



London 2012 Olympic Games

Population-adjusted national rankings

GRENADA, the tiny Caribbean island Commonwealth nation whose population of less than 110,000 makes it the smallest of the 85 medal-winning nations at the London 2012 Olympic Games, came top of the population-adjusted medal rankings when James Kirania, 19, born in St. George's, Grenada, won Gold in the men's 400 m track event. Two other Caribbean nations – Trinidad & Tobago and the Dominican Republic – won Silver and Bronze respectively in that race.

Grenada's outstanding achievement in rearing an Olympic champion from so very small a population base makes it the world's most successful Olympic nation at London 2012, where 302 Golds were awarded: one per 23.2 million of the global population. An Olympic champion is a rarity: not one in a million but one in 23 million.

The top five nations in the population-adjusted rankings – Grenada, The Bahamas, Jamaica, New Zealand and Trinidad & Tobago – are all Commonwealth countries, four of them Caribbean islands. Of the 54 Commonwealth nations, 16 are among the 85 medal-winners at the 204-nation Games.

Britain is 14th in the adjusted rankings. The host nation ranks above any other nation with a population above 50 million, and was the most populous nation in the top 20. A nation of Britain's size would have expected to win three Golds on average: Britain won 29.

The United States, first in the conventional rankings, falls to 39th place once population size is taken into account. China, second in the conventional rankings, falls to 65th.

The top 20 nations in the **conventional** and **adjusted** rankings are compared below. The full table is overleaf. **Contact** Christopher Monckton of Brenchley: +44 7814 556423: monckton@mail.com.

Conventional ranking	Rank (Adj.)	Population-adjusted	Rank (Cnv.)
United States	1 (39)	Grenada (C)	1 (50=)
China	2 (65)	Bahamas (C)	2 (50=)
United Kingdom (C)	3 (14)	Jamaica (C)	3 (18)
Russia	4 (30)	New Zealand (C)	4 (16)
South Korea	5 (27)	Trinidad & Tobago (C)	5 (47=)
Germany	6 (33)	Hungary	6 (9)
France	7 (31)	Slovenia	7 (42=)
Italy	8 (36)	Croatia	8 (26)
Hungary	9 (6)	Lithuania	9 (34)
Australia (C)	10 (11)	Denmark	10 (29)
Japan	11 (51)	Australia (C)	11 (10)



Kazakhstan	12	(21)	Cuba	12	(15)
Netherlands	13	(17)	Belarus	13	(23)
Ukraine	14	(37)	United Kingdom (C)	14	(3)
Cuba	15	(12)	Georgia	15	(39=)
New Zealand (C)	16	(4)	Montenegro	16	(69=)
Iran	17	(56)	Netherlands	17	(13)
Jamaica (C)	18	(3)	Czech Republic	18	(19)
Czech Republic	19	(18)	Norway	19	(35)
North Korea	20	(43)	Latvia	20	(49)

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Full population-adjusted national rankings

The objective of the Monckton Table is to encourage interest and participation in Olympic sports, especially among the world's smaller nations, by adjusting official Olympic medal rankings to take due account of the size of each medal-winning nation's population. The adjustment restores fairness by cancelling the advantage larger nations get purely because they have large populations.

Rank	Nation (C = Commonwealth)	Population	G	S	B	Score
1	Grenada (C)	109,011	1	0	0	45.06693
2	Bahamas (C)	316,182	1	0	0	15.81368
3	Jamaica (C)	2,889,187	4	4	4	11.07578
4	New Zealand (C)	4,327,944	5	3	5	8.31804
5	Trinidad and Tobago (C)	1,226,383	1	0	3	6.52325
6	Hungary	9,958,453	8	4	5	5.32211
7	Slovenia	1,996,617	1	1	2	4.50762
8	Croatia	4,480,043	3	1	2	4.24103
9	Lithuania	3,525,761	2	1	2	3.97077
10	Denmark	5,543,453	2	4	3	3.78825
11	Australia (C)	22,015,576	7	16	12	3.58837
12	Cuba	11,075,244	5	3	6	3.34078
13	Belarus	9,542,883	3	5	5	3.14370
14	United Kingdom (C)	63,047,162	29	17	19	3.14051
15	Georgia	4,570,934	1	3	3	3.06283
16	Montenegro	657,394	0	1	0	3.04232
17	Netherlands	16,730,632	6	6	8	2.98853
18	Czech Republic	10,177,300	4	3	3	2.84948
19	Norway	4,707,270	2	1	1	2.76169
20	Latvia	2,191,580	1	0	1	2.73775



21		Kazakhstan	17,522,010	7	1	5	2.39699
22		Estonia	1,274,709	0	1	1	2.35348
23		Mongolia	3,179,997	0	2	3	2.20126
24		Ireland	4,722,028	1	1	3	2.11773
25		Azerbaijan	9,493,600	2	2	6	2.10668
26		Switzerland	7,655,628	2	2	0	1.82872
27		South Korea	48,860,500	13	8	7	1.80105
28		Sweden	9,103,788	1	4	3	1.75751
29		Cyprus (C)	1,138,071	0	1	0	1.75736
30		Russia	138,082,178	24	25	33	1.47014
31		France	65,630,692	11	11	12	1.35607
32		Armenia	2,970,495	0	1	2	1.34658
33		Germany	81,305,856	11	19	14	1.31602
34		Gabon	1,608,321	0	1	0	1.24353
35		Serbia	7,276,604	1	1	2	1.23684
36		Italy	61,261,254	8	9	11	1.12632
37		Ukraine	44,850,065	6	5	9	1.09253
38		Qatar	1,951,591	0	0	2	1.02480
39		United States	313,847,465	46	29	29	1.01004
40		Romania	21,848,504	2	5	2	1.00693
41		Botswana (C)	2,098,018	0	1	0	0.95328
42		Slovakia	5,483,088	0	1	3	0.91189
43		North Korea	24,589,122	4	0	2	0.89470
Rank		Nation (C = Commonwealth)	Population	G	S	B	Score
44		Spain	47,042,984	3	10	4	0.82903
45		Bahrain	1,248,348	0	0	1	0.80106
46		Canada (C)	34,300,083	1	5	12	0.78717
47		Finland	5,262,930	0	1	2	0.76003
48		Puerto Rico	3,998,905	0	1	1	0.75021
49		Tunisia	10,732,900	1	1	1	0.74537
50		Dominican Republic	61,261,254	1	1	0	0.69385
51		Japan	127,368,088	7	14	17	0.62810
52		Moldova	3,656,843	0	0	2	0.54692
53		Kenya (C)	43,013,341	2	4	5	0.53472
54		Poland	38,415,284	2	2	6	0.52063
55		Bulgaria	7,037,935	0	1	1	0.42626
56		Iran	78,868,711	4	5	3	0.41842
57		South Africa (C)	48,810,427	3	2	1	0.40975
58		Belgium	10,438,353	0	1	2	0.38320



59		Kuwait	2,646,314	0	0	1	0.37788
60		Singapore (C)	5,353,494	0	0	2	0.37359
61		Colombia	45,239,079	1	3	4	0.33157
62		Uzbekistan	28,394,180	1	0	3	0.28175
63		Argentina	42,192,494	1	1	2	0.21331
64		Ethiopia	93,815,992	3	1	3	0.21318
65		China	1,343,239,923	38	27	22	0.19803
66		Turkey	79,749,461	2	2	1	0.18809
67		Greece	10,767,827	0	0	2	0.18574
68		Portugal	10,781,459	0	1	0	0.18550
69		Venezuela	28,047,938	1	0	0	0.17827
70		Brazil	205,716,890	3	5	9	0.16528
71		Guatemala	14,099,032	0	1	0	0.14185
72		Algeria	35,406,303	1	0	0	0.14122
73		Hong Kong	7,153,519	0	0	1	0.13979
74		Uganda (C)	35,873,253	1	0	0	0.13938
75		Taiwan	23,113,901	0	1	1	0.12979
76		Tajikistan	7,768,385	0	0	1	0.12873
77		Mexico	114,975,406	1	3	3	0.12177
78		Malaysia (C)	29,179,952	0	1	1	0.10281
79		Thailand	67,091,089	0	2	1	0.07453
80		Egypt	83,688,164	0	2	0	0.04780
81		Saudi Arabia	26,534,504	0	0	1	0.03769
82		Afghanistan	30,419,928	0	0	1	0.03287
83		Morocco	32,390,239	0	0	1	0.03087
84		Indonesia	248,216,193	0	1	1	0.01209
85		India (C)	1,205,073,612	0	2	4	0.00664

Total 85 medal-winning nations 5,382,054,854 302 304 356 Score

Data sources: National flags and medals won are from the official website of the Olympic Games. Nations' names and populations are from the CIA World Factbook. **Method:** Five points are awarded for each Gold Medal, two per Silver, and one point for each Bronze. Total points are multiplied by 1 million and divided by the national population to determine each national score, which represents the number of points per million population. Global population is 7 billion.