## NEWS 2022 Winter Olympics

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The **2022** Winter Olympics officially called the **XXIV Olympic Winter Games** and commonly known as **Beijing 2022**, was an international winter <u>multi-sport event</u> held between 4 and 20 February 2022 in <u>Beijing</u>, China, and surrounding areas with competition in selected events beginning 2 February 2022.

Beijing was selected as host city in 2015 at the <u>128th IOC Session</u> in <u>Kuala Lumpur</u>, Malaysia, marking its second time hosting the Olympics, and the last of three consecutive Olympics hosted in <u>East Asia</u>.

Having previously hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics, Beijing became the first city to have hosted both the Summer and Winter Olympics. The venues for the Games were concentrated upon Beijing, its suburb <u>Yanqing</u> <u>District</u>, and <u>Zhangjiakou</u>, with some events (including the ceremonies and curling) repurposing venues originally built for Beijing 2008 (such as <u>Beijing National Stadium</u> and the <u>Beijing National Aquatics Centre</u>).

The Games featured a record 109 events across 15 disciplines, with <u>big air freestyle skiing</u> and <u>women's monobob</u> making their Olympic debuts as medal events, as well as several new mixed competitions. A total of 2,871 athletes representing 91 teams competed in the Games, with <u>Haiti</u> and <u>Saudi Arabia</u> making their Winter Olympic debut.

Beijing's hosting of the Games was subject to various <u>concerns and controversies</u>

including those related to <u>human rights violations</u> <u>in China</u>, such as the <u>Uyghur genocide</u>, which led to calls for a boycott of the games.

Like the <u>Summer Olympics</u> held six months earlier in Tokyo, the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>pandemic</u> resulted in the implementation of health and safety protocols, including restrictions on public attendance at the Games.

<u>Norway</u> finished at the top of the medal table for the second successive Winter Olympics, winning a total of 37 medals, of which 16 were gold, setting a new record for the largest number of gold medals won at a single Winter Olympics. The host nation <u>China</u> finished third with nine gold medals (albeit in eleventh place by total medals), marking their most successful performance in Winter Olympics history.

## Medals TOP 5 COUNTRIES ATHLETES

Country	0	2	3	•••
1 Hang Norway	16	8	13	37
2 Germany	12	10	5	27
3 <u>* China</u>	9	4	2	15
4 United States	8	10	7	25
5 Sweden	8	5	5	18