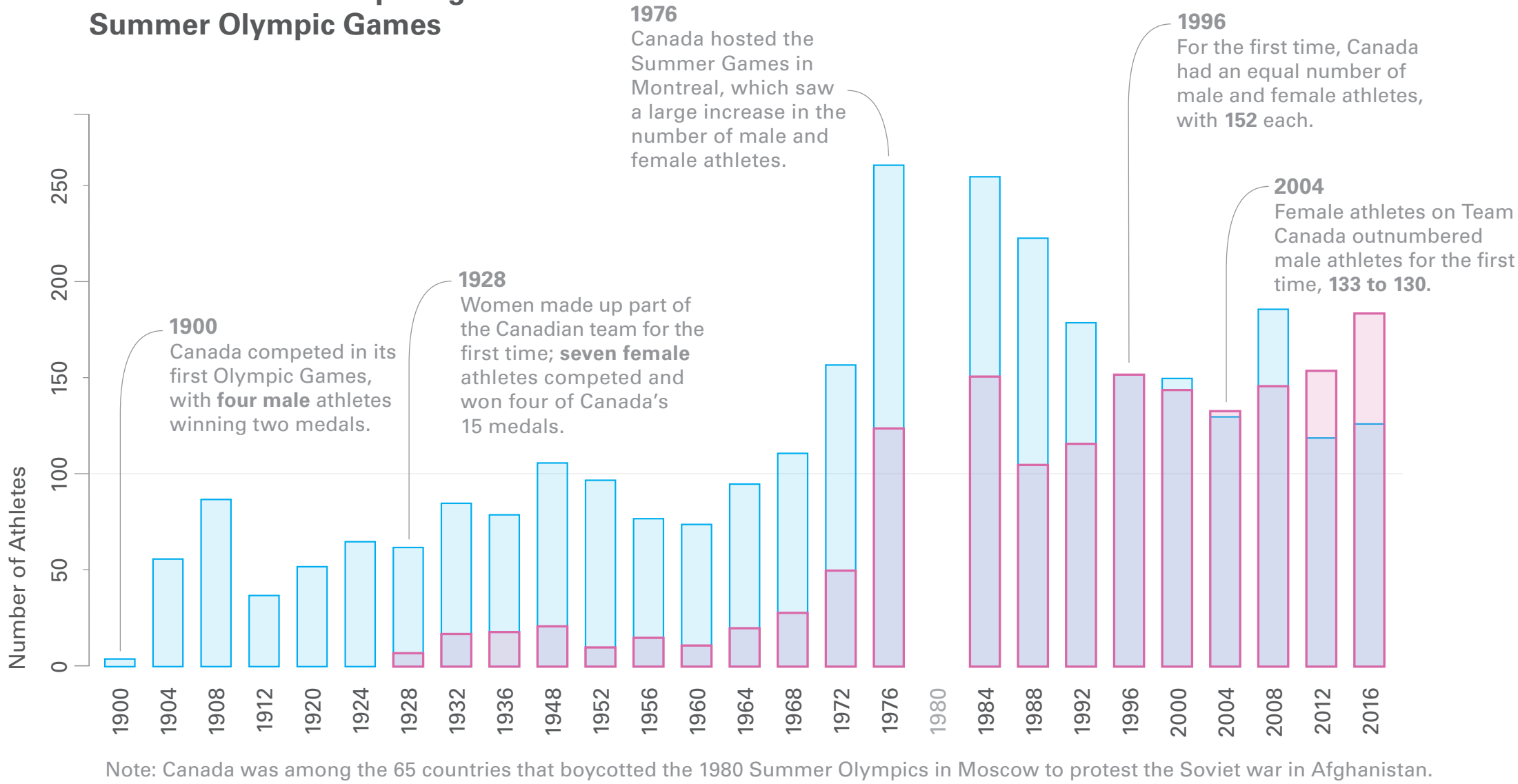


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Male athletes have dominated much of Canada's history as a competing country in the Summer Olympic Games. But things are changing, as the number of female athletes rises and the number of male athletes falls.

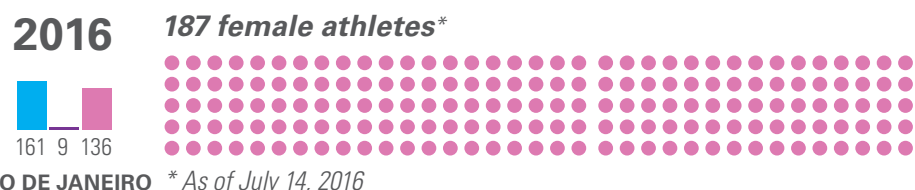
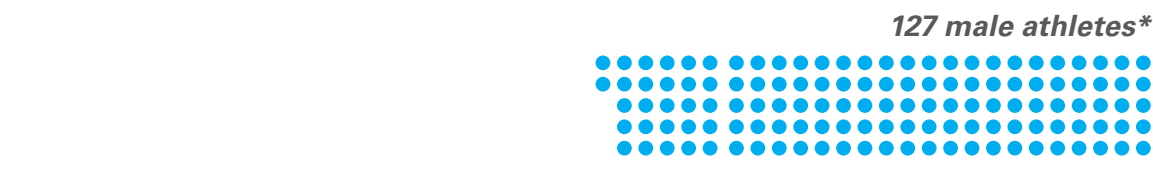
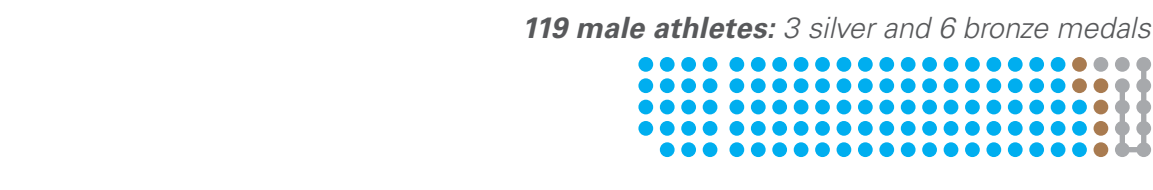
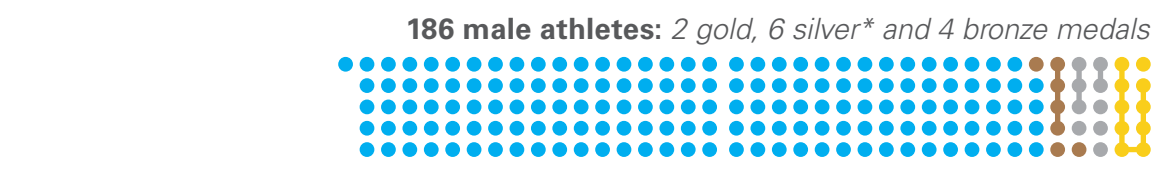
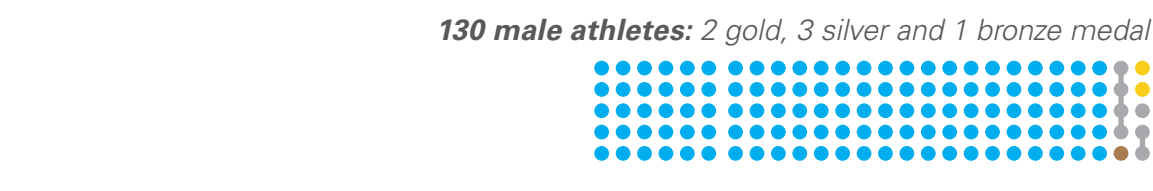
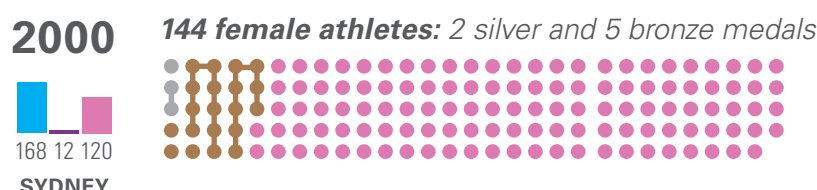
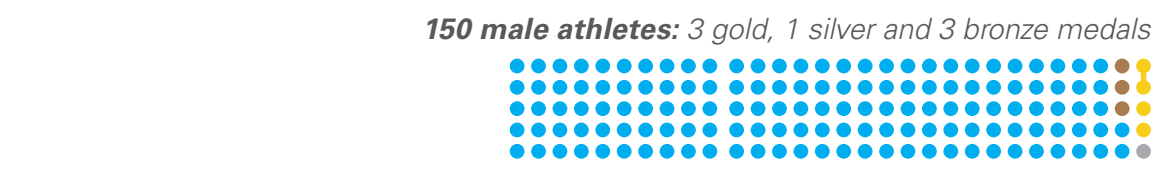
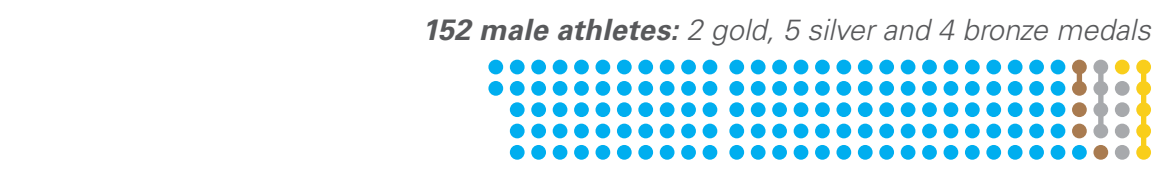
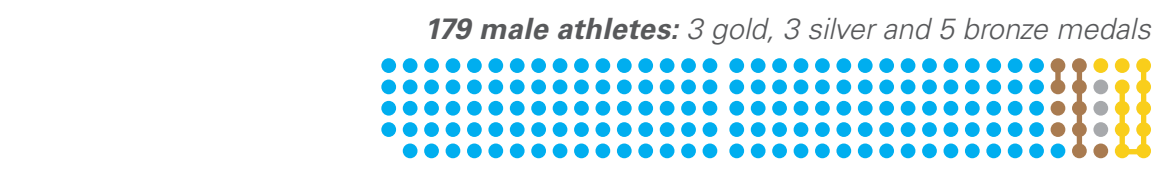
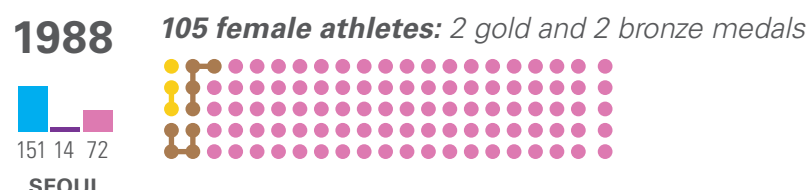
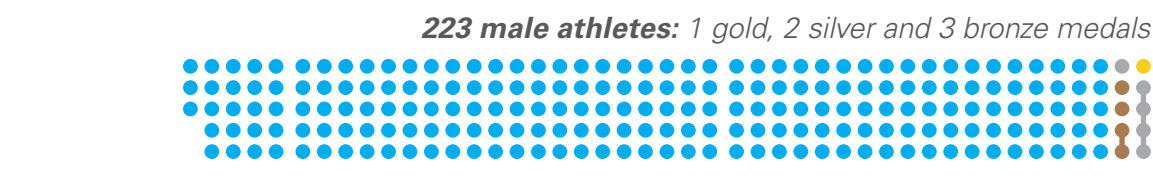
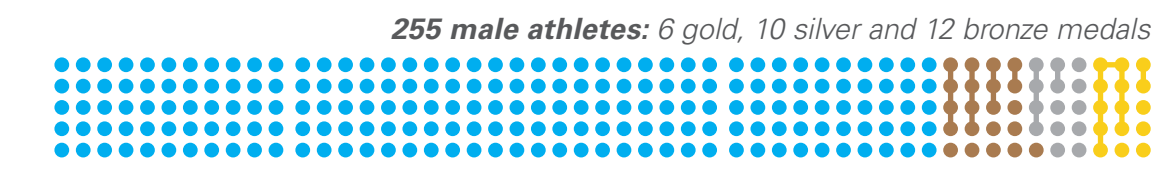
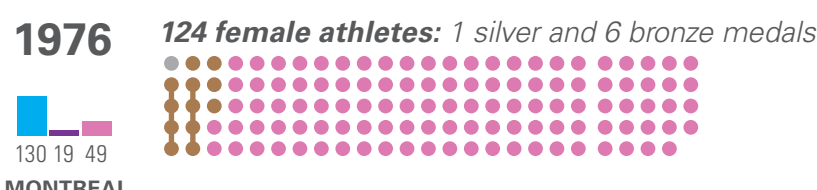
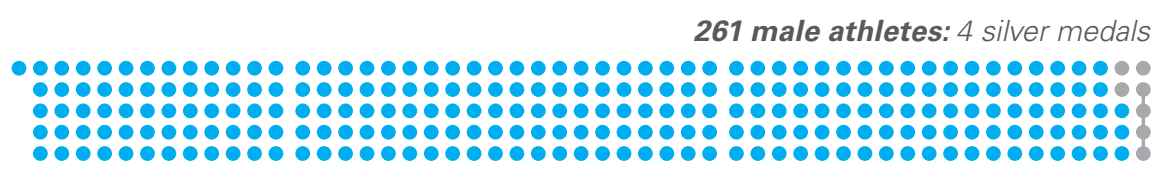
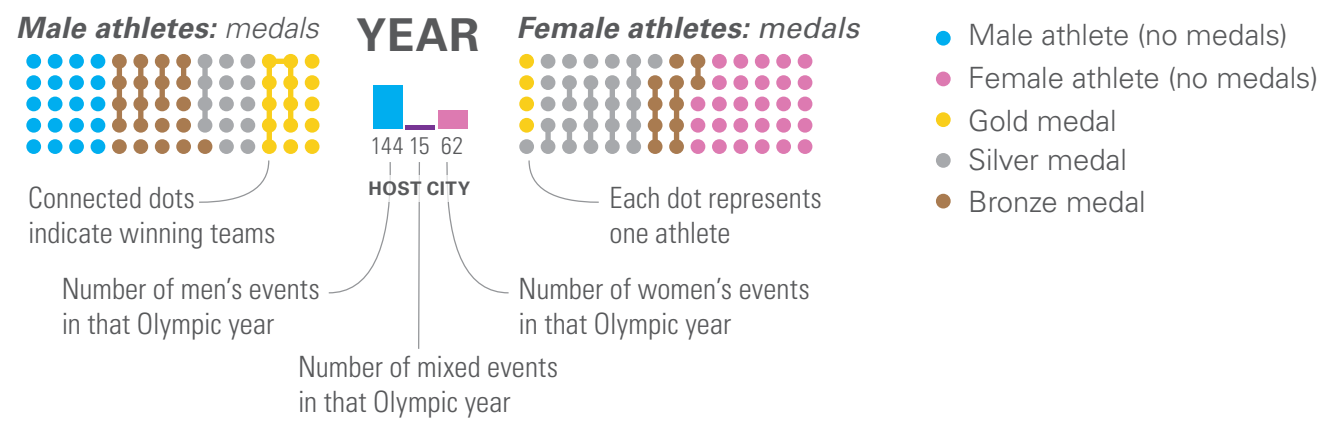
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## A closer look (1976–2016)

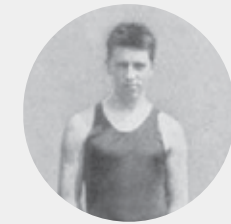
After peaking in 1976 with 261, the number of male athletes participating in the Summer Olympics has fallen over the past 11 Games. Meanwhile, the number of female athletes has risen, with at least 187 female athletes representing Canada in 2016. In part this has to do with the growing number of events for female athletes.



## The men and women of Team Canada



**George Orton**  
Orton was the first Canadian to win a medal at the Olympic Games. He competed in 1900, winning a gold in the 2500 m steeplechase and a bronze in the 400 m hurdles.



**George Hodgson**  
Hodgson was Canada's first double gold Olympic medalist. He earned two golds in swimming (400 m and 1500 m) and set world records in both events.



**Ethel Catherwood**  
Catherwood was one of the first women to compete for Canada in the Olympics. She captured gold in high jump in 1928.



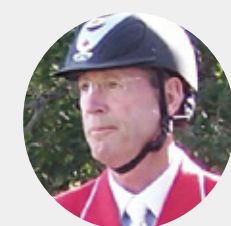
**Fanny Rosenfeld, Ethel Smith, Jane Bell and Myrtle Cook**  
Rosenfeld, Smith (left), Bell and Cook were amongst the first women to compete for Canada in the Summer Olympics. They won gold in the 4x100 m relay in 1928.



**Phil Edwards**  
After winning his fifth medal in 1936, Edwards became Canada's most medalled Olympian, a record he held for 70 years. His final appearance in 1936 was perhaps the most remarkable, as he captained the Canadian team just after graduating from McGill University's medical school.



**Clara Hughes**  
Hughes is the first and only Olympian to win multiple medals at both the Winter and Summer Games. She holds two Summer medals for cycling and six Winter medals for speed skating.



**Ian Millar**  
Millar holds the Olympic record for being the first athlete to compete in ten Olympic Games. In 2008, he won a silver medal in equestrian for team jumping.

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