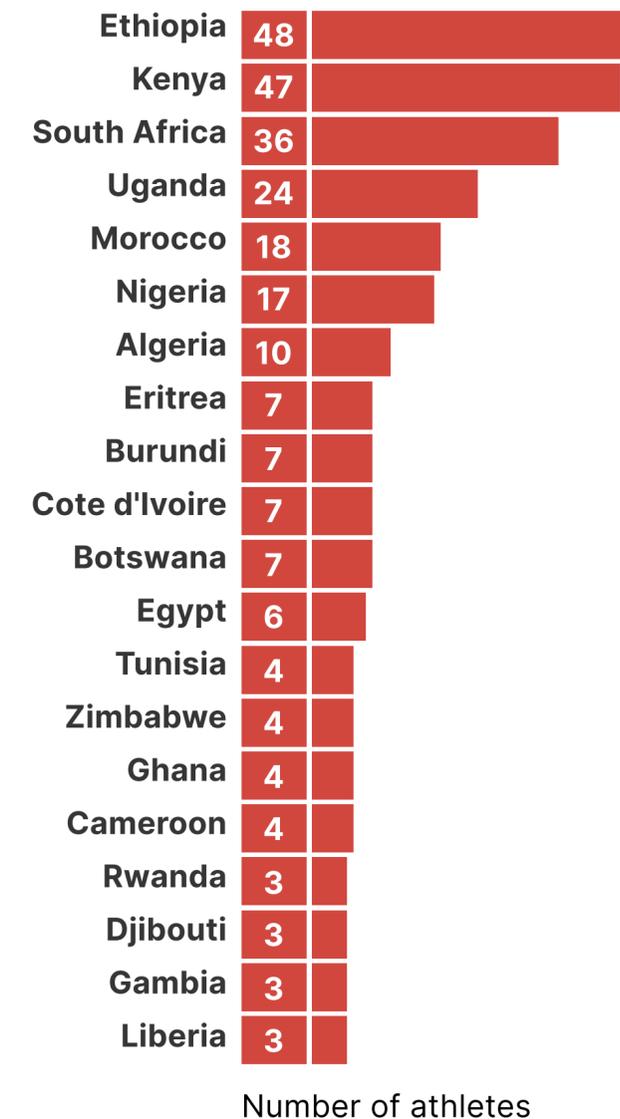
The United States' 2023 team is more than double the size of any other nation's team.

93 countries have only one athlete entered in the championships and 14 countries have two athletes.

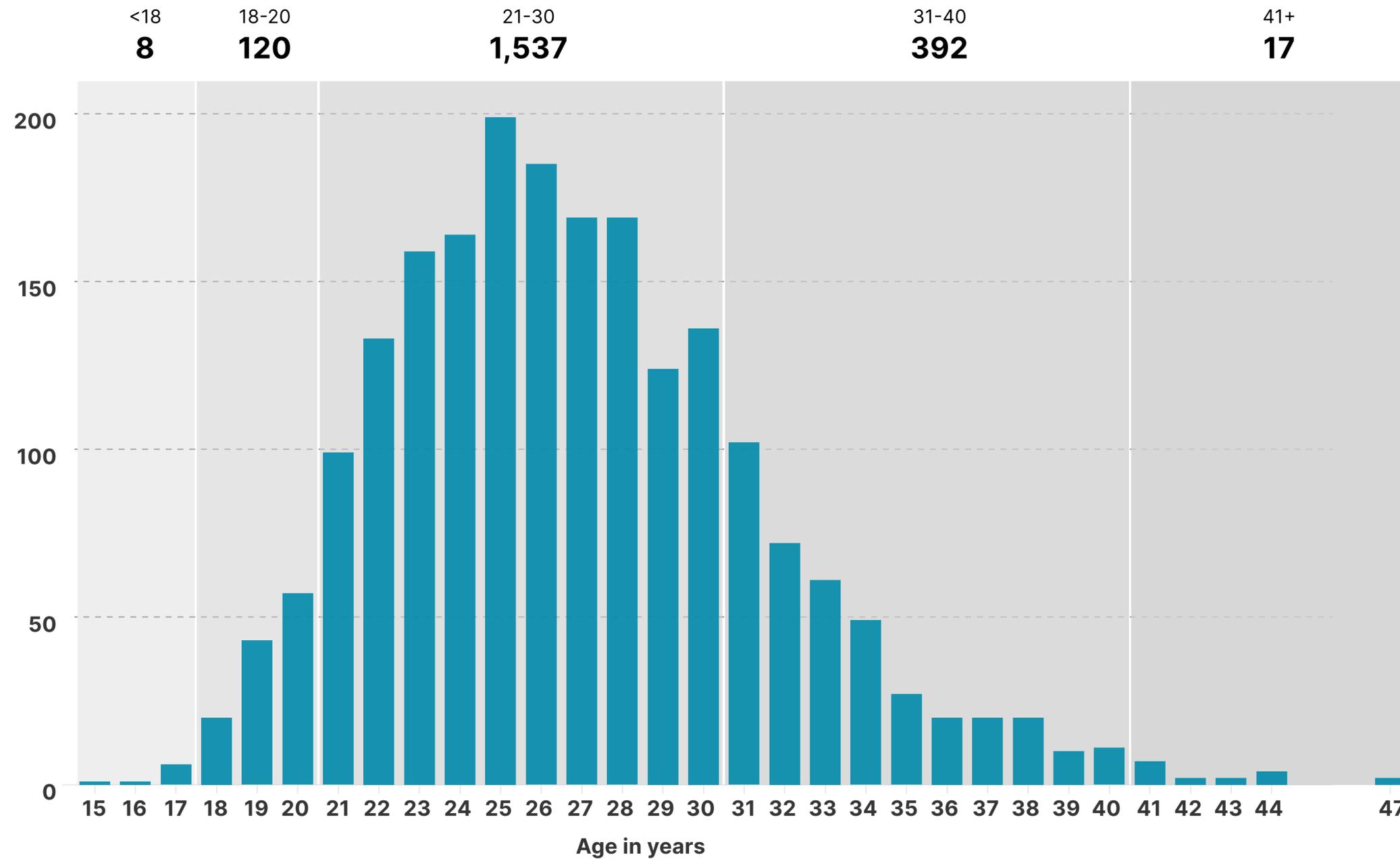
Biggest teams



Biggest African teams



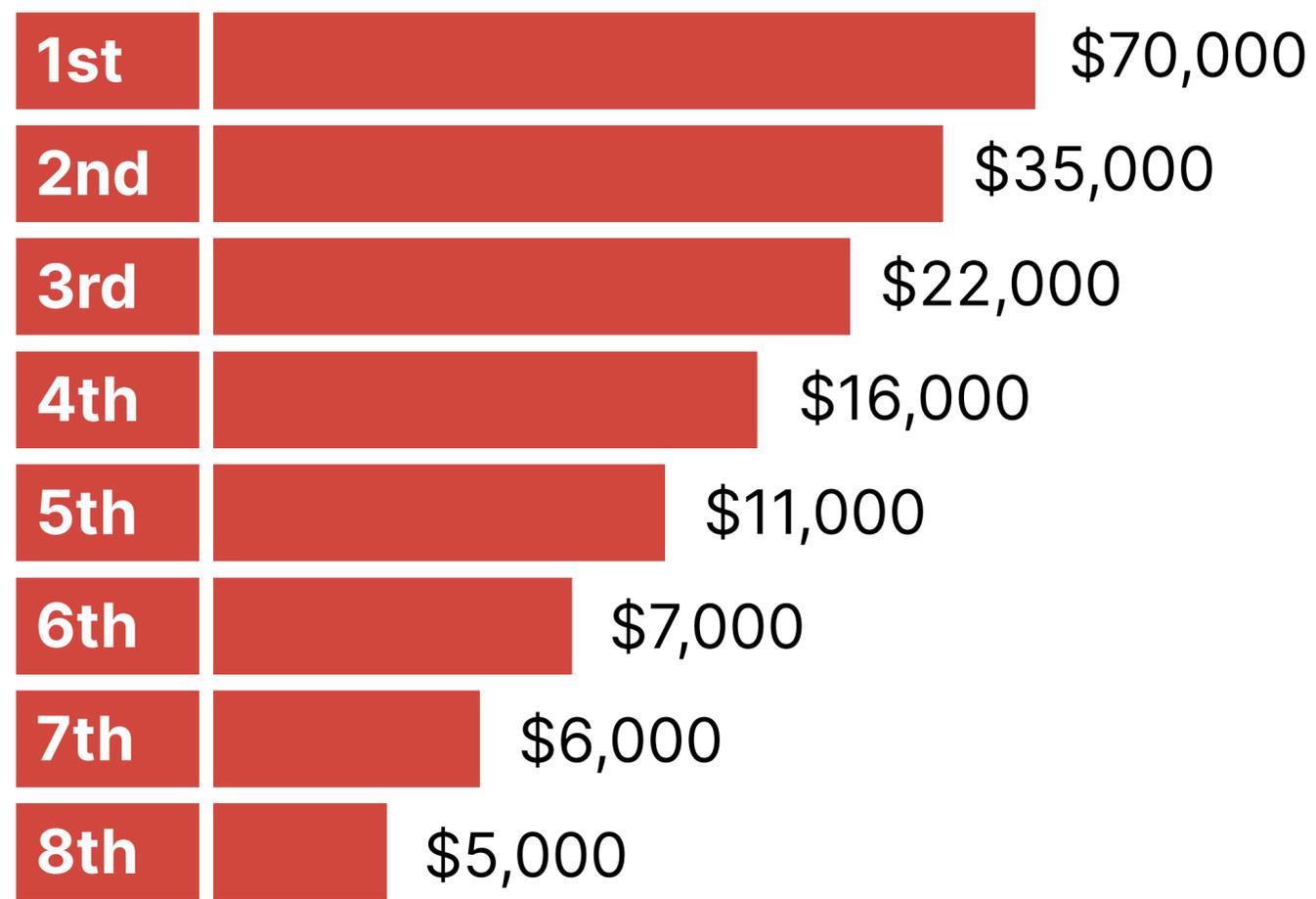
Age matters



The youngest athlete listed in the entry list is Manuihei Teaha of French Polynesia. At almost 16 years old, Teaha is mostly known as a long-jumper but will be taking part in the 100m race in Budapest.

The oldest competitor is Portugal's João Vieira who is 47 and will take on the 20km and 35km race walk events.

Total Prize Money
\$8,498,000
R163-million



Prize Money

A total of almost \$8.5-million in prize money will be on offer at the championships. The first 8 finishers in each event will win between \$70,000 and \$5,000.

Relay teams will win \$80,000 for first place and \$4,000 for eighth place.

World Record Bonus

There is also an additional \$100,000 on offer for athletes setting a world record during the championships.

3 world records in 78 days

Can anyone beat Faith Kipyegon?

1. On 2 June 2023 in Italy Kenya's Faith Kipyegon broke the women's world **1,500m record** in 3:49.11, breaking Ethiopia's Genzebe Dibaba's previous record of 3:50.07
2. A week after that record run, Kipyegon took almost 4 seconds off the world **5,000m record** in Paris. 14:05.20
3. Then on 21 July Kipyegon became the first woman to break 4:10 for the **mile by more than 2 seconds**. Her 4:07.64 smashed Ethiopian-born Dutch runner Sifan Hassan's 4:12.33 record.



Africa's 100m hopes

Africa has three contenders in the 100m event. Ferdinand Omanyala from Kenya is the strong favourite and is currently world number 1. Number 2 in the world is South Africa's Akani Simbine, though his 2023 season's best puts him in 11th place at this stage, 1/10th of a second behind fellow South African Shaun Maswanganyi.

World Ranking

		Season Best
12	Zharnel HUGHES	9.83 GBR
1	Ferdinand OMANYALA	9.84 KEN
3	Fred KERLEY	9.88 USA
4	Ackeem BLAKE	9.89 JAM
17	Issamade ASINGA	9.89 SUR
6	Cravont CHARLESTON	9.9 USA
7	Christian COLEMAN	9.91 USA
30	Terrence JONES	9.91 BAH
22	Rohan WATSON	9.91 JAM
36	Shaun MASWANGANYI	9.91 RSA
2	Akani SIMBINE	9.92 RSA

First sprinter **under 10s for 100m, 20s for 200m and 44s for 400m**

Injured in a charity rugby match



Return to form: Wayde's post 2018 season's bests

Gold (400m)
World Championships

Gold (400m)
Silver (200m)
World Championships

Silver(400m)
Commonwealth Games

Gold (400m) & World Record
Olympic Games
Record: **43.03**

Wayde's Comeback

Two months after winning both gold and silver in the 2017 World Athletics Championships in London, South African Wayde van Niekerk was injured during a charity rugby match in Cape Town. Six years later he enters the Budapest World Championships hoping to cement his world number 1 ranking in the 400m.



Africa's Track Stars

Ranked #1 Men

- 100 **Ferdinand OMANYALA** (KEN)
- 400 **Wayde VAN NIEKERK** (RSA)
- 5,000 **Berihu AREGAWI** (ETH)
- 10,000 **Joshua CHEPTEGEI** (UGA)
- 3,000 steeplechase **Soufiane EL BAKKALI** (MAR)

Ranked #1 Women

- 100 hurdles **Tobi AMUSAN** (NGR)
- 800 **Mary MORAA** (KEN)
- 1,500 **Faith KIPYEGON** (KEN)
- 5,000 **Beatrice CHEBET** (KEN)
- 10,000 **Letesenbet GIDEY** (ETH)
- Marathon **Gotytom GEBRESLASE** (ETH)

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