

Winter Paralympic Medallists

Abstract

The map shows the distribution by birthplace (where known) of medallists from the Winter Paralympics. Seventy-three Canadians have earned a total of 142 medals in the Winter Paralympics since the first Games, held in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden in 1976.

The Paralympic Spirit



Source : Photographer, Benoit Pelosse

The 2010 Paralympic Winter Games will be held from March 12th to the 21st in Vancouver and Whistler, British Columbia. It is the first time that Canada will host the Paralympic Games. The following are the sports played in the Paralympic Winter Games:

- alpine skiing
- biathlon
- cross-country skiing
- ice sledge hockey
- wheelchair curling

Canada has 73 all-time winter Paralympic medallists who have collectively earned 142 medals since the first Paralympic Winter Games were held in Ornskoldsvik, Sweden (1976). Below in Table 1 is the number of medals awarded to individual Canadian paralympians (including the sighted guides of visually-impaired para-skiers who compete as a team).

Table 1. Individual Medal Counts of Canadians, 1976 - 2006

Year	Location	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1976	Ornskoldsvik, Sweden	2		2	4
1980	Geilo, Norway	2	3	4	9
1984	Innsbruck, Austria	1	6	3	10
1988	Innsbruck, Austria	3	3	4	10
1992	Tignes-Albertville, France	1	4	6	11
1994	Lillehammer, Norway	1	2	17	20
1998	Nagano, Japan	1	23	5	29
2002	Salt Lake City, United States	9	5	5	19
2006	Turin, Italy	23	3	4	30

Source: Athletes' profile data from the Canadian Paralympic Committee, 2010

Of these 73 athletes, only half of them have a birthplace which is known by the Canadian Paralympic Committee. Seven provinces are currently represented by the known birthplaces, they are:

- Alberta (Calgary, Edmonton, Olds)
- British Columbia (New Westminster, Vancouver, Fort St. John, North Vancouver)
- New Brunswick (Chatham)
- Ontario (Sudbury, Collingwood, Renfrew, Toronto, Ottawa, Mississauga, North York, Kenora, Bracebridge, Ajax, Brockville, Windsor)
- Prince Edward Island (Alberton, Summerside)
- Quebec (Greenfield Park, Saint-Pamphile, Saint-Eustache, Hull, Montréal)
- Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)

In terms of medal counts, Canada ranks 9th overall (out of 28 countries) in all-time winter Paralympics with medals in 100 different events; whereas Norway, Germany and Austria all have over 300 medals and are ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

To obtain more information on our paralympians, visit the Canadian Paralympic Committee's Web site.

Map Sources

Birthplaces of Winter Paralympic Medallists

Canadian Paralympic Committee, 2010

Related Web sites (1999 – 2009)

Canadian Paralympic Committee
<http://www.paralympic.ca/index.php>

