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STORY HEADLINE: 85 percent of historic Olympic venues still in use according to IOC report

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Ninety-two percent of permanent venues used for the Olympic Games in the 21st century and 85 percent of all permanent Olympic venues since 1896 are still in use, a new report from the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has revealed.

The report - “Over 125 years of Olympic venues: post-Games use” - is the first ever official inventory of post-Games use of 817 permanent and 106 temporary Olympic venues across 51 Games editions. This spans Olympic Games Athens 1896 through to Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018.

The details, released on the final day of the 139th IOC session held remotely from Lausanne, show the wide-ranging benefits for residents in Olympic host cities and regions. The report has been compiled through data collection and wide stakeholder consultation, including venue owners/operators, legacy entities, city/regional governments and National Olympic Committees, and assured by third party KPMG.

“This report is a very impressive testimony to the legacy that the Olympic Games create in the host cities and regions” said Christophe Dubi, IOC Olympic Games Executive Director. “We are thrilled to see that the overwhelming majority of Olympic venues continue to offer sports competition and training opportunities at elite and grassroots level, while creating health and social benefits.”

The report includes five key findings:

1. Of the 206 permanent Olympic venues used in 21st century, 92 percent are still in use
2. Overall, 85 percent of all 817 permanent venues used for the Games since Athens 1896 are still in use.
3. The percentage of new permanent venues (built for the Games) and existing permanent venues (which had already existed when a city/territory was selected to host the Games) still in use is 87 & 83 percent respectively.

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4. **87 percent** of complex venues - eg: Stadiums, Olympic Villages, swimming pools, velodromes, ski jumping hills, sliding centres and ice hockey stadiums are still in use.

5. The proportion of temporary venues used has evolved over time.

For example, **93 percent** of the 28 permanent venues from Olympic Games Rio 2016 are still in use. The number is even higher, **94 percent**, for Olympic Games Barcelona 1992, and all 12 permanent venues are still in use from both the Olympic Winter Games Salt Lake City 2002 and Vancouver 2010.

Of the 15 percent of all permanent venues not in use overall, reasons range from reaching end of life, being destroyed during a period of war or accidents, or giving way to new urban development projects. Just four per cent of the 817 permanent venues are closed, inactive or abandoned.

Besides generating data on post-Games venue use, the report also highlights how Olympic venues have provided multiple uses beyond sports events, from concerts to festivals to the crucial area of community use. For example, the reconfigured London Aquatics Centre from Olympic Games London 2012 is used by 50 local schools for lessons, and the Centre also accommodates around 3,500 swimmers and 600 divers every week.

The report connects the past with the future. The Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5 strategy is helping the Games to meet the long-term development plans of a host city/region, to make the most of existing venues and only build new ones when there is a proven long-term need.

The impact will be seen in the coming editions of Paris 2024, Milano Cortina 2016, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032. Los Angeles will host the Olympic Games in 2028 without building a single new permanent venue.

“Olympic hosts now have more flexibility to design the Games so that they meet the long-term development plans of a city or region,” said Marie Sallois, IOC Director for Corporate and Sustainable Development.

“Today it is the Games that adapt to their host and not the other way around.”


**SHOT LOG:** *(Note The 139th IOC Session took place 3,19 February and 20th May 2022)*

00:02 Aerial Olympic House, Lausanne, Switzerland

00:06 Olympic Rings in front of Olympic House

00:09 Camera enters through the main entrance of Olympic House

00:13 Wide tracking shot at the start of 139th IOC Session

00:18 Cutaway IOC President Thomas Bach

00:21 Wide pan and reveal of Christophe De Kepper, IOC Director General presenting the venues report.

00:30 The start and the end of the ‘Olympic Venues post-Games use Executive Summary video.’

00:55 Wide and tracking shot of Christophe De Kepper, IOC Director General presenting the venues report.
**Question: Why did the IOC decide to do this research?**

01:39 SOUNDbite: Marie Sallois, IOC Director Corporate & Sustainable Development (English Language)

“We wanted to do this research for three reasons. First, to look at the past to inform the future. Second, we wanted to get the big picture across 125 years of Olympic Games, and third we wanted to get a better understanding of the continued use of Olympic venues and how they can bring long-term benefits to local communities.”

**Question: What are the key findings of the research?**

02:08 SOUNDbite: Marie Sallois, IOC Director Corporate & Sustainable Development (English Language)

“Looking at the big picture let me highlight the key findings for you. Across the permanent venues of the 21st century, 92% of them are still in use. Now, if we look even broader at all the Games editions and all the permanent venues that have been used for these Games editions, from Athens onwards, from 1896, 85% of them are still in use. Out of the rest, 11% no longer exist and only 4% still exist and are not used.”

**Question: How has Olympic Agenda 2020 influenced this process?**

02:46 SOUNDbite: Marie Sallois, IOC Director Corporate & Sustainable Development (English Language)

“Olympic Agenda brings several changes to the approach the IOC has to organising the Games. It does put the emphasis on flexibility as well as sustainability and by doing that, we hope that we can, on one hand, reduce the carbon footprint of the Olympic Games, and continue to maximise the long-term benefits of hosting them.”

**Question: What does this mean for the upcoming editions of the Games?**

03:15 SOUNDbite: Marie Sallois, IOC Director Corporate & Sustainable Development (English Language)

“For the upcoming editions of the Games, we look at maximising existing and temporary venues. If you look at the next two editions of the Games, Paris 2024 and Milano Cortina 2026 respectively, they will only have 5% and 7% new venues. And if you go further into the future for LA 28, we will have an even more radical approach where no single new venue will be built.”

**Tokyo**

03:47 Tokyo 1964 - Nippon Budokan Hall exterior
03:52 Tokyo 1964 - Nippon Budokan Hall interior of Judo Games action
04:06 Tokyo 2020 - Nippon Budokan Hall exterior from drone
04:10 Tokyo 2020 - Nippon Budokan Hall interior pan down from event venue roof
04:17 Tokyo 2020 - Nippon Budokan Hall interior of Judo Games action
04:22 Tokyo 2020 - Nippon Budokan Hall interior wide shot of the arena
04:27 Nippon Budokan Hall interior of Judo event (video courtesy of Japan Judo Federation - no onscreen credit required)
04:43 Tokyo 2020 - Metropolitan Gymnasium exterior from drone
04:47 Tokyo 2020 - Metropolitan Gymnasium interior wide of venue during Games
04:52 Tokyo 2020 - Metropolitan Gymnasium interior midshot of table tennis Games action
05:00 Metropolitan Gymnasium interior during the 28th Kanto Ladies Smash Table Tennis Tournament.
05:06 Various views of 28th Kanto Ladies Smash Table Tennis Tournament.

**London**

05:19 London 2012 - Aquatics centre exterior with crowds
05:23 London 2012 - Aquatics centre interior wide of the pool during Games
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05:29 London 2012 - Aquatics centre interior pan of the pool during Games
05:36 London 2012 - Aquatics centre interior Games swimming action
05:53 Aquatics centre interior child walks towards the pool
05:56 Aquatics centre interior child dives into the pool
06:00 Aquatics centre interior two children being taught to swim
06:08 London 2012 - Velodrome exterior wide
06:13 London 2012 - Velodrome interior wide
06:18 London 2012 - Velodrome interior Games cycling action
06:33 Velodrome exterior wide cycling enthusiast walks into the building carrying a bike
06:40 Velodrome exterior wide of cycling fans walking into the building
06:43 E20 Football Foundation instructor watching kids playing football at London Olympic Park
06:46 Young boy scoring a goal at the London Olympic Park floodlit all weather pitch

Rio
06:54 Rio 2016 – Rio Olympic Arena exterior view from a drone
07:00 Rio 2016 – Rio Olympic Arena interior wide of the Games gymnastics facilities.
07:08 Rio Olympic Arena interior training facilities in use by amateur gymnasts
07:21 Rio 2016 – Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre exterior view from drone
07:26 Rio 2016 – Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre interior, pan during Games event
07:35 Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre interior, young swimmers being given a lesson
07:49 Rio 2016 – Olympic Golf Course wide view from a helicopter
07:54 Rio 2016 – Olympic Golf Course, Justin Rose (Team GB) driving off
07:59 Rio 2016 – Olympic Golf Course, Inbee Park (South Korea) putting
08:07 Olympic Golf Course, young golfer being given tuition by a coach
08:13 Olympic Golf Course, senior golfer putting on the course
08:21 Olympic Park pan of camera towards the stadium
08:26 Olympic Park footballers using the fenced all weather pitches
08:34 Olympic Park young people using the basketball court

Sydney
08:43 Sydney 2000 – Olympic Stadium and Park exterior wide from drone
08:48 Sydney 2000 – Olympic Stadium exterior wide from drone
08:53 Sydney 2000 – Olympic Stadium interior wide during Games
08:59 Sydney 2000 – Olympic Stadium interior action from the Games
09:10 Sydney 2000 – Tennis Centre interior wide during the Games
09:15 Sydney 2000 – Tennis Centre interior Games action
09:25 Olympic Park viewed from a drone
09:29 Time Lapse visitors to Sydney Olympic Park
09:35 Time Lapse people outside Sydney ANZ Stadium at night
09:39 Various shots of amateur sport enthusiasts using the facilities of Sydney Olympic Park

Innsbruck
09:52 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump aerial view Opening ceremony of the Games.
09:56 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump athlete carrying Olympic torch and handover.
10:02 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump, athlete walks the steps with the torch.
10:06 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump, spectators watch Opening Ceremony
10:08 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump, athlete preparing to jump during Games
10:12 Innsbruck 1964 – Bergisel Ski Jump, athlete jumps during Games
10:24 Innsbruck 1976 – Bergisel Ski Jump, wide of the Games Opening Ceremony
10:33 Innsbruck 1976 – Bergisel Ski Jump, athlete jumps during Games
10:46 Innsbruck 2012 – Bergisel Ski Jump, fireworks at the Opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games.
10:50 Innsbruck 2012 – Bergisel Ski Jump, torch carrying skier
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10:55  Innsbruck 2012 – Bergisel Ski Jump, torch bearer walking the steps and lighting the cauldron.
11:03  Innsbruck 2012 – Bergisel Ski Jump, athlete jumps during Games
11:10  Innsbruck 2012 – Bergisel Ski Jump, YOG fans & mascot.

Lillehammer
11:17 Lillehammer 1994 - Hamar Olympic Hall aerial with snow-covered landscape
11:21 Lillehammer 1994 - Hamar Olympic Hall wide
11:35 Lillehammer 2016 - Hamar Olympic Hall - aerial view of venue for Youth Olympic Games
11:40 Lillehammer 2016 - Hamar Olympic Hall wide read for speed skating events
11:43 Lillehammer 2016 - Hamar Olympic Olympic short track speed skating race
11:53 Lillehammer 2016 - Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena, athlete carries equipment
12:00 Lillehammer 2016 - Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena, ski jumper completes jump
12:06 Lillehammer 2016 - Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena, ski jumper point of view for their jump
12:14 Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena post-Games wide
12:20 Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena use for ski-jump wide
12:28 Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena post-Games public getting to look around facilities when not in use.
12:32 Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena practice tracking shot (dry slope)
12:37 Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena public ascend to ski jump top (dry slope)

PyeongChang
12:53 PyeongChang 2018 - Alpensia Biathlon Centre, athletes on skis front on
12:57 PyeongChang 2018 - Alpensia Biathlon Centre, tracking shot finish line
13:04 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, post-Games public use for practice
13:08 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, boy on skis approaches shooting range during practice
13:13 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, targets are prepared for shooting
13:16 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, close of boy taking practice shots
13:21 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, behind two children shooting practice
13:25 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, public fitness then given biathlon shooting lessons at range
13:29 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, close of woman shooting under tuition
13:34 Alpensia Biathlon Centre, close pulling trigger showing safety of the equipment used
13:41 PyeongChang 2018 – Gangneung Hockey Centre, aerial pulling out from venue
13:46 PyeongChang 2018 – Gangneung Hockey Centre, overhead shot Olympic Ice hockey match starts
13:56 Gangneung Hockey Centre, post-Games shopping
14:00 Gangneung Hockey Centre, post-Games wide ‘toy’ ice hockey games played by public
14:04 Gangneung Hockey Centre, close shot boy playing the miniature hockey game
14:09 Gangneung Hockey Centre, wide of ice hockey post-Games use
14:15 Gangneung Hockey Centre midshot ice hockey post-Games use

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