

CIES Football Observatory Demographic Study

October 2025

List of leagues covered

UEFA					AFC				
	Country	League	Clubs	Players		Country	League	Clubs	Players
	Austria	Bundesliga	12	301		China	CSL	16	440
	Belgium	Pro League	16	419		Japan	J1 League	20	590
	Bulgaria	First League	16	420		Korea Republic	K League 1	12	375
	Croatia	HNL	10	288		Qatar	Stars League	12	340
	Cyprus	1. Division	14	357		Saudi Arabia	Saudi Pro League	18	456
	Czech Republic	Czech Liga	16	443		UAE	UAE Pro League	14	400
	Denmark	Superliga	12	294		Uzbekistan	Super League	16	412
	England	Premier League	20	531	CONCACAF				
	Finland	Veikkausliiga	12	324		Country	League	Clubs	Players
	France	Ligue 1	18	456		Costa Rica	Primera División	10	290
	Germany	Bundesliga	18	475		Mexico	Liga MX	18	503
	Greece	Super League 1	14	375		USA	MLS	30	819
	Hungary	NB I	12	329	CONMEBOL				
	Israel	Ligat Ha'al	14	362		Country	League	Clubs	Players
	Italy	Serie A	20	548		Argentina	Primera División	30	933
	Norway	Eliteserien	16	403		Brazil	Brasileirão	20	644
	Poland	Ekstraklasa	18	488		Chile	Campeonato Nacional	16	433
	Portugal	Primeira Liga	18	467		Colombia	Dimayor	20	676
	Romania	Liga I	16	453		Ecuador	Liga Pro	16	441
	Russia	Premier League	16	440		Paraguay	Primera División	12	428
	Scotland	Premiership	12	320		Peru	División de Honor	18	493
	Serbia	Super Liga	16	441		Uruguay	Campeonato Uruguayo	16	476
	Slovakia	1. Liga	12	314		Venezuela	Liga	14	445
	Slovenia	1. SNL	10	272	The players included in the sample had to be present on October 1st 2025 in the first team squad of clubs in these 49 leagues and have played domestic league matches during the current season 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.				
	Spain	La Liga	20	514					
	Sweden	Allsvenskan	16	413					
	Switzerland	Super League	12	311					
	The Netherlands	Eredivisie	18	458					
	Turkey	Süper Lig	18	483					
	Ukraine	Premier League	16	415					