



OLYMPIC GAMES



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ONE WORLD, ONE DREAM

The 2008 Summer Olympic Games, officially known as the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (pinyin: *Dì Èrshíji Jiè Xiàjì Àolínp kè Yùndònghuì*) and commonly known as Beijing 2008, were held from 8 to 24 August 2008 in Beijing, China. A total of 10,942 athletes from 204 National Olympic Committees competed in 28 sports and 302 events (one event more than those scheduled for the 2004 Games). This was the first time that China had hosted the Summer Olympics, but the third time that the Games had been held in East Asia.

Beijing was awarded the 2008 Games over four competitors on 13 July 2001, having won a majority of votes from members of the International Olympic Committee after two rounds of voting. The Government of the People's Republic of China promoted the Games and invested heavily in new facilities and transportation systems. A total of 37 venues were used to host the events, including twelve constructed specifically for use at the Games. The equestrian events were held in Hong Kong, making this the third Olympics for which the events were held under the jurisdiction of two different NOCs. The sailing events were contested in Qingdao, while the football events took place in several different cities.

The official logo for the 2008 Games, titled "Dancing Beijing", featured a stylized calligraphic character *jīng* (meaning *capital*) in reference to the host city. Some entities criticized the choice of China as Olympic host because of the country's human rights record, and political protests (particularly focused on Tibet) marred the international

portion of the Olympic torch relay. Despite this, the Beijing Olympics were also the most watched Olympics in history, attracting 4.7 billion viewers worldwide and gaining an entry in the Guinness World Records as the "Largest TV audience for an Olympic Games".

An unprecedented 86 countries won at least one medal during the Games. China won the most gold medals, with 48, and became only the 7th different Olympic team to top an overall medal tally, winning a total of 100 medals overall. The United States won the highest number of medals, with a total of 111, and placed second in the gold medal tally, also the United States set a gold medal record by U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps, who won 8 golds. The next highest medal count was followed by Russia at the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Beijing has been selected to host the 2022 Winter Olympics; it will be the first city ever to host both the Summer and Winter Games. Beijing was elected as the host city for the 2008 Summer Olympics on 13 July 2001, during the 112th IOC Session in Moscow, defeating bids from Toronto, Paris, Istanbul, and Osaka. Prior to the session, five other cities (Bangkok, Cairo, Havana, Kuala Lumpur, and Seville) had submitted bids to the IOC, but failed to make the short list chosen by the IOC Executive Committee in 2000. In the second round, Beijing was supported by a majority of voters, eliminating the need for subsequent rounds. Toronto's bid was their 5th failure since 1960 (failed bid for 1960, 1964, 1976 and 1996 games losing to Rome, Tokyo, Montreal and Atlanta).



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The program for the Beijing Games was quite similar to that of the 2004 Summer Olympics held in Athens. There were 28 sports and 302 events at the 2008 Games.

*AQUATICS:

- DIVING (8 events)
- SWIMMING (34 events)
- SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING (2 events)
- WATER POLO (2 events)

*ARCHERY (4 events)

*ATHLETICS (47 events)

*BADMINTON (5 events)

*BASEBALL (1 event)

*BASKETBALL (2 events)

*BOXING (11 events)

*CANOEING:

- SLALOM (4 events)
- SPRINT (12 events)

*CYCLING:

- BMX (2 events)
- ROAD (4 events)
- TRACK (10 events)

- MOUNTAIN BIKE (2 events)

*EQUESTRIAN:

- DRESSAGE (2 events)
- EVENTING (2 events)
- JUMPING (2 events)

*FENCING (10 events)

*FIELD HOCKEY (2 events)

*FOOTBALL (2 events)

*GYMNASTICS:

- ARTISTIC (14 events)
- RHYTHMIC (2 events)
- TRAMPOLINE (2 events)

*HANDBALL (2 events)

*JUDO (14 events)

*MODERN PENTATHLON (2 events)

*ROWING (14 events)

*SAILING (11 events)

*SHOOTING (15 events)

*SOFTBALL (1 event)

*TABLE TENNIS (4 events)

*TAEKWONDO (8 events)

*TENNIS (4 events)

*TRIATHLON (2 events)

*VOLLEYBALL:

- BEACH (2 events)
- VOLLEYBALL (2 events)

*WEIGHTLIFTING (15 events)

*WRESTLING:

- FREESTYLE (11 events)
- GRECO-ROMAN (7 events)

*In addition to the official Olympic sports, the Beijing Organising Committee was given special dispensation by the IOC to run a **wushu** competition in parallel to the Games. The Wushu Tournament Beijing 2008 saw 128 athletes from 43 countries participate, with medals awarded in 15 separate events; however, these were not to be added to the official medal tally since Wushu was not on the programme of the 2008 Olympic Games.*

Venues

| VENUE | SPORTS |
|---|---|
| Beijing National Aquatic Center | Swimming / Diving / Synchronized swimming |
| Beijing National Indoor Stadium | Gymnastics / Handball |
| Beijing National Stadium | Athletics / Football |
| Olympic Green Tennis Center | Tennis |
| Olympic Green Archery Field | Archery |
| Olympic Green Convention Center | Fencing / Modern pentathlon |
| Olympic Green Hockey Field | Field hockey |
| Beijing Science & Technology University Gymnasium | Judo / Taekwondo |
| Beijing University of Technology Gymnasium | Badminton / Gymnastics |
| China Agricultural University Gymnasium | Wrestling |
| Peking University Gymnasium | Table tennis |
| Beihang University Gymnasium | Weightlifting |
| Beijing Institute of Technology Gymnasium | Volleyball |
| Beijing Shooting Range Hall | Shooting |
| Laoshan Velodrome | Track cycling |
| Shunyi Olympic Rowing-Canoeing Park | Rowing / Canoeing / Swimming |
| Wukesong Indoor Stadium | Basketball |
| Beijing Shooting Range Clay Target Field | Shooting |
| Capital Indoor Stadium | Volleyball |
| Fengtai Softball Field | Softball |
| Laoshan Mountain Bike Course | Mountain bike |
| Olympic Sports Centre | Football / Modern pentathlon |
| Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium | Handball |
| Workers Indoor Arena | Boxing |
| Workers Stadium | Football |
| Ying Tung Natatorium | Water polo / Modern pentathlon |
| Beach Volleyball Ground | Beach volleyball |
| BMX Field | BMX cycling |
| Triathlon Venue | Triathlon |
| Urban Road Cycling Course | Cycling |
| Wukesong Baseball Field | Baseball |
| Hong Kong Equestrian Venues | Equestrian |
| Qingdao International Sailing Center | Sailing |
| Qinhuangdao Olympic Sports Center Stadium | Football |
| Shanghai Stadium | Football |
| Shenyang Olympic Sports Center Stadium | Football |
| Tianjin Olympic Center Stadium | Football |

MASCOTS

福娃 Fuwa



福娃贝贝
Beibei



福娃晶晶
Jingjing



福娃妮妮
Nini



福娃迎迎
Yingying



福娃妮妮
Nini

HIGHLIGHTS

- The first competitions of the Games started on August 6th. The first events were women's football (soccer) matches. The day was devoted to women's football
- The four-hour opening ceremony was attended by 91,000 spectators including more than 100 world leaders. The spectacle was directed by filmmaker Zhang Yimou, and the Olympic Cauldron was lit by former Chinese gymnast Li Ning
- Samoa's Farani Tavui was taken to a hospital after being knocked unconscious in the men's light heavyweight event.
- Choi Min-ho of South Korea won the men's 60 kg ending all his matches with ippon.
- Abhinav Bindra won the first ever individual Olympic gold medal for India, and India's first gold medal in any Olympic event since 1980.
- Tajikistan won its first ever Olympic medal after Rasul Boqiev secured bronze in the men's 73 kg.
- Benjamin Boukpeti becomes the first competitor from Togo to win an Olympic medal, taking bronze in the men's slalom K-1.
- Ara Abrahamian won a bronze medal in the 84-kilogram Greco-Roman wrestling, but during the medal ceremony stepped off of the podium and laid his medal down on the mat. Abrahamian had lost a 3-1 decision to Andrea Minguzzi in the semi-finals in a disputed decision and started shouting at referees and officials after the match. The IOC later decided to officially strip him of his medal.
- Jamaica's Usain Bolt won the gold medal in the men's 100m with a world record of 9.69 seconds in a race dubbed by Michael Johnson as "the greatest 100m performance in the history of the event".
- Georgeta Damian of Romania won gold in the final women's coxless pair race, her fifth career gold, and her third consecutive Olympic gold in that event.
- Ben Ainslie of Britain successfully defended his title, winning gold in the Finn class (photo below)
- Chris Hoy won his third gold medal of the Beijing games in the men's sprint event, becoming the first British athlete in 100 years to win three gold medals in a single Olympiad.
- Rohullah Nikpai won Afghanistan's first Olympic medal ever by taking bronze in the men's 58 kg contest.
- Sudan's Ismail Ahmed Ismail became his country's first Olympic medalist, taking silver in the men's 800 metres event.
- Almudena Cid of Spain retired after her fourth Olympic games finals, and was the only rhythmic gymnast to compete in more than two.
- Hungary won a third consecutive gold medal in men's water polo .



All but one of the 205 recognized National Olympic Committees that existed as of 2008 participated in the 2008 Summer Olympics, the exception being Brunei. Three countries participated in the Olympic Games for their first time: the Marshall Islands, Montenegro and Tuvalu.

While not a full member recognized by the IOC and thus not allowed to compete formally in the Olympics, the Macau Sports and Olympic Committee sent a delegation to participate in the Wushu Tournament Beijing 2008, being the only unrecognized National Olympic Committee to have taken part in the 2008 Summer Olympics. It also coordinated efforts with the Chinese Olympic Committee to organize the torch relay through Macau.

**AFGHANISTAN ALBANIA ALGERIA AMERICAN SAMOA ANDORRA ANGOLA
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA ARGENTINA ARMENIA ARUBA AUSTRALIA AUSTRIA
AZERBAIJAN BAHAMAS BAHRAIN BANGLADESH BARBADOS BELARUS
BELGIUM BELIZE BENIN BERMUDA BHUTAN BOLIVIA BOSNIA &
HERZEGOVINA BOTSWANA BRAZIL BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS BULGARIA
BURKINA FASO BURUNDI CAMBODIA CAMEROON CANADA CAPE VERDE
CAYMAN ISLANDS CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC CHAD CHILE CHINA
COLOMBIA COMOROS DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO CONGO COOK
ISLANDS COSTA RICA CROATIA CUBA CYPRUS CZECH REPUBLIC
DENMARK DJIBOUTI DOMINICA DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ECUADOR EGYPT
EL SALVADOR EQUATORIAL GUINEA ERITREA ESTONIA ETHIOPIA FIJI
FINLAND FRANCE GABON THE GAMBIA GEORGIA GERMANY GHANA GREAT
BRITAIN GREECE GRENADA GUAM GUATEMALA GUINEA GUINEA-BISSAU
GUYANA HAITI HONDURAS HONG KONG HUNGARY ICELAND INDIA
INDONESIA IRAN IRAQ IRELAND ISRAEL ITALY IVORY COAST JAMAICA
JAPAN JORDAN KAZAKHSTAN KENYA KIRIBATI NORTH KOREA SOUTH
KOREA KUWAIT KYRGYZSTAN LAOS LATVIA LEBANON LESOTHO LIBERIA
LIBYA LIECHTENSTEIN LITHUANIA LUXEMBOURG MACEDONIA
MADAGASCAR MALAWI MALAYSIA MALDIVES MALI MALTA MARSHALL
ISLANDS MAURITANIA MAURITIUS MEXICO FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA MOLDOVA MONACO MONGOLIA MONTENEGRO MOROCCO
MOZAMBIQUE MYANMAR NAMIBIA NAURU NEPAL NETHERLANDS
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES NEW ZEALAND NICARAGUA NIGER NIGERIA
NORWAY OMAN PAKISTAN PALAU PALESTINE PANAMA PAPUA NEW
GUINEA PARAGUAY PERU PHILIPPINES POLAND PORTUGAL PUERTO
RICO QATAR ROMANIA RUSSIA RWANDA SAINT KITTS & NEVIS SAINT
LUCIA SAINT VINCENT & THE GRENADINES SAMOA SAN MARINO SAO
TOME & PRINCIPE SAUDI ARABIA SENEGAL SERBIA SEYCHELLES SIERRA
LEONE SINGAPORE SLOVAKIA SLOVENIA SOLOMON ISLANDS SOMALIA
SOUTH AFRICA SPAIN SRI LANKA SUDAN SURINAME SWAZILAND
SWEDEN SWITZERLAND SYRIA CHINESE TAIPEI TAJIKISTAN TANZANIA
THAILAND EAST TIMOR TOGO TONGA TRINIDAD & TOBAGO TUNISIA
TURKEY TURKMENISTAN TUVALU UGANDA UKRAINE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES UNITED STATES URUGUAY UZBEKISTAN VANUATU VENEZUELA
VIETNAM VIRGIN ISLANDS YEMEN ZAMBIA ZIMBABWE**

Medal count

| RANK | NATION | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
|------|--------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1. | CHINA | 45 | 22 | 30 | 100 |
| 2. | UNITED STATES | 36 | 39 | 37 | 112 |
| 3. | RUSSIA | 24 | 13 | 23 | 60 |
| 4. | GREAT BRITAIN | 19 | 13 | 17 | 49 |
| 5. | GERMANY | 16 | 11 | 14 | 41 |
| 6. | AUSTRALIA | 14 | 15 | 17 | 46 |
| 7. | SOUTH KOREA | 13 | 11 | 8 | 32 |
| 8. | JAPAN | 9 | 7 | 9 | 25 |
| 9. | ITALY | 8 | 9 | 10 | 27 |
| 10. | FRANCE | 7 | 16 | 20 | 43 |
| 11. | NETHERLANDS | 7 | 5 | 4 | 16 |
| 12. | UKRAINE | 7 | 4 | 11 | 22 |
| 13. | KENYA | 6 | 4 | 6 | 16 |
| 14. | SPAIN | 5 | 11 | 3 | 19 |
| 15. | JAMAICA | 5 | 4 | 1 | 10 |
| 16. | POLAND | 4 | 5 | 2 | 11 |
| 17. | ETHIOPIA | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 18. | ROMANIA | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 19. | CUBA | 3 | 10 | 16 | 29 |
| 20. | CANADA | 3 | 9 | 8 | 20 |
| 21. | HUNGARY | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| 22. | NORWAY | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 23. | BRAZIL | 3 | 4 | 9 | 16 |
| 24. | BELARUS | 3 | 4 | 7 | 14 |
| 25. | CZECH REPUBLIC | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 26. | SLOVAKIA | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| 27. | NEW ZEALAND | 3 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| 28. | GEORGIA | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| 29. | KAZAKHSTAN | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 30. | DENMARK | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 31. | NORTH KOREA | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| | THAILAND | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 33. | MONGOLIA | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| 34. | SWITZERLAND | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 35. | ARGENTINA | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| 36. | MEXICO | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| 37. | BELGIUM | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 38. | ZIMBABWE | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| 39. | SLOVENIA | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| 40. | AZERBAIJAN | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| | INDONESIA | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 42. | BULGARIA | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | TURKEY | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 44. | FINLAND | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | CHINESE TAIPEI | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 46. | LATVIA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 47. | DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | ESTONIA | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| | PORTUGAL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

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Medal count - continuation

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| 50. | INDIA | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| 51. | IRAN | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 52. | CAMEROON | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | PANAMA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | TUNISIA | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 55. | SWEDEN | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 56. | LITHUANIA | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| | NIGERIA | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 58. | CROATIA | 0 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 59. | COLOMBIA | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | GREECE | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 61. | TRINIDAD TOBAGO | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 62. | ARMENIA | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 63. | UZBEKISTAN | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 64. | AUSTRIA | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | IRELAND | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | KYRGYZSTAN | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | SERBIA | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 68. | ALGERIA | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | BAHAMAS | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | MOROCCO | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | TAJIKISTAN | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 72. | CHILE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | ECUADOR | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | ICELAND | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | MALAYSIA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | SAMOA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | SINGAPORE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | SOUTH AFRICA | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | SUDAN | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| VIETNAM | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| 81. | EGYPT | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 82. | AFGHANISTAN | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | ISRAEL | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | MAURITIUS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | MOLDOVA | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | TOGO | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | VENEZUELA | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | 301 | 302 | 349 | 952 |

MAJOR STARS

GUO Jingjing (China) - diving - two golds (total: 4-2-0)

CHEN Ruolin (China) - diving - two golds

Michael PHELPS (USA) - swimming - **EIGHT GOLD MEDALS!!!** (total: 14-0-2 !!!)

Aaron PEIRSOL (USA) - swimming - two golds and one silver (total: 5-3-2)

Ryan LOCHTE (USA) - swimming - two golds and 2 bronzes (total: 3-1-2)

Kosuke KITAJIMA (Japan) - swimming - two golds and one bronze (total: 4-0-2)

Garrett WEBER-GALE (USA) - swimming - two gold medals

Jason LEZAK (USA) - swimming - two golds and one silver (total: 4-1-2)

Matt GREVERS (USA) - swimming - two golds and one silver

Britta STEFFEN (Germany) - swimming - two golds (total: 2-0-1)

Rebecca ADLINGTON (Great Britain) - swimming - two gold medals

MAJOR STARS (continued)

Natalie COUGHLIN (USA) - swimming - one gold, 2 silvers and 3 bronzes (total: 3-4-4)

Leisel JONES (Australia) - swimming - two golds and one silver (total: 3-4-1)

Lisbeth TRICKETT (Australia) - swimming - 2 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze (total: 3-1-2)

Stephanie RICE (Australia) - swimming - three gold medals

Felicity GALVEZ (Australia) - swimming - two gold medals

Anastasia DAVYDOVA, Anastasiya YERMAKOVA (Russia) - synchronized swimming - two golds (total: 4-0-0)

Usain BOLT (Jamaica) - athletics - two gold medals

LaShawn MERRITT (USA) - athletics - 2 golds

Kenenisa BEKELE (Ethiopia) - athletics - two golds (total: 3-1-0)

Angelo TAYLOR (USA) - athletics - two golds (total: 3-0-0)

Tirunesh DIBABA (Ethiopia) - athletics - two golds

Pavol HOCHSCHORNER, Peter HOCHSCHORNER (Slovakia) - slalom canoeing - they won their third gold

Katrin WAGNER-AUGUSTIN (Germany) - canoeing - gold and bronze (total: 4-0-1)

Bradley WIGGINS (Great Britain) - track cycling - two golds (total: 3-1-2)

Chris HOY (Great Britain) - track cycling - three golds

Isabell WERTH and Satchmo (Germany) - equestrian - she won her fifth gold (total: 5-3-0)

Hinrich ROMEIKE and Marius (Germany) - equestrian - two golds in eventing

Valentina VEZZALI (Italy) - fencing - she won her fifth gold (total: 5-1-1)

CHEN Yibing (China) - gymnastics - two golds

XIAO Qin (China) - gymnastics - two golds

LI Xiaopeng (China) - gymnastics - two golds (total: 4-0-1)

ZOU Kai (China) - gymnastics - three gold medals

YANG Wei (China) - gymnastics - three golds and one silver (total: 3-2-0)

HE Kexin (China) - gymnastics - two gold medals

Viorica SUSANU (Romania) - rowing - she won her fourth gold

Georgeta DAMIAN (Romania) - rowing - she won her fifth gold

MA Lin (China) - table tennis - two golds (total: 3-0-0)

ZHANG Yining (China) - table tennis - two golds (total: 4-0-0)

WANG Nan (China) - table tennis - she won her fourth gold



Angelo TAYLOR



Isabell WERTH

POLISH PARTICIPATION

The Polish Olympic Committee sent a total of 263 athletes to the Games, 160 men and 103 women.

GOLD MEDALISTS:

*Tomasz MAJEWSKI – athletics (shot put) - *on the right*

*Michał JELIŃSKI, Marek KOLBOWICZ, Adam KOROL, Konrad WASIELEWSKI – rowing (men's quadruple sculls)

*Leszek BLANIK – gymnastics (men's vault)

*Szymon KOŁECKI – weightlifting (94kg) – *he received the gold later after the disqualification of the winner*

SILVER MEDALISTS:

*Tomasz MOTYKA, Adam WIERCIOCH, Radosław ZAWROTNIAK, Robert ANDRZEJUK – fencing (men's team epee)

*Łukasz PAWŁOWSKI, Bartłomiej PAWEŁCZAK, Miłosz BERNATAJTYS, Paweł RAŃDA – rowing (men's lightweight coxless four)

*Piotr MAŁACHOWSKI – athletics (discus throw) - *on the right*

*Maja WŁOSZCZOWSKA – cycling (women's cross-country)

*Aneta KONIECZNA, Beata MIKOŁAJCZYK – canoeing (K-2 500m)

BRONZE MEDALISTS:

*Agnieszka WIESZCZEK – wrestling (women's freestyle 72kg)

*Marcin DOŁĘGA – weightlifting (105 kg) - *he received the gold later after the disqualification of the third place athlete*

Anna ROGOWSKA – athletics – women's pole vault

Aneta PASTUSZKA, Beata SOKOŁOWSKA-KULESZA – canoeing – women's K-2 500m



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