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WOMEN IN THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT - KEY FIGURES

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Women's participation in the Olympic Games

Year	Sports	Events	NOCs	Participants	%	Year	Sports	Events	NOCs	Participants	%
1896	-	-	-	-		1960	6	29	45	610	11.4
1900	2	3	5	22	1.6	1964	7	33	53	683	13.3
1904	1	2	1	6	0.9	1968	7	39	54	781	14.2
1908	2	3	4	36	1.8	1972	8	43	65	1058	14.8
1912	2	6	11	57	2.2	1976	11	49	66	1247	20.7
1920	2	6	13	77	2.9	1980	12	50	54	1125	21.5
1924	3	11	20	136	4.4	1984	14	62	94	1567	23
1928	4	14	25	290	9.6	1988	17	86	117	2186	25.8
1932	3	14	18	127	9	1992	19	98	136	2708	28.8
1936	4	15	26	328	8.1	1996	21	108	169	3626	34.2
1948	5	19	33	385	9.4	2000	25	132	199	4069	38.2
1952	6	25	41	518	10.5	2004	26	135	201	4306	40.7
1956	6	26	39	384	16.1	2008	26	137	203	4639	42.37

(mixed events included)

(NB: we think that women also competed in sailing in 1900)

Women's participation in the Olympic Winter Games

Year	Sports	Events	NOCs	Participants	%	Year	Sports	Events	NOCs	Participants	%
1924	1	2	7	13	5	1972	3	13	27	206	20.5
1928	1	2	10	26	5,6	1976	3	14	30	231	20.6
1932	1	2	7	21	8,3	1980	3	14	31	233	21.7
1936	2	3	15	80	12	1984	3	15	35	274	21.5
1948	2	5	12	77	11,5	1988	3	18	39	313	22
1952	2	6	17	109	15,7	1992	4,	25	44	488	27.1
1956	2	7	18	132	17	1994	4	27	44	523	30
1960	2	11	22	143	21,5	1998	6	31	54	788	36.2
1964	3	13	28	200	18,3	2002	7	37	77	886	36.9
1968	3	13	29	211	18.2	2006	7	40	80	960	38.2

(NB: mixed events included)



Women's Participation in the Olympic Games – % of events

Year	Games of the Olympiad			Olympic Winter Games		
	Total events	Women's events	%	Total events	Women's events **	%
1900	86	3	3.5	-	-	-
1904	89	3	3.3	-	-	-
1908	107	3	2.8	-	-	-
1912	102	6	5.9	-	-	-
1920	152	6	3.9	-	-	-
1924	126	11	8.73	16	2	12.5
1928	109	14	12.84	14	2	14.28
1932	117	14	11.96	14	2	14.28
1936	129	15	11.62	17	3	17.64
1948	136	19	13.97	22	5	22.72
1952	149	25	16.77	22	6	27.27
1956	151	26	17.21	24	7	29.16
1960	150	29	19.33	27	11	40.74
1964	163	33	20.24	34	13	38.23
1968	172	39	22.67	35	13	37.14
1972	195	43	22.05	35	13	37.14
1976	198	49	24.74	37	14	37.83
1980	203	50	24.63	38	14	36.84
1984	221	62	28.05	39	15	38.46
1988	237	86*	36.28	46	18	39.13
1992	257	98*	28.13	57	25	43.86
1994				61	27	44.26
1996	271	108*	39.85			
1998				68	31	45.58
2000	300	132*	44			
2002				78	37	47.4
2004	301	135*	44.9			
2006				84	40	47.6
2008	302	137*	45.4			

Remarks: * including mixed events
 ** including mixed events from 1924 to 2008

New Women's Sports on the Olympic Programme

Year	Sport	Year	Sport
1900	Tennis, golf	1972	Archery
1904	Archery	1976	Rowing, basketball, handball
1908	Tennis	1980	Hockey
1912	Swimming	1984	Shooting , cycling
1924	Fencing, ice skating	1988	Tennis, table tennis, yachting
1928	Athletics, gymnastics by teams	1992	Badminton, judo, biathlon
1936	Ski	1996	Football, softball
1948	Canoe	1998	Curling, Ice hockey
1952	Equestrian	2000	Weightlifting, pentathlon, taekwondo, triathlon
1960	Speed skating	2002	Bobsleigh
1964	Volleyball, luge	2004	Wrestling
		2008	None
