

Report on MTF Competition Levels at Outdoor Championship Meets

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Purpose:

Act as a metric for how we are doing to increase participation levels in Masters Track and Field. This metric can act as we might use a stopwatch or tape measure to measure individual performances.

Methodology:

The data comes from the results of MTF Championship Meets as reported to and extracted from Masters World Rankings. These statistics are based on 10 year age groups and include only those who actually completed an event at an MTF Championship Event. Individuals who participated in multiple championship meets are counted for each meet in which they participated.

Meets Included Include:

Regional indoor and outdoor championships, combined events championships, throws championship and the indoor and outdoor National T & F Meet. In some years there were combined regional championships and in some years one or more region may not have been able to hold an event.

Since there were no championship meets in 2020, the comparison omits 2020 altogether. There was no 2021 indoor track season.

Executive Summary

Overall participation in 2022 outdoor championships was 1,623 which was an increase of 4.8%. Three of the percentage points represent that addition of the 25-29 age group. Women's participation percentage of the total increased slightly from 26.9% in 2021 to 28.4% in 2022.

Participation in indoor meets in 2022 was 1,279 which was 3.6% down from 2019 and down 12.5% from the record participation in 2018.

2022 MTF Outdoor Championship Participation

| | 2022 Southwest Region Outdoor | 2022 East Region Outdoor | 2022 Outdoor Northwest Region | Midwest/Southeast Regions Masters | USA National Masters Throws Championship | USATF Masters Outdoor | Mid-America Region Outdoor | USA National Masters Combined Events | West Region Outdoor | Total 9 Outdoor Championships |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| M20-29 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 32 |
| M30-39 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 61 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 88 |
| M40-49 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 105 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 157 |
| M50-59 | 5 | 20 | 13 | 10 | 11 | 149 | 18 | 13 | 19 | 258 |
| M60-69 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 14 | 7 | 191 | 21 | 11 | 46 | 329 |
| M70-79 | 4 | 21 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 123 | 18 | 8 | 26 | 223 |
| M80-89 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 41 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 69 |
| M90-99 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| W20-29 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| W30-39 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 39 |
| W40-49 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 96 |
| W50-59 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 73 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 114 |
| W60-69 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 69 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 111 |
| W70-79 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 38 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 64 |
| W80-89 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| W90-99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 17 | 116 | 93 | 50 | 52 | 990 | 101 | 48 | 156 | 1623 |
| Men | 12 | 84 | 67 | 40 | 35 | 694 | 75 | 39 | 116 | 1162 |
| Women | 5 | 32 | 26 | 10 | 17 | 296 | 26 | 9 | 40 | 461 |
| % of Women | 29.4% | 27.6% | 28.0% | 20.0% | 32.7% | 29.9% | 25.7% | 18.8% | 25.6% | 28.4% |
| Data courtesy of Masters World Rankings | | | | | | | | | 11/27/2022 | |

Comparison of Participation in Masters Outdoor Championship Meets 2017-2022

| | 2022 Total 9 Outdoor Championships | 8 Total 2021 | 9 total 2019 | 10 Total 2018 | 9 Total 2017 |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| M20-29 | 32 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M30-39 | 88 | 90 | 106 | 104 | 105 |
| M40-49 | 157 | 151 | 172 | 171 | 189 |
| M50-59 | 258 | 273 | 288 | 329 | 286 |
| M60-69 | 329 | 313 | 345 | 378 | 272 |
| M70-79 | 223 | 200 | 202 | 203 | 167 |
| M80-89 | 69 | 70 | 64 | 78 | 48 |
| M90-99 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| M 100+ | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| W20-29 | 16 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| W30-39 | 39 | 39 | 81 | 49 | 46 |
| W40-49 | 96 | 73 | 151 | 77 | 78 |
| W50-59 | 114 | 108 | 95 | 179 | 121 |
| W60-69 | 111 | 110 | 49 | 114 | 63 |
| W70-79 | 64 | 54 | 17 | 58 | 36 |
| W80-89 | 19 | 18 | 0 | 21 | 8 |
| W90-99 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| W100+ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 1623 | 1549 | 1630 | 1768 | 1427 |
| Total Men | 1162 | 1132 | 1237 | 1269 | 1073 |
| Total Women | 461 | 417 | 393 | 499 | 354 |
| % of Women | 28.4% | 26.9% | 24.1% | 28.2% | 24.8% |

Data provided by Masters World Rankings. Our thanks to John Seto for making this comparison possible.

2022 MTF Indoor Championship Participation

| | East Regional Indoor Champ. | Southwest Region Indoors | West Region Indoor Champ | Mid-America Region Indoor | Southeast Region Indoor Champ. | USATF Midwest Indoors | USATF Masters Indoor Championship | Total - 7 Indoor |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| M20-29 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 45 |
| M30-39 | 12 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 67 | 101 |
| M40-49 | 19 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 91 | 148 |
| M50-59 | 27 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 18 | 144 | 217 |
| M60-69 | 27 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 6 | 22 | 139 | 225 |
| M70-79 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 75 | 122 |
| M80-89 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 31 |
| M90-99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| W20-29 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 23 |
| W30-39 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 46 | 63 |
| W40-49 | 17 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 58 | 97 |
| W50-59 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 59 | 93 |
| W60-69 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 45 | 66 |
| W70-79 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 20 | 33 |
| W80-89 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| W90-99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 173 | 16 | 37 | 90 | 52 | 88 | 823 | 1279 |
| | | | | | | | Men 893 | |
| | | | | | | | Women 386 | |
| | | | | | | | % Women 30.2% | |

Data from World Masters Rankings

| Indoor Championship Meet Participation by Year | | | | | Indoor Championship Meet Participation by Event | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------|------------|---------|---|------|------|------|------|--|
| | Indoor Meets | | 2018 | | 2017 | | | | | |
| | 2022 | 2019 | 2018 Total | 4 Total | 2022 | 2019 | | | | |
| | Total - 7 | 5 Total | 6 Indoor | Indoors | East | 2022 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | |
| | Indoor | Indoor | | | Southwest | | | | | |
| M20-29 | 45 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Southwest | | | | | |
| M30-39 | 101 | 95 | 110 | 47 | Mid America | 173 | 190 | 149 | 163 | |
| M40-49 | 148 | 169 | 148 | 128 | Midwest | 52 | 183 | 70 | 153 | |
| M50-59 | 217 | 227 | 306 | 192 | West | 90 | 77 | 93 | 66 | |
| M60-69 | 225 | 248 | 289 | 154 | Northwest | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| M70-79 | 122 | 150 | 150 | 100 | Southwest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| M80-89 | 31 | 57 | 60 | 39 | Natl Indoor | 16 | 62 | 70 | 0 | |
| M90-99 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 2 | | 823 | 813 | 986 | 544 | |
| M 100+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | 1279 | 1325 | 1439 | 926 | |
| W20-29 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| W30-39 | 63 | 65 | 62 | 24 | | | | | | |
| W40-49 | 97 | 92 | 100 | 60 | | | | | | |
| W50-59 | 93 | 103 | 115 | 105 | | | | | | |
| W60-69 | 66 | 62 | 46 | 41 | | | | | | |
| W70-79 | 33 | 38 | 26 | 25 | | | | | | |
| W80-89 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 9 | | | | | | |
| W90-99 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | |
| W100+ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 1279 | 1325 | 1439 | 926 | | | | | | |
| Men | 893 | 952 | 1076 | 662 | | | | | | |
| Women | 386 | 373 | 363 | 264 | | | | | | |
| % Women | 30.2% | 28.2% | 25.2% | 28.5% | | | | | | |

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