THE INTERNATIONAL GO FEDERATION

GO POPULATION SURVEY

2016 FEBRUARY

Introduction

This survey was designed to acquire a holistic view of worldwide Go populations and demographics. This information shall assist the IGF in making policy decisions in promoting the game in the future.

All IGF members (national/territorial associations of Go) were asked to answer the questions using their data or best estimations. Some of the questions, such as “Estimated number of people who are aware of Go”, required a rough estimation based on each association’s experiences and knowledge since there was no data to suggest a specific number.

Questions included in the survey were as follows:

- Number of players who registered with your association at least once (ever)
- Number of members who paid membership fee at least once (ever)
- Number of members who paid membership fee at least once in last 3 years
- Estimated number of people who know what "Go" is. (When they hear the name, do they know it's a board game, etc.?)
- Estimated number of people who know at least basic rules of Go (Spent at least 1 hour in their life time to learn about Go)
- Estimated number of people who play Go casually (online, with friends, in clubs, etc.)
- Estimated number of people who play in Go tournaments play in Go tournaments at least once a year
- Trend of number of new members in the last 5 years
- Trend of number of players who paid membership fee in the last 5 years
- Trend of number of players who played in tournaments in the last 5 years
- Estimated percentage of female players among all Go players
- Estimated percentage of players under 18
- Estimated percentage of players of 1 dan or stronger
- Estimated percentage of players with profession or major in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics)
- In which age group do you estimate to have the most players?

*All questions were regarding each association’s geographical region including any immigration communities.

This survey was conducted from Jan. 15 to Feb. 27, 2016.

Worldwide / International Go Federation

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Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
180,000,000	**46,500,000**	**18,000,000**	**2,500,000**

Top 3 Countries in overall Go players

Global demographics of Go players (51 countries)

Female players	# of countries
1 – 10%	21
11 – 20%	20
21 – 30%	4
31 – 50%	5
Total	50

Youth players	# of countries
1 – 10%	19
11 – 20%	14
21 – 30%	5
31 – 50%	4
51 – 60%	7
Total	49

Dan players	# of countries
1 – 10%	20
11 – 20%	13
21 – 30%	6
31 – 50%	8
Total	47

Players in STEM	# of countries
1 – 20%	11
21 – 40%	6
41 – 60%	19
61 – 80%	10
Total	46

Global trend of Go communities (51 countries)

New players/members	# of countries
Upward	16
Steady	23
Downward	12
Total	51

Paid Members	# of countries
Upward	5
Steady	25
Downward	15
Total	45

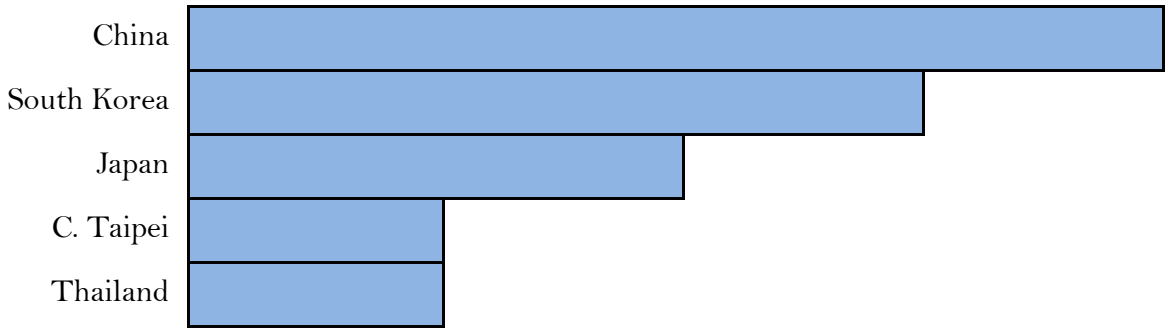
Tournament entrance	# of countries
Upward	17
Steady	23
Downward	11
Total	51

Asia-Pacific / Asian Go Federation

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000,000	40,000,000	17,000,000	2,500,000

Top 5 Countries in overall Go players



Countries registered with IGF in Asia-Pacific (20)

Australia	**Brunei**	**China**	**Chinese Taipei**
Hong Kong	India	**Indonesia**	**Iran**
Japan	Macau	**Malaysia**	**Mongolia**
Nepal	**New Zealand**	North Korea	Philippines
Singapore	**South Korea**	**Thailand**	Vietnam

*Countries in bold responded to the population survey.

Australia / Australian Go Association

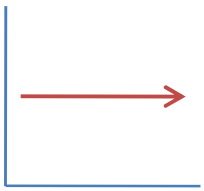
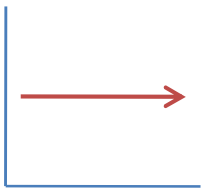
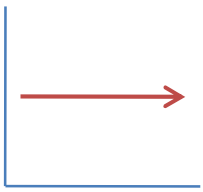
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
5,001 – 10,000	**5,001 – 10,000**	**301 - 500**

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
325,000	**40,000**	**5,000**	**150 - 200**

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	**11 – 20%**	**21 – 30%**	**41 – 60%**

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Brunei / Brunei Darussalam Go Association

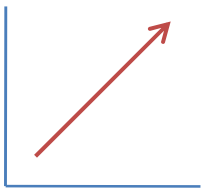
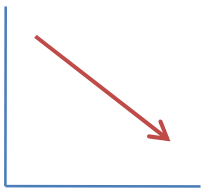
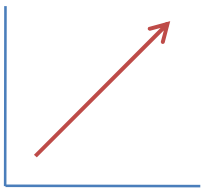
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 - 500	1 - 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
300	250	20	17

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

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China / Chinese Weiqi Association

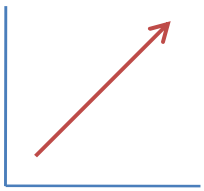
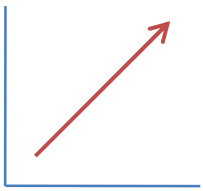
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
50,000,000	30,000,000	10,000,000	2,000,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	51 – 60%	51 – 60%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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C. Taipei / Chinese Taipei Go Association

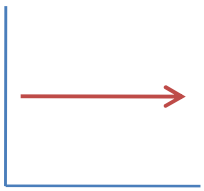
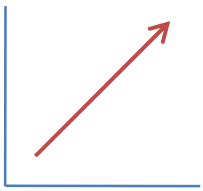
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
10,000 – 50,000	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000,000	2,000,000	500,000	200,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	51 – 60%	1 – 10%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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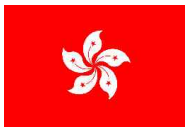
Hong Kong / Hong Kong Go Association



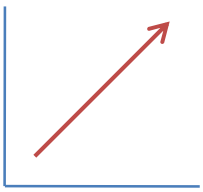
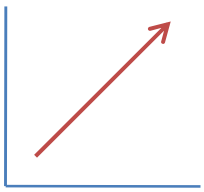
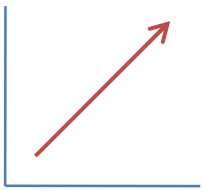
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	301 - 500

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1,000,000	50,000	10,000	1,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
21 – 30%	51 – 60%	31 – 40%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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Indonesia / Indonesia Go Federation

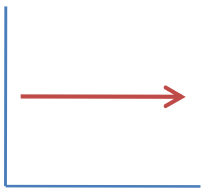
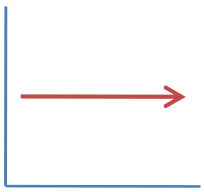
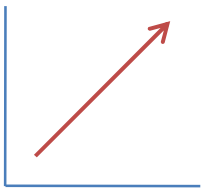
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 - 500	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1000	500	100	50

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Iran / Iranian Baduk Association

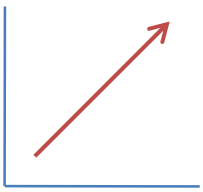
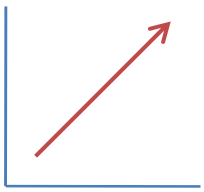
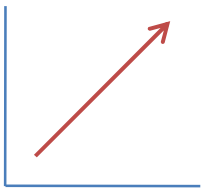
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 - 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1000	500	500	100

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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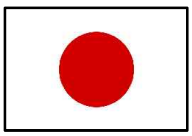
Japan / Nihon Kiin



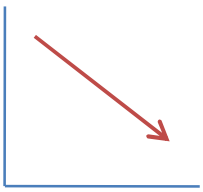
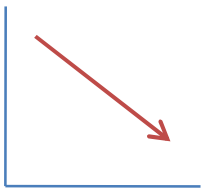
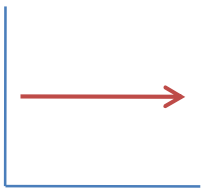
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
Not applicable	Not applicable	Over 50,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
Not applicable	Not applicable	4,000,000	Not applicable

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

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Malaysia / Malaysia Weiqi Association

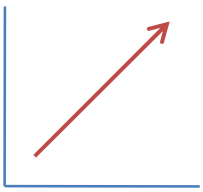
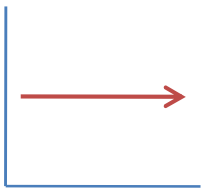
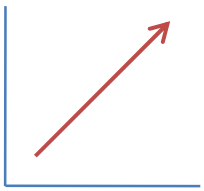
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,000 – 5,000	1 - 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
30,000	7,000	1,000	300

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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Mongolia / Mongolian Go Association

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 - 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1,000	300	100	40

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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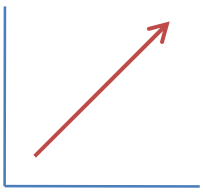	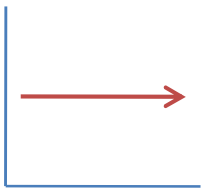	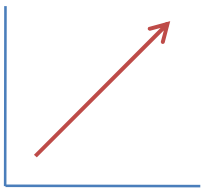

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New Zealand / New Zealand Go Society

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 - 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	10,000	500	50

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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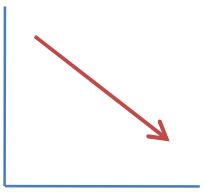	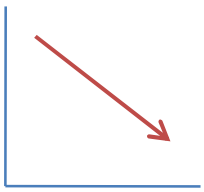	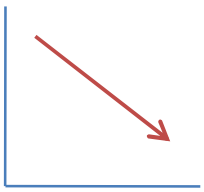

Go Population Demographics

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Singapore / Singapore Weiqi Association

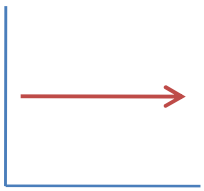
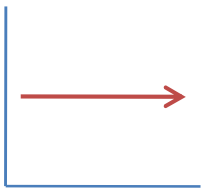
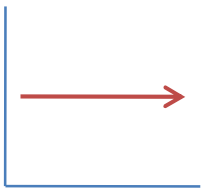
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
5,001 – 10,000	**1,001 – 5,000**	**501 – 1,000**

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	**50,000**	**10,000**	**1,000**

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	**51 – 60%**	**21 – 30%**	**41 – 60%**

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

South Korea / Korea Baduk Association

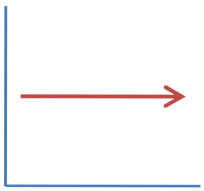
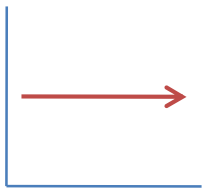
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
30,000,000	8,000,000	2,000,000	100,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	31 – 40%	11 – 20%	Not applicable

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Thailand / Go Association of Thailand

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
Not applicable	1 – 500	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
2,500,000	500,000	35,000	5000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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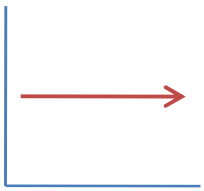
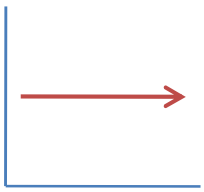
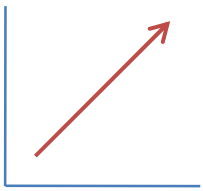
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
21 – 30%	51 – 60%	1 – 10%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

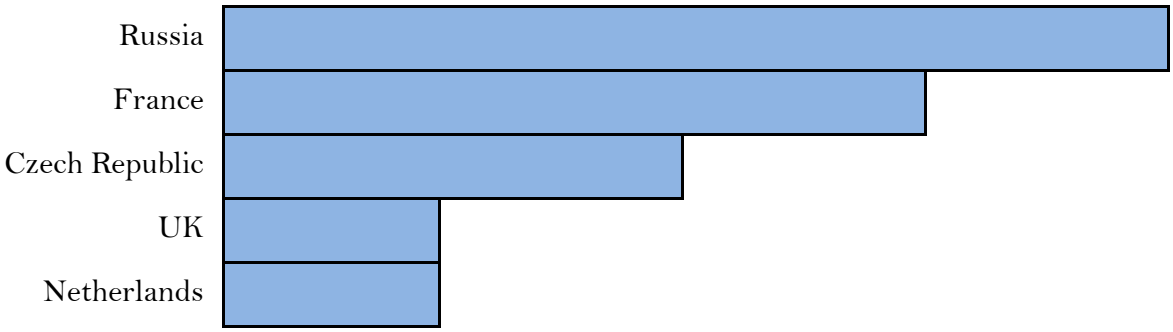
Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Europe / European Go Federation

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
25,000,000	3,000,000	100,000	10,000

Top 5 Countries in overall Go players



Countries registered with IGF in Europe (37)

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Bosnia & Herzegovina	Bulgaria	**Croatia**	**Cyprus**	**Czech Republic**
Denmark	**Finland**	**France**	Germany	**Hungary**
Ireland	**Israel**	**Italy**	Kazakhstan	Latvia
Lithuania	**Luxemburg**	**Netherlands**	**Norway**	**Poland**
Portugal	Romania	**Russia**	**Serbia & Montenegro**	**Slovakia**
Slovenia	**Spain**	**Sweden**	**Switzerland**	**Turkey**
Ukraine	**UK**			

*Countries in bold responded to the population survey.

Armenia / Armenian Go Federation

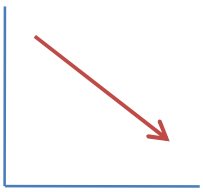
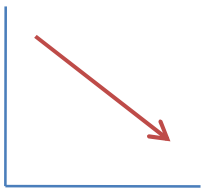
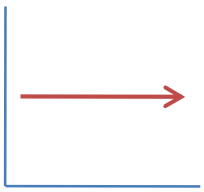
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
500	100	50	25

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

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1 – 10%	31 – 40%	1 – 10%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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Austria / Austrian Go Association

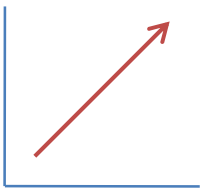
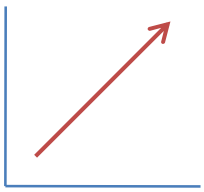
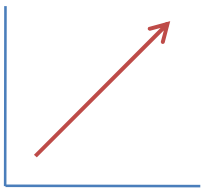
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
10,000	5,000	400	100

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	**Age 16 - 25**	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	**Age 56 – 65**	Over 65

Belgium / Belgian Go Federation

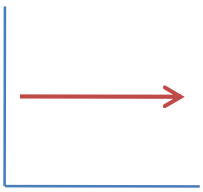
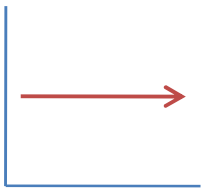
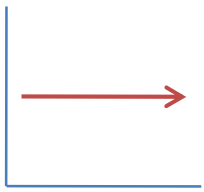
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
35,000	3,500	1,500	80

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Go Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina

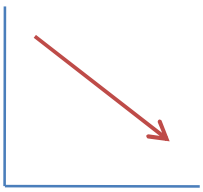
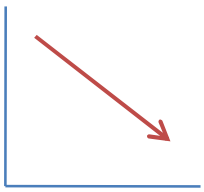
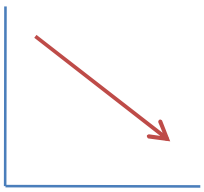
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
20	5	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
Not applicable	100	20	6

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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Croatia / Croatian Igo Alliance

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
30,000	1,750	100	54

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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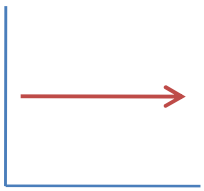	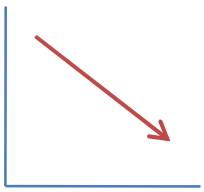	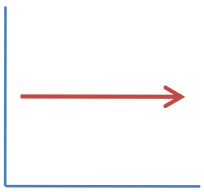

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Cyprus / Cyprus Go Association

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1,000	100	30	10

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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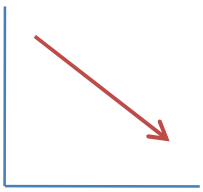	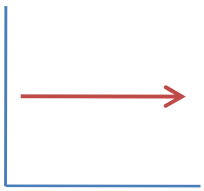	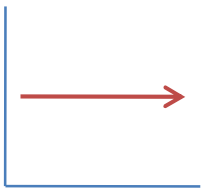

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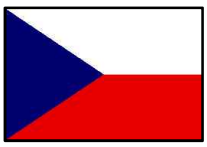
Czech Republic / Czech Go Association



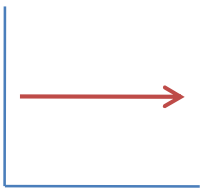
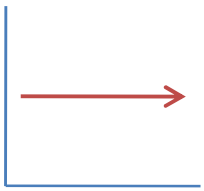
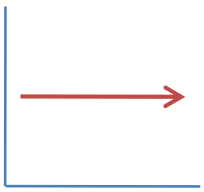
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
2,000,000	30,000	1,000	350

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

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Denmark / Danish Go Association

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	1 – 500	1 - 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	5,000	200	25

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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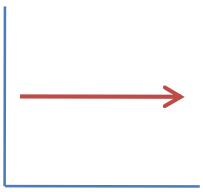	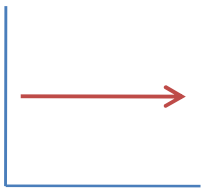	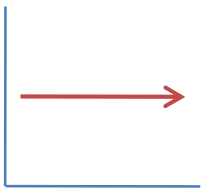

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Largest Demographic Group(s)

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Finland / Finnish Go Association

Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	101 - 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
20,000	5,000	1,000	300

Go Population Trend (5 years)

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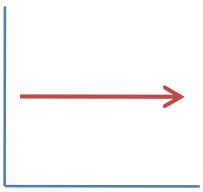	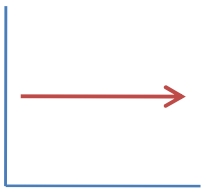	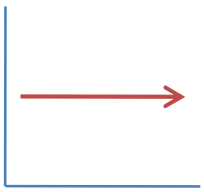

Go Population Demographics

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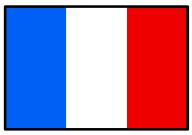
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	41 – 50%	61 – 80%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

France / French Go Federation



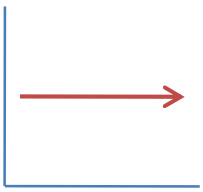
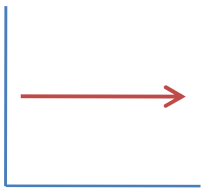
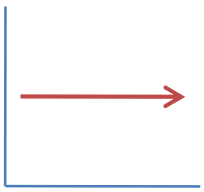
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
10,001 – 50,000	10,001 – 50,000	1,001 – 5,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000,000	100,000	20,000	1,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Hungary / Hungarian Go Association

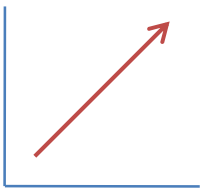
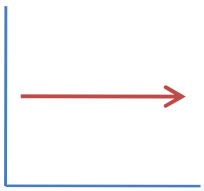
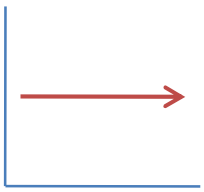
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
Not applicable	10,000	600	160

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
31 – 40%	51 – 60%	1 – 10%	No answer

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Ireland / Irish Go Association

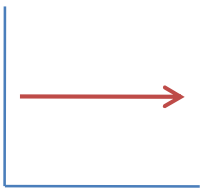
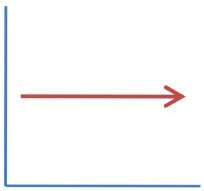
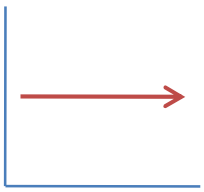
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
60,000	30,000	120	80

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Israel / Israeli Go Association

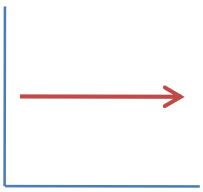
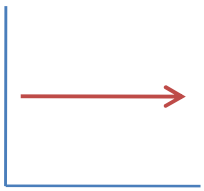
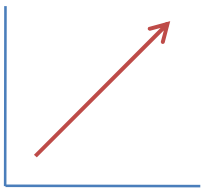
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
10,000	1,200	250	50

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	21 – 30%	31 – 40%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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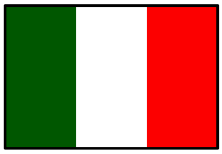
Italy / Italian Go Federation



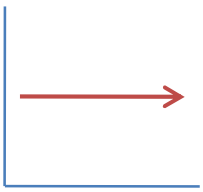
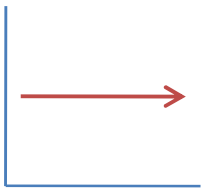
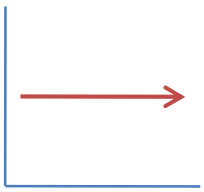
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
40,000	10,000	1,000	200

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	61 – 80%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Luxembourg / Luxembourg Go Association

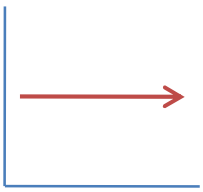
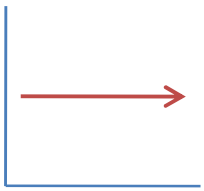
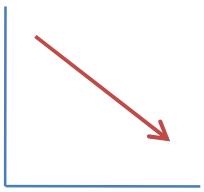
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000	500	50	10

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
21 – 30%	21 – 30%	11 – 20%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Netherlands / Dutch Go Association

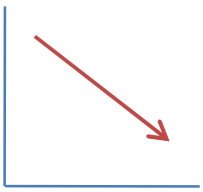
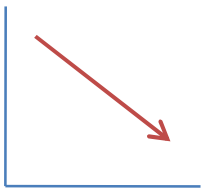
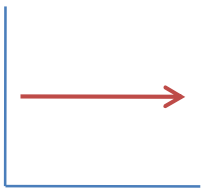
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	1,001 – 5,000	501 – 1,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
10,000	5,000	500	300

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	21 – 30%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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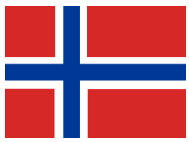
Norway / Oslo Go Club



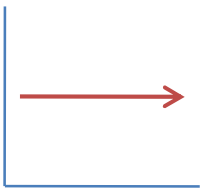
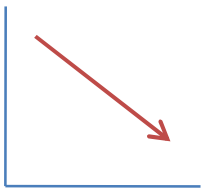
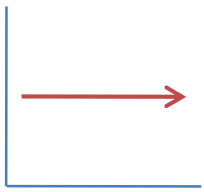
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
200	100	50	30

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Poland / Polish Go Association

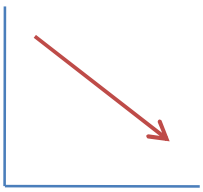
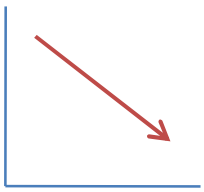
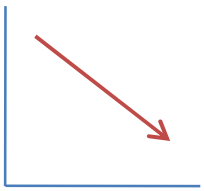
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000	800	500	150

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	21 – 30%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Russia / Russian Go Federation

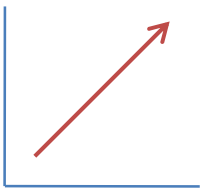
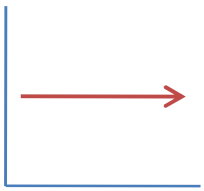
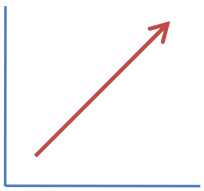
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
5,001 – 10,000	1,001 – 5,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
10,000,000	1,000,000	50,000	2,500

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	31 – 40%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Serbia / Serbian Go Federation

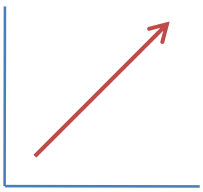
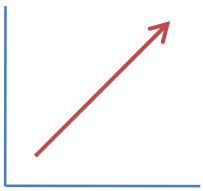
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000	1,000	500	120

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	11 – 20%	11 – 20%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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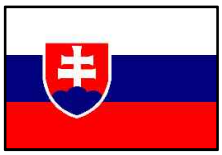
Slovakia / Slovak Go Association



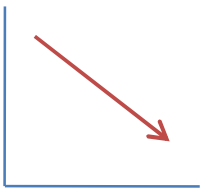
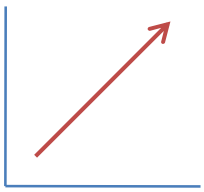
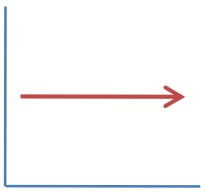
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000	500	200	70

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Slovenia / Slovenian Go Association

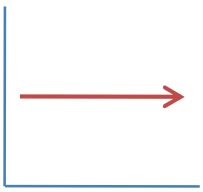
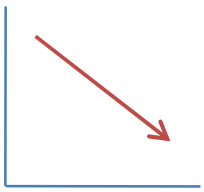
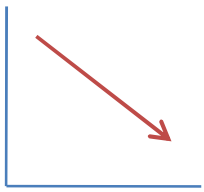
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
20,000	2,000	200	40

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	31 – 40%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Spain / Spanish Go Association

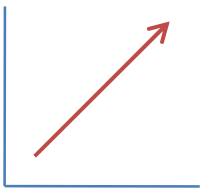
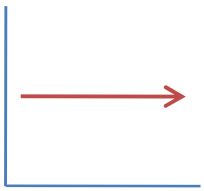
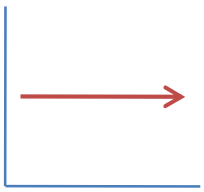
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
20,000	5,000	500	50

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	21 – 40%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Sweden / Swedish Go Association

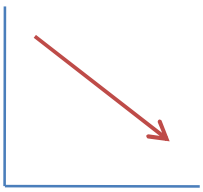
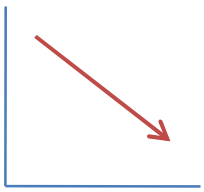
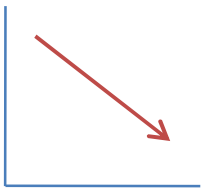
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
300,000	3,000	200	50

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	61 – 80%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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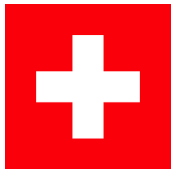
Switzerland / Swiss Go Association



Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
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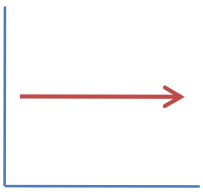
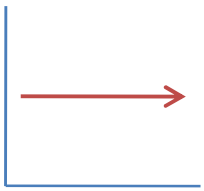
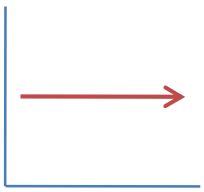
Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	21 – 30%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Turkey / Turkish Go Players' Association

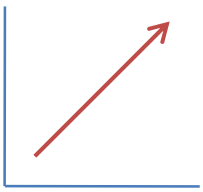
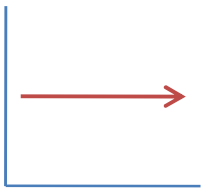
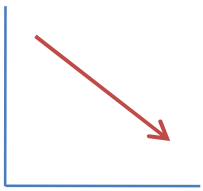
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	10,000	1,000	500

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
21 – 30%	11 – 20%	11 – 20%	61 – 80%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Ukraine / Ukrainian Go Federation

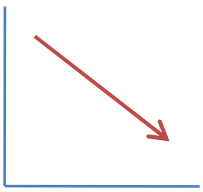
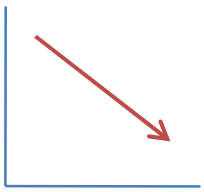
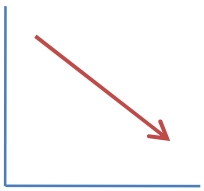
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	10,000	200	150

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	51 – 60%	1 –10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

UK / British Go Association

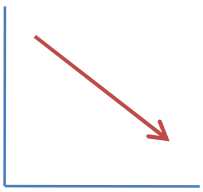
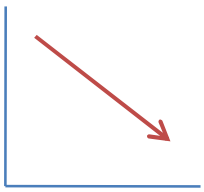
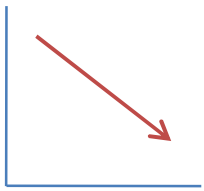
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
10,001 – 50,000	10,001 – 50,000	501 – 1,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
200,000	100,000	1,000	320

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	11 – 20%	11 – 20%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

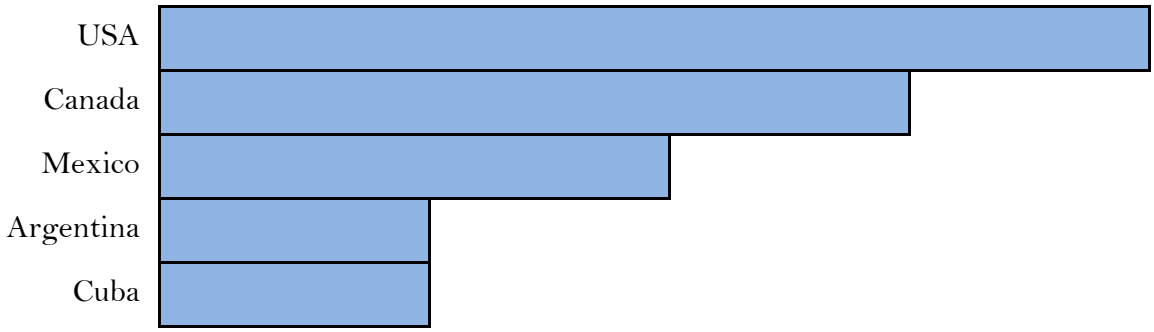
Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Americas & Africa

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
55,000,000	**3,500,000**	**70,000**	**2,500**

Top 5 Countries in overall Go players



Countries registered with IGF in Americas (15)

Argentina	**Brazil**	**Canada**	**Chile**	Colombia
Costa Rica	**Cuba**	Ecuador	Guatemala	**Mexico**
Panama	Peru	Uruguay	**USA**	**Venezuela**

Countries registered with IGF in Africa (3)

Madagascar	Morocco	**South Africa**

*Countries in bold responded to the population survey.

Argentina / Argentine Go Association

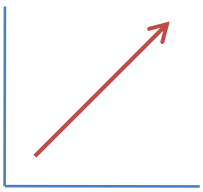
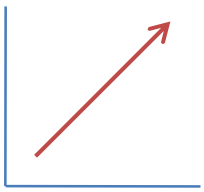
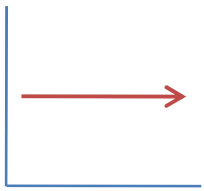
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	10,000	2,000	100

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Brazil / Brazil Nihon Kiin

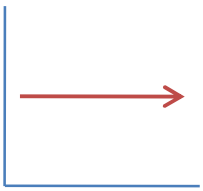
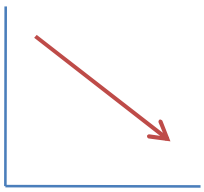
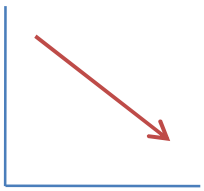
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	501 – 1,000	101 – 300

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
5,000	1,000	500	200

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	1 – 20%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65
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Canada / Canadian Go Association

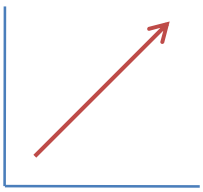
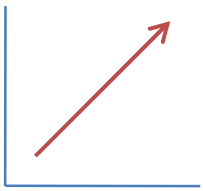
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1,001 – 5,000	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
2,000,000	100,000	5,000	500

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	31 – 40%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

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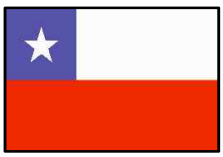
Chile / Chilean Go Federation



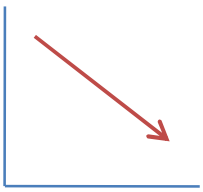
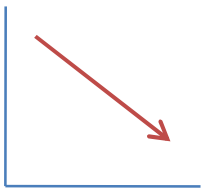
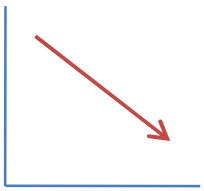
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 100	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
500	300	100	20

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Costa Rica / Costa Rica Go Sport Association

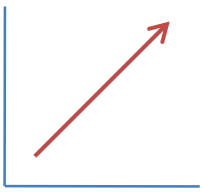
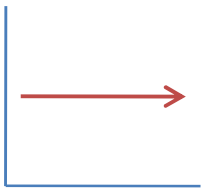
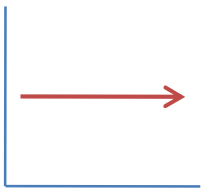
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
10,000	4,500	500	35

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Cuba / Cuban Go Federation

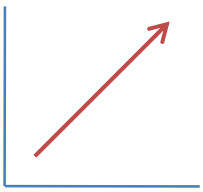
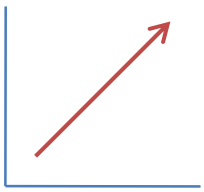
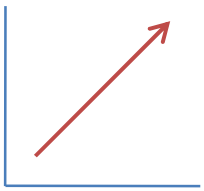
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000	501 – 1,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
50,000	2,500	1,500	150

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	11 – 20%	31 – 40%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Mexico / Mexican Go Association

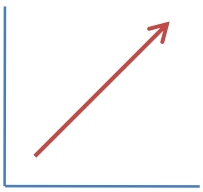
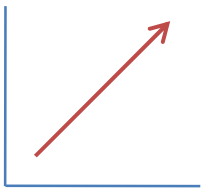
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
100,000	10,000	500	80

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
	Not applicable	

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	11 – 20%	1 – 10%	61 – 80%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

USA / American Go Association

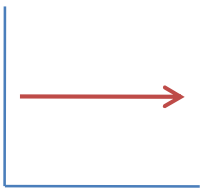
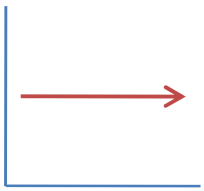
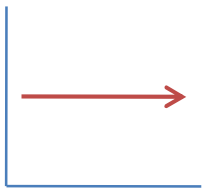
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
10,001 – 50,000	10,001 – 50,000	1,001 – 5,000

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
50,000,000	3,000,000	50,000	1,000

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
11 – 20%	21 – 30%	31 – 40%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

Venezuela / Venezuelan Go Association

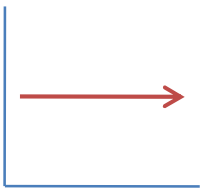
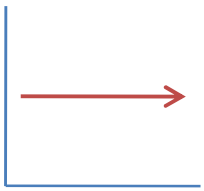
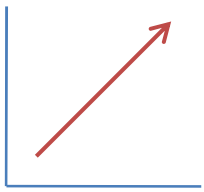
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
20,000	2,000	60	30

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	11 – 20%	1 – 10%	41 – 60%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65

South Africa / South African Go Association

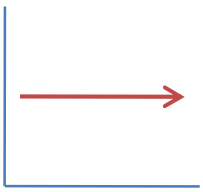
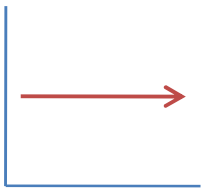
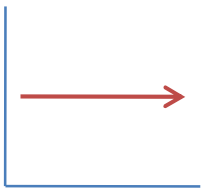
Members of the Association

Accumulated Registration	Paid membership fee at least once	Paid membership fee in last 3 years
1 – 500	1 – 500	1 – 100

Estimated Go Population

Aware of Go	Know the rules	Play casually / Online & offline	Play in tournaments
1,000,000	500,000	5,000	500

Go Population Trend (5 years)

New Members / players	Total members paid fee	Total players in tournaments
		

Go Population Demographics

Percentage of female players	Percentage of youth players	Percentage of dan players	Percentage of players in STEM
1 – 10%	1 – 10%	11 – 20%	81 – 100%

Largest Demographic Group(s)

Age 5 - 15	Age 16 - 25	Age 26 - 35	Age 36 – 45	Age 46 – 55	Age 56 – 65	Over 65