

QATAR WORLD CUP

BY THE NUMBERS

6.175

The World Cup trophy that will be hoisted on Dec 18 weighs 6.175kg, 5kg of which is solid 18-carat gold.

US\$220b

It is estimated that Qatar has spent that much to prepare for the World Cup, nearly 10 times more than what Russia spent in 2018. This is largely because Qatar built seven new stadiums from scratch.



Largest stadium in Qatar
Lusail Stadium (80,000)

The grand final on Dec 18 will see 80,000 people packed into this magnificent venue.



Most World Cup trophies
Brazil (5)

The Samba Kings are the most successful team in World Cup history, winning in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002.

Top scorer
Miroslav Klose (16)

The German striker scored 16 times in 24 appearances across four World Cups (2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014)

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Most goals scored in a match
Switzerland vs Austria (1954)

The highest-scoring World Cup match took place in June 1954, when Austria beat Switzerland 7-5 in a thriller in Lausanne.

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Most goals scored by a player in a single tournament
Just Fontaine (1958)

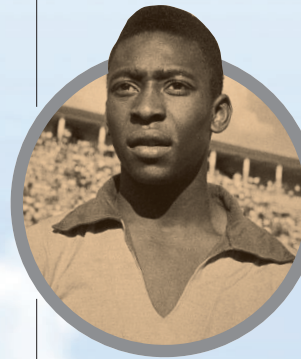
The French forward was at his best at the 1958 World Cup, scoring 13 goals in just six matches.

Oldest player
Essam El Hadary
(45 years, 161 days)

This Egyptian goalkeeper broke the record when he started his country's final group match against Saudi Arabia at the 2018 World Cup.

Oldest hat-trick scorer
Cristiano Ronaldo
(33 years, 130 days)

Portugal and Spain battled each other to a 3-3 draw in 2018, and the man who bagged the headlines was Ronaldo thanks to his three goals.



Youngest winner
Pelé (17 years, 249 days)

Brazil's most famous son was still a teenager when he helped his country win the World Cup in 1958.

Most clean sheets
Peter Shilton, Fabian Barthez
(tied, 10)

Two goalkeepers share this impressive record. England's Shilton achieved the feat from 1982 to 1990, while France's Barthez did so between 1998 and 2006.

Most minutes played
Paolo Maldini (2,217)

The Italian left-back played in four World Cups from 1990 to 2002, racking up the most number of minutes on the pitch by any player to date.



32

Qatar will be the last World Cup to feature 32 teams before the tournament expands to 48 teams in 2026.

1.2million

An estimated 1.2 million fans are expected to visit the nation during the World Cup. This number equates to almost 40 per cent of Qatar's population.

us\$206

The cheapest tickets for the World Cup final on Dec 18 at the Lusail Stadium cost US\$206, but they will likely be sold for multiples of that on the black market.

US\$17b

Qatar expects the World Cup to boost its economy to the tune of US\$17 billion, down from its previous estimate of US\$20 billion.