

2015 Athletics Facts

ABAC Fact File 39

Senior Women Track and Field – The Real Numbers – Club by Club

Background. Following an FOI request Sport England have stated that in 2014 16,600 women aged 20 or over participated (competed or trained) **every week** in track and field athletics. This is an extrapolation from a sample of around 50 people from a survey of 140,000 telephone surveys. ABAC considered this statement to be so ludicrous it asked Rob Whittingham to analyse the 2014 data base for women aged 20 and over, club by club, to determine the actual figures track and field figures based on P10 official UKA lists.

His analysis of results from Power of 10 showed that in 2014 there were 3,744 female athletes aged over 20 years of age registered with a first claim English club who competed in **any** track and field competition in 2014. Over a third of these athletes competed in just 1 or 2 track and field meetings. He looked at every single club with a senior track and field women athlete member. Here is what he found ranked from the top down. The age breakdown for the UK is as follows:-

Age 20-22 = 831, Age 23-34 = 1,259, Age 35-39 = 354, Age 40-44 = 352, Age 45-50= 310, and V50+ = 638

He then assigned each individual performance to the relevant track and field club and ranked them starting with Birchfield Harriers which has the largest adult female competing membership numbering 60 women. Here is the list.

	Club	20-22	23-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50+	Total
1	Birchfield H	17	31	1	1	3	7	60
2	Blackheath & Bromley	14	12	1	11	2	10	50
3	Windsor Slough Eton & Hounslow	16	20	4		2	1	43
4	Shaftesbury Barnet	19	16	2	1	2	2	42
5	Serpentine		12	7	4	4	13	40
6	Aldershot, Farnham & District	16	16		4	2	1	39
7	Southampton	10	20	2	2	2	3	39
8	Sale Harriers Manchester	11	23	2			2	38
9	Herne Hill	10	13	3	4	2	5	37
10	Bristol & West	6	20	3	2	3	1	35
11	Bedford & County	12	11	3	2	1	4	33
12	Enfield & Haringey	8	19	1		3	2	33
13	Rugby & Northampton	6	5	4	2	4	11	32
14	Woodford Green Essex Ladies	7	17	2	1	3		30
15	Winchester	5	3	3	5	7	7	30
16	Trafford	6	18	2	2		1	29
17	Marshall Milton Keynes	6	10	4	3	1	4	28
18	Epsom & Ewell	1	8		7	1	11	28
19	Reading AC	5	11	1	1	3	6	27
20	Abingdon	3	8	3	1	3	9	27
21	Thames Valley	5	16		2	1	2	26
22	Newbury	4	8	2	1	6	5	26
23	Cambridge & Coleridge	5	9	2	1	2	6	25
24	Dartford H	2	9	4	2	2	6	25

25	Herts Phoenix	14	4		1	1	4	24
26	Newham & Essex Beagles	7	11	1	2	1	2	24
27	Brighton & Hove	4	7	2	3	4	4	24
28	Cannock & Stafford	4	5	1	2	5	7	24
29	Chelmsford	10	5	2	1	1	4	23
30	Wakefield	7	13	1			2	23
31	Cambridge H	5	5	1	1	2	9	23
32	London Heathside	1	11	4	2	2	3	23
33	North Shields Poly	1	6	3	6	2	5	23
34	Harrow	7	12		2	1		22
35	Gateshead	7	10	2	1	1	1	22
36	Bromsgrove & Redditch	5	4	2	3	2	6	22
37	Huntingdonshire	3	6	1	2	6	4	22
38	Charnwood	2	12	1		2	5	22
39	Basingstoke & Mid Hants	2	9	2	3	1	5	22
40	Lincoln Wellington	7	8		2		4	21
41	Leeds City	5	11	2		2	1	21
42	Worcester	3	3	3	1	1	10	21
43	Halesowen	2	2	1	2	6	8	21
44	Notts	6	8	2	1	2	1	20
45	Oxford City	6	7	1	3	1	2	20
46	Havering	5	14	1				20
47	City of Portsmouth	3	5	2	3	2	5	20
48	Hillingdon	2	6	3	1	3	5	20
49	Ipswich Jaffa	1	3	6	4		6	20
50	Coventry	5	6	4		2	2	19
51	Belgrave	3	10	4			2	19
52	Guernsey	3	8	1	4	2	1	19
53	Leamington	3	6		3	2	5	19
54	Bexley	2	5	2	3	1	6	19
55	Vale of Aylesbury	7	4	1	1	2	3	18
56	City of Norwich	5	6	1	2	1	3	18
57	Ryston	2	9		2	1	4	18
58	Tyne Bridge	1	5	6	4	2		18
59	Barnet	1	1		1	2	13	18
60	Stevenage & North Herts	10	3			2	2	17
61	Guildford & Godalming	9	4	4				17
62	Stratford-upon-Avon	6	2	3	2	1	3	17
63	Luton	5	6	2	2	1	1	17
64	Radley	2	4	1	2	3	5	17
65	Hercules Wimbledon	1	9	3	1	2	1	17
66	Ealing, Southall & Middx	1	5	1	1	1	8	17
67	Cambridge Uni	11	5					16
68	City of Stoke	9	6	1				16
69	Wolverhampton & Bilston	8	5		2		1	16
70	Liverpool Pembroke Sefton	6	8	1	1			16
71	Crawley	6	8	1			1	16
72	Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde	6	7	1	1	1		16
73	Bournemouth	5	3	2	1	3	2	16
74	Liverpool H	4	11			1		16
75	City of York	4	8				4	16
76	Havant	4	6			1	5	16
77	Walton	4	4	4	2	1	1	16
78	Royal Sutton Coldfield	3	6	2	1		4	16
79	Kingston & Poly	1	4	1	1	2	7	16
80	Southend	1	3	1	3	2	6	16
81	Reading RR			3	4	4	5	16
82	Exeter	7	4		2		2	15
83	Cheltenham	6	5		2	1	1	15
84	Wigan & District	5	10					15

85	Worthing	4	7		2	1	1	15
86	Macclesfield	4	5	1		1	4	15
87	Jarrow & Hebburn	4	4	3	1	2	1	15
88	Tamworth	4	4		1	2	4	15
89	Swindon	3	2	1	3	1	5	15
90	Stockport	2	6		1	1	5	15
91	Highgate	1	10		2	1	1	15
92	Yate	7	5				2	14
93	Oxford Uni	5	9					14
94	Preston	5	3		3	2	1	14
95	Leigh	3	7	3			1	14
96	City of Plymouth	3	4	3	3		1	14
97	Haywards Heath	1	6	3		1	3	14
98	Kettering	1	2	2	2	4	3	14
99	Paddock Wood	1	1	1	1	4	6	14
100	Ipswich	6	5				2	13
101	Rotherham	5	7			1		13
102	Blackburn	4	7		2			13
103	Bury	4	4		4		1	13
104	St. Helens Sutton	4	3		2	1	3	13
105	Colchester H	2	7	2		1	1	13
106	Barnsley AC	2	4	1	3		3	13
107	Wallsend		9	1	1	2		13
108	Derby	5	4		2	1		12
109	Nene Valley	4	5	1	2			12
110	Spennorth	4	2	1	1	2	2	12
111	Braintree	3	6		1	1	1	12
112	Cornwall	3	4	2	2	1		12
113	West Cheshire	3	3	2	2		2	12
114	Corby	3	3	1	2	2	1	12
115	Holmfirth	2	7			2	1	12
116	Woking	2	2	2		4	2	12
117	BRAT	1	10				1	12
118	Harborough	1	2		2	1	6	12
119	Clapham Chasers		10	2				12
120	Team Bath	4	4		1	1	1	11
121	South London	4	3	1		2	1	11
122	Bolton	3	5	2			1	11
123	Manx	3	4		1	2	1	11
124	Horsham Blue Star	3	4		1	1	2	11
125	Telford AC	2	4		2	1	2	11
126	Manchester H	2	1	3		2	3	11
127	Loughton	1	2	2		2	4	11
128	Kenilworth Runners		3	3	1	1	3	11
129	Swanley			1	5	1	4	11
130	City of Sheffield	6	4					10
131	Middlesbrough (Mandale)	5	5					10
132	Ashford AC	5	4		1			10
133	Newquay & Par	3	4	1		2		10
134	Morpeth	2	7	1				10
135	Basildon	2	6	1	1			10
136	Southport Waterloo	2	5	2			1	10
137	New Marske	2	4		3	1		10
138	Eastbourne	2	2	1		1	4	10
139	Watford	1	2	3		3	1	10
140	Tavistock	1	1	1	3	1	3	10
141	Yeovil		8				2	10
142	Peterborough		7	1		1	1	10
143	St. Mary's Richmond		6	1	1		2	10
144	Gloucester		6		2		2	10

145	Fairlands Valley Spartans		2	1	2	1	4	10
146	Croydon			3	3		4	10
147	Sparkhill				4	2	4	10
148	Tonbridge	6	3					9
149	West Suffolk	6	2				1	9
150	Dudley & Stourbridge	4	3				2	9
151	St. Albans AC	4	2	1			2	9
152	Poole AC	4		2	1	2		9
153	Skyrac	3	4	2				9
154	Hallamshire	3	2	2		2		9
155	Chichester	3	1		1	1	3	9
156	Newton Abbot	3		3		1	2	9
157	Tipton	2	4	1			2	9
158	Medway & Maidstone	2	2	2			3	9
159	Victoria Park & Tower Hamlets	1	5	3				9
160	Bingley	1	4	1	1		2	9
161	Worksop	1	3	2	1	2		9
162	Nuneaton		3	3		2	1	9
163	Grantham AC	3	2		1		2	8
164	Mendip	3	1	2	2			8
165	Kingston upon Hull	2	5				1	8
166	Dacorum & Tring	2	2	1			3	8
167	Leicester	2	2		2		2	8
168	City of Salisbury	1	4	1			2	8
169	Newcastle (Staffs)	1	3	1	2		1	8
170	Lewes	1	3	1		1	2	8
171	Blyth	1	1	2		1	3	8
172	Houghton Harriers	1			2	2	3	8
173	Kent		2	1	2	2	1	8
174	Dulwich		1	1	2	2	2	8
175	Wimborne		1		3		4	8
176	Heaton			4	1	1	2	8
177	Biggleswade			3	2	1	2	8
178	Stowmarket			2	2	1	3	8
179	Western			1	3	2	2	8
180	Sutton & District	5	2					7
181	Scunthorpe	4	3					7
182	Border	4	1	1		1		7
183	Cleethorpes	3		1	3			7
184	Durham	2	4			1		7
185	Kidderminster & Stourport	2	2	2	1			7
186	Warrington AC	2	2	1		1	1	7
187	Wirral	2	2		1		2	7
188	Hastings AC	2	1	1	3			7
189	Vale Royal	1	5				1	7
190	Sutton-in-Ashfield	1	3		1	1	1	7
191	CLC Striders		3	2	2			7
192	St. Austell		3	1	2	1		7
193	Folkestone		3		1	2	1	7
194	Ealing Eagles		2	3	1	1		7
195	South Shields		2	2		2	1	7
196	Bromley Veterans					2	5	7
197	Striders of Croydon					2	5	7
198	Gloucestershire Uni	4	2					6
199	Taunton	3	3					6
200	Great Yarmouth	3	2	1				6
201	Bracknell AC	3	1	1			1	6
202	North Devon	3	1			1	1	6
203	Chiltern	2		1	1	1	1	6
204	Colchester & Tendring	2			1	2	1	6

205	Wycombe	1	5					6
206	Salford Met	1	3			1	1	6
207	Altrincham	1	1	1		2	1	6
208	Dorking & Mole Valley	1	1		3		1	6
209	Waveney Valley	1		1	3	1		6
210	Middlesbrough & Cleveland		3	1	2			6
211	Arena 80		2		1	1	2	6
212	St. Albans Striders		1	3	1		1	6
213	Ranelagh		1	2	2		1	6
214	Longwood		1	1			4	6
215	East Cheshire			5	1			6
216	Wolds Vets			2		1	3	6
217	Trent Park				2	2	2	6
218	Manchester Uni	4	1					5
219	Doncaster	2	2	1				5
220	Seaton	2	2				1	5
221	Horwich	2	1		1	1		5
222	Banbury	2	1		1		1	5
223	East Grinstead	2		2			1	5
224	Kendal	2		1	1		1	5
225	Andover	1	3			1		5
226	Halifax	1	1	1	2			5
227	Wellingborough	1		3	1			5
228	Witney	1		2	1		1	5
229	Forest of Dean	1					4	5
230	Rossendale		4		1			5
231	Spa Striders		1	2	1		1	5
232	Hailsham			3	1	1		5
233	Team Kennet				1	3	1	5
234	Istead & Ifield				1	2	2	5
235	Crewe & Nantwich	2	1		1			4
236	Hereford	2		1		1		4
237	Nithsdale	2			1		1	4
238	Amber Valley	1	3					4
239	Birmingham Uni	1	3					4
240	Poole Runners	1	2	1				4
241	Burnley	1	2		1			4
242	Blaydon	1	2				1	4
243	Newark AC	1	2				1	4
244	Jersey	1	1				2	4
245	Newquay RR	1	1				2	4
246	Sunderland	1			3			4
247	Channel Islands		4					4
248	Plymouth H		3		1			4
249	Richmond & Zetland		2		1		1	4
250	Birtley		2		1		1	4
251	Orion		2		1		1	4
252	Thames Hare & Hounds		2			1	1	4
253	Kirkstall		1	1	1	1		4
254	Grimsby		1	1			2	4
255	West Norfolk		1		2	1		4
256	Abbey Runners Leeds		1		1		2	4
257	Burton			3			1	4
258	Barton & District AC			2		1	1	4
259	Harlow AC			1	1	1	1	4
260	Tynedale				1	1	2	4
261	Metros					1	3	4
262	Chichester Uni	3						3
263	Plymouth Uni	2	1					3
264	Invicta East Kent	1	2					3

265	Westbury	1	1	1				3
266	Erme Valley	1	1		1			3
267	Lancaster & Morecambe	1				1	1	3
268	Overton	1					2	3
269	Hayle		3					3
270	Loughborough Students		2	1				3
271	Barrow & Furness		2				1	3
272	Solihull & Small Heath		1	1	1			3
273	Framlingham		1	1		1		3
274	Pendle		1	1			1	3
275	Wombwell		1		1	1		3
276	Ilford		1		1		1	3
277	Mornington Chasers		1				2	3
278	South West RR			1	1		1	3
279	Bourne				1	2		3
280	Louth				1	1	1	3
281	Romsey				1	1	1	3
282	Veterans				1		2	3
283	Victory				1		2	3
284	North Somerset					3		3
285	Leighton Buzzard					2	1	3
286	Lytham St. Annes					1	2	3
287	Elswick						3	3
288	Chester-le-Street	2						2
289	Newcastle Uni X Country Club	2						2
290	Southampton Uni	2						2
291	Sussex Uni	2						2
292	Warwick Uni	2						2
293	Wetherby	2						2
294	Brighton Phoenix	1	1					2
295	Cambridge Uni Hare & Hounds	1	1					2
296	Keighley & Craven	1	1					2
297	Hyndburn	1				1		2
298	Bradford Airedale	1					1	2
299	City of Hull	1					1	2
300	Darlington H	1					1	2
301	Hull Achilles	1					1	2
302	Clapham Pioneers		2					2
303	Lancaster Uni		2					2
304	Beverley		1	1				2
305	Boston		1	1				2
306	Saltaire Striders		1	1				2
307	Swinton		1	1				2
308	Barrow Runners		1		1			2
309	Eastleigh RC		1		1			2
310	Headington		1		1			2
311	Oldham & Royton		1		1			2
312	Shepshed		1		1			2
313	White Horse		1			1		2
314	Woodstock		1			1		2
315	Daventry		1				1	2
316	Eton Manor		1				1	2
317	Torrington		1				1	2
318	Hyde Park Harriers			2				2
319	Sedgefield			2				2
320	Heanor			1	1			2
321	Kingstone			1	1			2
322	Stragglers			1	1			2
323	Stubbington Green			1	1			2
324	Tunbridge Wells			1	1			2

325	Wells City		1	1			2
326	West 4		1		1		2
327	Farnham Runners		1			1	2
328	Northern Vets		1			1	2
329	Swale		1			1	2
330	South West Vets			1		1	2
331	Droitwich				2		2
332	Avon Valley				1	1	2
333	Holland Sports AC				1	1	2
334	North East Vets				1	1	2
335	Eastern Vets					2	2
336	Garden City Runners					2	2
337	Holme Pierrepont					2	2
338	Midland Masters					2	2
339	Tewkesbury					2	2
340	West Hull					2	2
341	Achilles	1					1
342	Amman Valley	1					1
343	Arunners	1					1
344	Blackley North Manchester	1					1
345	Bude Rats	1					1
346	Clayton le Moors	1					1
347	Dereham	1					1
348	East London U	1					1
349	Great Yarmouth RR	1					1
350	Haslemere Border	1					1
351	Leeds Uni	1					1
352	Leicester Uni	1					1
353	Lincoln Uni	1					1
354	Lymington Triathlon Club	1					1
355	Nidd Valley	1					1
356	Portsmouth Uni	1					1
357	Pudsey & Bramley	1					1
358	Reading Uni	1					1
359	Sheffield Uni	1					1
360	St. Mary's Uni	1					1
361	Staffordshire Moorlands	1					1
362	Stroud	1					1
363	UCL	1					1
364	Werrington	1					1
365	3M Gorseinon		1				1
366	Barnsley H		1				1
367	Bedfordshire Uni		1				1
368	Benfleet RC		1				1
369	Bradford Uni		1				1
370	Bristol Uni		1				1
371	Central Lancashire Uni		1				1
372	Challenge Disability Sports Club		1				1
373	Chesterfield		1				1
374	Cirencester		1				1
375	Diss		1				1
376	Dorchester		1				1
377	Dulwich Park		1				1
378	East Anglia Uni		1				1
379	Evesham		1				1
380	FC Max		1				1
381	Fenland		1				1
382	Gyllyngvase		1				1
383	Halton & Frodsham		1				1
384	Handy Cross		1				1

385	Hertford & Ware	1		1
386	Knowsley	1		1
387	Mansfield	1		1
388	Newcastle Uni	1		1
389	Oswestry	1		1
390	Penny Lane	1		1
391	Redhill & Surrey Beagles	1		1
392	Road Runners Club	1		1
393	Saffron AC	1		1
394	Shildon	1		1
395	Surrey Uni	1		1
396	Sweatshop	1		1
397	Thrift Green	1		1
398	Trentham	1		1
399	Weymouth	1		1
400	Wimbledon Windmilers	1		1
401	Wreake	1		1
402	Wrekin	1		1
403	Aurora		1	1
404	Chippenham H		1	1
405	Dartford RR		1	1
406	Elvet		1	1
407	Fleet & Crookham		1	1
408	Great Bentley		1	1
409	Hart		1	1
410	Langport		1	1
411	Leicester Tri		1	1
412	Northern (Isle of Man)		1	1
413	Orpington		1	1
414	Salford H		1	1
415	Shelton		1	1
416	St. Edmunds Pacers		1	1
417	Stainland		1	1
418	Tattenhall		1	1
419	The Dearne ALC		1	1
420	Womens Running Network		1	1
421	Ackworth		1	1
422	Blackhill		1	1
423	Bourton		1	1
424	Calne		1	1
425	Chorley ATC		1	1
426	East End		1	1
427	Falmouth		1	1
428	Huncote		1	1
429	Leighton Fun Runners		1	1
430	Matlock		1	1
431	Plymstock RR		1	1
432	Pontefract		1	1
433	Thetford		1	1
434	Watford Joggers		1	1
435	Wootton RR		1	1
436	Camberley			1
437	Claremont			1
438	Crowborough			1
439	Denby Dale			1
440	Harrogate			1
441	Hartlepool			1
442	Lowestoft			1
443	Rothwell			1
444	Walden Tri			1

445	Wesham	1		1
446	26.2		1	1
447	Askern		1	1
448	Baildon		1	1
449	Bere Alston		1	1
450	Civil Service		1	1
451	Cobra		1	1
452	Dewsbury		1	1
453	East Hull		1	1
454	Epsom Allsorts		1	1
455	Exmouth		1	1
456	Hardley		1	1
457	Horsforth		1	1
458	Horsham Joggers		1	1
459	Larkfield		1	1
460	Maiden Newton		1	1
461	Maidstone		1	1
462	Met Police		1	1
463	New Eltham Joggers		1	1
464	North Herts		1	1
465	Otley		1	1
466	Penistone		1	1
467	Reading Joggers		1	1
468	Riverside		1	1
469	Rochdale		1	1
470	Running Somewhere Else		1	1
471	Shrewsbury		1	1
472	Stratford Sharks		1	1
473	Thanet AC		1	1
474	Washlands		1	1
475	Woodbridge		1	1
476	Worthing Striders		1	1
477	Wymondham		1	1

There are 3,744 women athletes identified above belonging to 477 clubs. ***This gives an average of fewer than 8 senior female track and field athletes per track and field club in England***

The larger clubs distort the average. ***More than half the clubs have 4 athletes or less.***

Only 43 track and field clubs in England have more than 20 senior women athletes.

Just 129 track and field clubs in England have more than 10 senior women athletes.

227 track and field clubs in England which have women members have no Under 23 women athletes.

129 track and field clubs in England which have women members have no women athletes under the age of 35.

This detailed survey provides numbers which are in stark contrast to Sport England's claims based on a survey with a population of just 50 respondents in the over 20 women's age groups

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