

CIES Football Observatory Demographic Study

October 2024

List of leagues covered

UEFA					AFC				
Country	League	Clubs	Players	Country	League	Clubs	Players		
	Austria	Bundesliga	12	318		China	CSL	16	437
	Belgium	Pro League	16	406		Japan	J1 League	20	563
	Bulgaria	First League	16	415		Korea Republic	K League 1	12	388
	Croatia	1. HNL	10	285		Qatar	Stars League	12	303
	Cyprus	1. Division	14	359		Saudi Arabia	Saudi Pro League	18	446
	Czech Republic	Czech Liga	16	437		UAE	UAE Pro League	14	395
	Denmark	Superliga	12	303		Uzbekistan	Super League	14	347
	England	Premier League	20	520	CONCACAF				
	Finland	Veikkausliiga	12	309	Country	League	Clubs	Players	
	France	Ligue 1	18	475		Costa Rica	Primera División	12	343
	Germany	Bundesliga	18	463		Mexico	Liga MX	18	502
	Greece	Super League 1	14	375		USA	MLS	29	778
	Hungary	NB I	12	325	CONMEBOL				
	Israel	Ligat Ha'al	14	351	Country	League	Clubs	Players	
	Italy	Serie A	20	560		Argentina	Primera División	28	885
	Norway	Eliteserien	16	414		Brazil	Brasileirão	20	647
	Poland	Ekstraklasa	18	468		Chile	Campeonato Nacional	16	439
	Portugal	Primeira Liga	18	470		Colombia	Dimayor	20	595
	Romania	Liga I	16	456		Ecuador	Liga Pro	16	441
	Russia	Premier League	16	432		Paraguay	Primera División	12	395
	Scotland	Premiership	12	310		Peru	División de Honor	18	481
	Serbia	Super Liga	16	434		Uruguay	Campeonato Uruguayo	16	478
	Slovakia	Super Liga	12	297		Venezuela	Liga	14	443
	Slovenia	1. SNL	10	263	<p>The players included in the sample had to be present on October 1st 2024 in the first team squad of clubs in these 49 leagues and have played domestic league matches up to that date. If this was not the case, they had to have played at adult level (not including B teams) in each of the two previous seasons. Second or third choice goalkeepers were considered in all cases.</p>				
	Spain	La Liga	20	534					
	Sweden	Allsvenskan	16	404					
	Switzerland	Super League	12	325					
	The Netherlands	Eredivisie	18	460					
	Turkey	Süper Lig	19	508					
	Ukraine	Premier League	16	426					