



# Disc Golf and PDGA Demographics



These indicators which highlight the growth of disc golf are taken from the PDGA database, the on-line Course Directory at [www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com), and periodic PDGA membership surveys.

**Disc Golf Players:**

Persons who have played disc golf: 7-10 million  
 Regular players: ~500000  
 PDGA members (since 1976): 27500

**Current PDGA Members:**

1996	3904	2002	7638
1998	5017	2003	8304
2000	6230	2004	8575
2001	7032	2005	~9500

Rate of Membership growth: 8-12% p.a.

Division: Pro 25% Amateur 69% Junior 6%  
 Gender: Male 92% Female 8%

**PDGA Tour:**

Year	Events	Entrants	Pro Purse
1996	235	18900	\$368,800
1998	275	24300	\$556,100
2000	362	29200	\$808,900
2001	391	31600	\$948,200
2002	431	34800	\$1,084,500
2003	500	39400	\$1,160,000
2004	590	44200	\$1,316,800
2005	~685	~48500	~\$1,400,000

Rate of Tour growth: 12-15% p.a.

**PDGA World Championships:**

Year	Pros	Amateurs	Juniors	Pro Purse
1996	308	174	0	\$38,100
1997	342	257	8	\$43,100
1998	362	251	28	\$45,000
1999	371	309	16	\$50,000
2000	410	387	28	\$92,640
2001	357	399	29	\$64,000
2002	225	257	22	\$50,535
2003	336	377	29	\$75,000
2004	332	499	80	\$80,740
2005	301	316	63	\$72,000

**PDGA Members - Select Indicators:**

**Age:**

0-9	1%
10-19	6%
20-29	26%
30-39	33%
40-49	25%
Over 50	9%

**Household Income (US\$):**

0-10 000	2%
10-30 000	24%
30-50 000	30%
50-100 000	36%
> \$100 000	8%

**Education:**

Grade school	1%
High school	20%
Some college	24%
College graduate	42%
Advanced degree	13%

**Disc Golf Courses worldwide:**

1975	1	1998	850
1980	60	2000	1145
1985	250	2002	1374
1990	350	2004	1722
1995	560	2005	1973

Rate of Course growth: 11-14% p.a.

**Courses by Country (11/1/2005):**

USA	1659
Sweden	84
Rest of Europe	103
Canada	67
Japan	36
Australia / New Zealand	20
Other Countries	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1973</b>

**Leading US States (2004):**

State	Courses	Members	Events
Texas	113	890	59
Iowa	94	280	26
California	87	905	47
Minnesota	87	225	15
Wisconsin	70	305	16
Michigan	68	481	43
Illinois	68	289	20
Colorado	57	312	19
North Carolina	54	384	29
Ohio	49	271	16
Florida	36	428	21

**United States Championships:**

Year	Open Field	Purse	US Women
1999	68	\$10,000	21
2000	82	\$19,955	30
2001	123	\$56,025	30
2002	150	\$56,800	44
2003	163	\$64,130	45
2004	179	\$75,573	51
2005	183	\$80,000	76