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Marathon metrics: A closer look at the 2016 Boston field

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More than 30,000 runners will descend on Boston over the next several days as the 120th Boston Marathon nears.

Some are traveling more than 11,000 miles to make the famed 26.2-mile run from Hopkinton into the heart of the city. Others will take a short drive to get to the starting line.
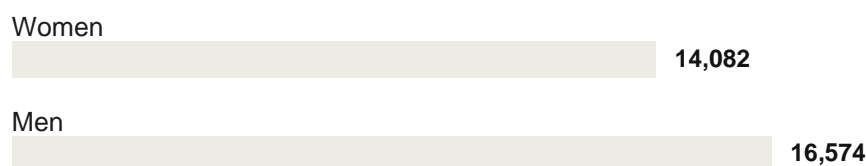
With all 50 states and 81 countries represented, we wanted to sift through the Boston Athletic Association's database of entrants to take a closer look at the demographics of this year's marathon field.

Here's what we found:

Of the 30,656 runners in the field, 54.1 percent are men and 45.9 percent are women.
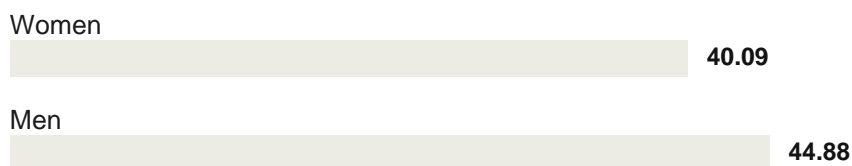
Runners by gender

Women
14,082

Men
16,574

Drone detectors to be back at Marathon Monday — but without the net guns

If there's a drone in the sky at this year's Boston Marathon, these guys will know about it.

Of the more than 16,000 men competing, the oldest is an 84-year-old from Medford, N.Y. The oldest
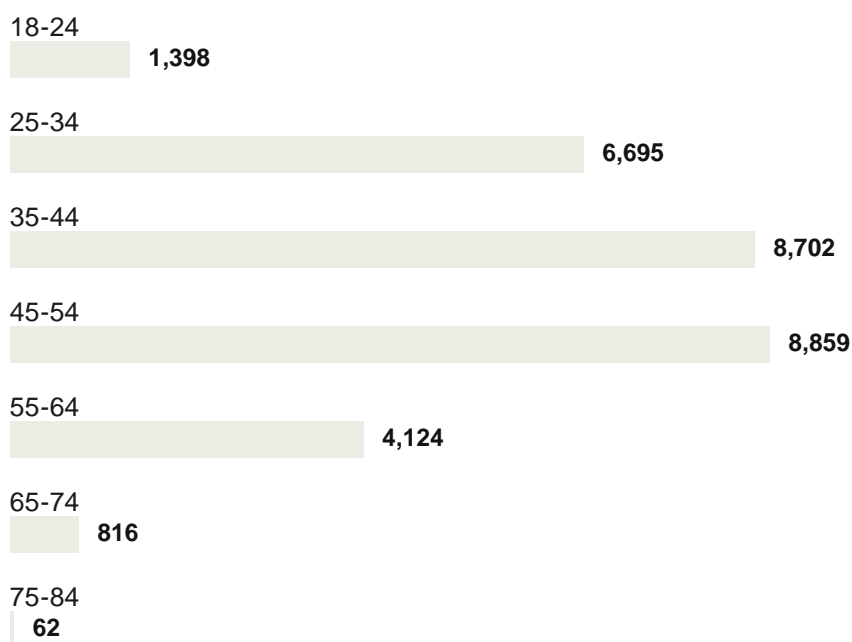
woman? Not far behind. She's an 83-year-old from Santa Cruz, Calif. The average age of the men's field is four years older than the women's.

Average age of runners by gender

Women

40.09

Men

44.88

The age bracket with the most competitors? Forty-five to 54 years old.

Numbers of runners in each age bracket

18-24

1,398

25-34

6,695

35-44

8,702

45-54

8,859

55-64

4,124

65-74

816

75-84

62

Though there are about 2,500 more men than women running in this year's race, the gender totals don't tell the whole story.

From ages 18 to 34, there are 1,365 more women and men. But from ages 35 to 84, men far out number women, 8,859 to 5,002.

Gender breakdown in each age bracket

Age brackets	18-24
Women	824
% of age bracket	58.94
Men	574
% of age bracket	41.06

Age brackets	25-34
Women	3,812
% of age bracket	56.94
Men	2,883
% of age bracket	43.06

Age brackets	35-44
Women	4,444
% of age bracket	51.07
Men	4,258
% of age bracket	48.93

Age brackets	45-54
Women	3,679
% of age bracket	41.53
Men	5,180
% of age bracket	58.47

Age brackets	55-64
Women	1,162
% of age bracket	28.18
Men	2,962
% of age bracket	71.82

Age brackets	65-74

Women	156
% of age bracket	19.12
Men	660
% of age bracket	80.88

Age brackets	75-84
Women	5
% of age bracket	8.06
Men	57
% of age bracket	91.94

Age brackets	Total
Women	14,082
% of age bracket	45.94
Men	16,574
% of age bracket	54.06

Which Massachusetts cities and towns are home to the most Boston Marathon runners?

Of the 30,000-plus people registered to run this year's Boston Marathon, about 5,100 hail from Massachusetts. The map below shows how many runners have entered from each city and town across the state. (Note: A relatively small number of runners are not included in the following map because they listed their hometown and ZIP codes as places that are not recognized by the state of Massachusetts as one of its official 351 towns and cities. One person said they were from Devens, which overlaps parts of the towns of Ayer and Shirley. And 31 people said they were from Chestnut Hill, which overlaps parts of Brookline, Boston, and Newton.)

NONE TO NONE   1 TO 10   11 TO 50   51 TO 250   251 TO 1294

SOURCE: Boston Athletic Association
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Boston Marathon runners by state

Of the 30,000-plus people registered to run this year's Boston Marathon, about 25,000 hail from the United States. The map below shows how many runners have entered from each state. (Note: A relatively small number of runners are not included in the following map because they listed their hometown as places that are not one of the 50 official states. One person listed themselves as being from the Virgin Islands; four from Guam; 10 from the Armed Forces; and 27 from Puerto Rico.)
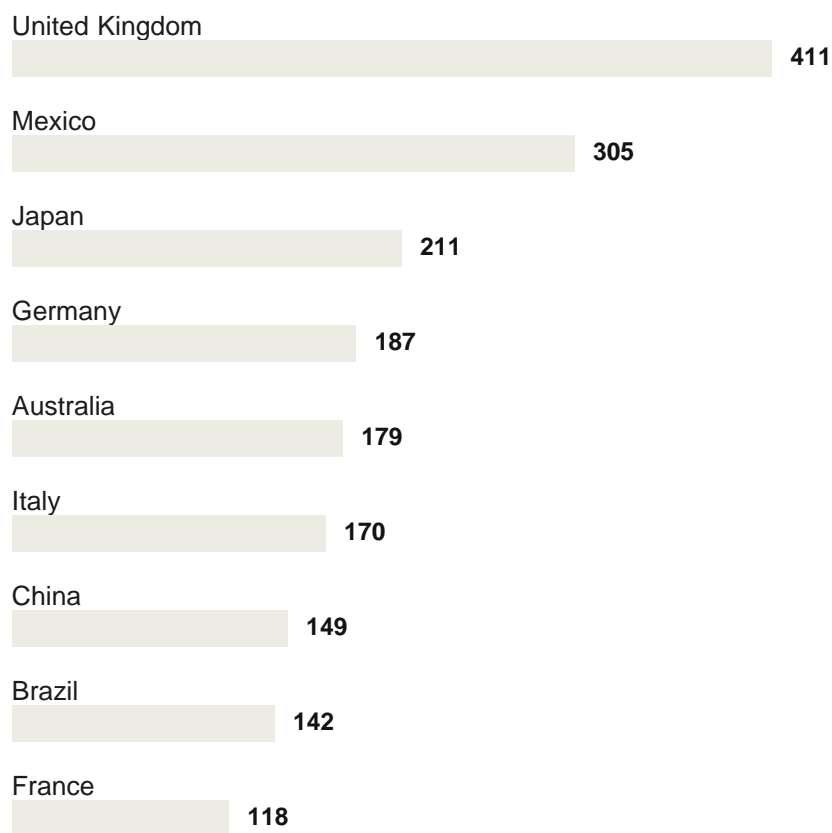
| 0 TO 250 | 251 TO 500 | 501 TO 1000 | 1001 TO 2500 | 2501 TO 5128 |

SOURCE: Boston Athletic Association
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More maps: Massachusetts per capita by city/town and US per capita by state

Outside of the US, 80 other countries are represented. Canada has the second-most runners competing with 2,403.

Twelve countries are represented by at least one runner: Albania, Andorra, Bangladesh, Falkland Islands, Jamaica, Jordan, Nigeria, Romania, Uganda, British Virgin Islands, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe. Nine countries had at least 100 runners qualify.

Countries that are represented by at least 100 runners

United Kingdom
411

Mexico
305

Japan
211

Germany
187

Australia
179

Italy
170

China
149

Brazil
142

France
118

Note: Calculated by country of residence

Australia claims not only 179 competitors, but also 15 who will travel more than 11,000 miles to get to Boston for the race.

Farthest distance traveled

City	City Beach
Miles traveled	11,638
Runners	1

City	Dalkeith
Miles traveled	11,641

Runners	1

City	Karrinyup
Miles traveled	11,634
Runners	2

City	Maida Vale
Miles traveled	11,634
Runners	1

City	**Meadow Springs**
Miles traveled	**11,674**
Runners	**1**

City	Mount Hawthorn
Miles traveled	11,635
Runners	1

City	Northbridge
Miles traveled	11,637
Runners	1

City	Perth
Miles traveled	11,637
Runners	4

City	South Perth
Miles traveled	11,638
Runners	1

City	Stoneville
Miles traveled	11,624
Runners	1

City	Subiaco
Miles traveled	11,637
Runners	1

Little has changed on the popular name front from two years ago: Michael and Jennifer still reign.

This year, the average age of the Michaels is five years older than the Jennifers, about on par with the difference between average age of the men's and women's fields.

On the men's and women's sides, there are 106 names that have at least 30 runners competing.

Most popular men's names

Name	Michael
Count	590
Average age	44.1

Name	David
Count	485
Average age	47.6

Name	John
Count	455
Average age	48.4

Name	Robert
Count	277
Average age	48.6

Name	James
Count	271
Average age	47.4

Name	Brian
Count	242
Average age	44.1

Name	Mark
Count	240
Average age	47.6

Name	Daniel
Count	230
Average age	41.9

Name	Kevin
Count	200
Average age	43.5

Name	Paul
Count	199
Average age	47.6

Name	Matthew
Count	197
Average age	36.6

Name	Scott
Count	195
Average age	44.1

Name	Christopher
Count	183
Average age	39.7

Name	Thomas
Count	179

Average age	45

Name	Richard
Count	174
Average age	50.1

Name	Andrew
Count	172
Average age	39

Name	Eric
Count	168
Average age	41.9

Name	Peter
Count	161
Average age	46.9

Name	Patrick
Count	159
Average age	41.3

Name	William
Count	153
Average age	48.5

Name	Stephen
Count	152
Average age	46.7

Name	Jason
Count	148
Average age	38.8

Name	Jeffrey
Count	140
Average age	44.8

Name	Chris
Count	138
Average age	42.5

Name	Joseph
Count	137
Average age	44.9

Name	Ryan
Count	133
Average age	33.5

Name	Steve
Count	120
Average age	49.7

Name	Steven
Count	117
Average age	45.7

Name	Jonathan
Count	115
Average age	38.7

Name	Timothy
Count	115
Average age	43.5

Name	Mike

Count	107
Average age	47.2

Name	Jim
Count	105
Average age	52.2

Name	Jeff
Count	103
Average age	47.5

Most popular women's names

Name	Jennifer
Count	331
Average age	39.1

Name	Sarah
Count	212
Average age	34

Name	Lisa
Count	191
Average age	44

Name	Elizabeth
Count	189
Average age	37.1

Name	Amy
Count	173
Average age	39.8

Name	Jamie
Count	172
Average age	35.1

Name	Mary
Count	160
Average age	46.1

Name	Laura
Count	159
Average age	39.1

Name	Michelle
Count	149
Average age	40.2

Name	Jessica
Count	144
Average age	34

Name	Lauren
Count	134
Average age	31

Name	Susan
Count	133
Average age	50.2

Name	Melissa
Count	133
Average age	38.1

Name	Emily

Count	125
Average age	30.5

Name	Julie
Count	121
Average age	41.9

Name	Nicole
Count	120
Average age	34.4

Name	Kelly
Count	120
Average age	39

Name	Stephanie
Count	116
Average age	36.8

Name	Karen
Count	116
Average age	46.5

Name	Christine
Count	115
Average age	42.3

Name	Amanda
Count	115
Average age	33.6

Name	Heather
Count	113
Average age	40.2

Name	Katie
Count	101
Average age	33.9

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