



International Golf Course Database June 2020 Update

Overview

As of June 30, 2020, the worldwide golf course count stands at 38,140 (31,797 facilities) with the game being played in 206 countries. New golf course development is ongoing in 97 countries and we have recorded 22 new golf course openings through the first six months of the year.

During the same time we recorded 321 course closures spread across 31 countries. The majority of these closures (219) were in North America: 143 in the U.S. and 76 in Canada. This volume of closures, though meaningful, is not unusually high compared to the past few years and probably does not yet reflect the full impact of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. The second half of the year will be more telling.

Development Activity

We continue to track 470 golf projects in 97 countries outside the U.S. The most active region for new golf projects continues to be Asia with 142 courses in various stages of development. These projects represent a combination of new facilities and additions to existing facilities. We also continue to see an increased number of non-traditional golf courses with six and 12-hole configurations, along with some growth in large-scale range entertainment facilities like Topgolf.

In terms of openings, we saw some delays this spring due to the coronavirus, although in late May and June a few notable new courses did celebrate their openings, including Les Bordes' new course in France, Mickelson National in Canada, Dumbarnie Links in Scotland, and the 9-hole extension of the Kigali Golf Course in Rwanda. An additional 61 courses in 24 countries are projected to open in the second half of 2020.

Ultimately it remains unclear what kind of long-term effect the pandemic will have on new golf development – some projects are being stalled while others progress – although it's probable that courses in-planning will delay construction until things stabilize.

- *For a breakdown of opening and closures by region refer to Exhibit 1.*
- *For a complete list of golf course supply by country refer to Exhibit 2.*
- *For a summary of the number of projects by region and country refer to Exhibit 3*

June 2020 Scorecard

Exhibit 1

Region	Course Supply	Course Openings	Course Closures
Africa	928	0	5
Asia	6,350	4	60
Caribbean	134	0	0
Central America	50	0	3
Europe	8,872	6	25
North America	19,035	11	219
Oceania	2,070	1	4
South America	701	0	5
Total World	38,140	22	321
<i>United States</i>	<i>16,218</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>143</i>

Region	New Course Development		
	In Planning	Under Construction	Total
Africa	26	15	41
Asia	92	50	142
Caribbean	20	7	27
Central America	6	2	8
Europe	80	46	126
North America	43	49	92
Oceania	17	8	25
South America	3	6	9
Total World	287	183	470
<i>United States</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>65</i>

Note: The counts for North America include the United States

Definitions

Course Supply: The number of golf courses by region.

Golf Course: A tract of land where golf can be played on between 6 and 18 holes as depicted by the layout on the scorecard.

Course Openings: The number of new golf courses that opened by region. Openings include courses at new facilities (locations) as well as additions/extensions to existing golf courses/facilities.

Course Closures: The number of golf courses by region that were recorded as closed in 2020. Closures include stand alone courses as well as courses that have closed at a facility where other courses remain open.

In Planning: The number of new courses under development by region that are in active planning stages and have been assigned to an architect or developer but have not broken ground.

Under Construction: The number of new courses by region where ground has been broken and the construction of the golf course is underway.

World Supply by Country (Descending)

Exhibit 2

Country/Territory	Courses	Facilities	Country/Territory	Courses	Facilities	Country/Territory	Courses	Facilities
United States	16,218	14,172	Cambodia	12	10	Cook Islands	2	2
Japan	3,139	2,200	Latvia	12	11	Equatorial Guinea	2	2
United Kingdom	3,110	2,664	Malawi	12	12	Ethiopia	2	2
Canada	2,559	2,195	Tanzania, United Republic of	12	12	Falkland Is (Malvinas)	2	1
Australia	1,584	1,500	Bolivia, Plurinational	11	11	French Guiana	2	2
Germany	1,051	735	Cyprus	11	11	Gambia	2	2
France	811	644	Estonia	11	9	Greenland	2	2
Korea, Republic Of	806	444	Jamaica	11	11	Israel	2	2
Sweden	650	461	Uruguay	11	11	Kuwait	2	2
China	609	393	Bulgaria	10	9	Liberia	2	2
Spain	498	414	Ecuador	9	9	Macao	2	2
South Africa	477	458	Greece	9	9	Mozambique	2	2
New Zealand	416	398	Isle of Man	9	9	Saint Helena	2	2
Ireland	364	322	Kazakhstan	9	8	Saint Lucia	2	2
Netherlands	350	240	Romania	9	9	Serbia	2	2
Argentina	348	314	Botswana	8	8	Seychelles	2	2
Denmark	348	194	Honduras	8	8	Sierra Leone	2	2
Thailand	313	233	Korea, Dem People's Rep	8	4	Afghanistan	1	1
Italy	312	259	Northern Mariana Islands	8	6	Algeria	1	1
India	298	280	Sri Lanka	8	8	American Samoa	1	1
Mexico	258	230	Swaziland	8	8	Anguilla	1	1
Malaysia	246	178	Trinidad and Tobago	8	8	Armenia	1	1
Austria	204	159	Barbados	7	5	Benin	1	1
Norway	193	174	Lithuania	7	6	Bonaire, Eustatius, Saba	1	1
Finland	190	139	Oman	7	6	British Indian Ocean Terr	1	1
Indonesia	170	147	Paraguay	7	7	Burkina Faso	1	1
Czech Republic	133	108	Qatar	7	4	Burundi	1	1
Philippines	130	111	Ukraine	7	5	Cape Verde	1	1
Brazil	126	120	Bahrain	6	5	Central African Republic	1	1
Belgium	122	84	Bermuda	6	6	Chad	1	1
Myanmar	117	113	Brunei Darussalam	6	5	Christmas Island	1	1
Switzerland	117	98	Croatia	6	5	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	1	1
Portugal	109	76	Guatemala	6	6	Djibouti	1	1
Taiwan, Rep of China	94	65	Jersey	6	6	Faroe Islands	1	1
Viet Nam	84	54	Nepal	6	6	Grenada	1	1
Chile	80	73	Saint Kitts and Nevis	6	4	Guadeloupe	1	1
Iceland	71	66	Gabon	5	5	Guyana	1	1
Colombia	67	59	Luxembourg	5	5	Haiti	1	1
Morocco	61	45	Madagascar	5	5	Iran, Islamic Republic of	1	1
Nigeria	55	53	Vanuatu	5	4	Kiribati	1	1
Poland	54	44	Aland Islands	4	2	Kyrgyzstan	1	1
Pakistan	51	47	Bhutan	4	4	Lebanon	1	1
Kenya	45	45	Cameroon	4	4	Lesotho	1	1
Egypt	38	26	Georgia	4	4	Mali	1	1
Zimbabwe	38	38	Guernsey	4	4	Malta	1	1
Dominican Republic	35	27	Libya	4	4	Marshall Islands	1	1
Slovakia	33	25	Mongolia	4	4	Martinique	1	1
Turkey	32	22	New Caledonia	4	4	Mayotte	1	1
United Arab Emirates	31	23	Nicaragua	4	4	Niger	1	1
Singapore	28	15	Samoa	4	3	Niue	1	1
Russian Federation	27	26	Angola	3	3	Norfolk Island	1	1
Zambia	26	26	Azerbaijan	3	2	Sint Maarten (Dutch)	1	1
Puerto Rico	23	16	Congo, The Dem Rep Of	3	3	Solomon Islands	1	1
Venezuela	22	22	Cote d'Ivoire	3	2	St Vincent and Grenadines	1	1
Bangladesh	20	20	Cuba	3	3	Sudan	1	1
Uganda	19	19	Curacao	3	3	Suriname	1	1
Ghana	16	16	El Salvador	3	3	Syrian Arab Republic	1	1
Tunisia	16	10	French Polynesia	3	2	Togo	1	1
Hungary	15	15	Jordan	3	2	Tonga	1	1
Mauritius	15	13	Maldives	3	3	Turkmenistan	1	1
Papua New Guinea	15	15	Reunion	3	3	Turks and Caicos Islands	1	1
Slovenia	15	14	Rwanda	3	2	Uzbekistan	1	1
Costa Rica	14	14	Senegal	3	3	Total	38,140	31,797
Fiji	14	14	Virgin Islands, US	3	3			
Guam	14	8	Andorra	2	2			
Hong Kong	14	6	Antigua and Barbuda	2	2			
Lao People's Dem Republic	14	9	Aruba	2	2			
Namibia	14	14	Belarus	2	1			
Peru	14	14	Belize	2	2			
Saudi Arabia	14	12	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	2			
Panama	13	11	Cayman Islands	2	2			
Bahamas	12	12	Congo	2	2			

Worldwide New Golf Development by Region & Country

Exhibit 3

Country	In Planning	Under Construction	Total	Country	In Planning	Under Construction	Total
Africa				Asia			
Egypt	3	3	6	Azerbaijan	1		1
Kenya	4	3	7	Bangladesh	1		1
Mauritius	2	1	3	Cambodia	3	1	4
Morocco	3	2	5	China		1	1
Mozambique	1		1	Hong Kong	1		1
Namibia	1		1	India	12	6	18
Nigeria	3	3	6	Indonesia	5		5
Rwanda	1		1	Iran, Islamic Republic of		1	1
Saint Helena	1		1	Korea, Dem People's Rep		1	1
South Africa	2		2	Korea, Republic Of	6	5	11
Swaziland		1	1	Kuwait	1		1
Tanzania, United Republic	2		2	Lao People's Dem Rep	1		1
Tunisia	2		2	Lebanon	1		1
Zambia		1	1	Malaysia	2	2	4
Zimbabwe	1	1	2	Maldives	1		1
Total	26	15	41	Myanmar	1		1
Caribbean				Oman	1		1
Antigua and Barbuda	3		3	Pakistan	3	4	7
Bahamas	2	1	3	Philippines	2	2	4
Barbados	1		1	Qatar	3		3
Bermuda		1	1	Russian Federation	1	1	2
Cuba	9	1	10	Saudi Arabia	6		6
Dominican Republic	1	2	3	Sri Lanka	2		2
Haiti	1		1	Thailand	1	5	6
Puerto Rico		1	1	Turkey	1	2	3
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1		1	United Arab Emirates	2	5	7
Saint Lucia	1	1	2	Viet Nam	34	14	48
Trinidad and Tobago	1		1	Total	92	50	142
Total	20	7	27	Europe			
Central America				Austria	3	1	4
Belize	2	1	3	Bulgaria		1	1
Costa Rica	3		3	Croatia	5		5
Nicaragua	1		1	Cyprus	5		5
Panama		1	1	Czech Republic	3	7	10
Total	6	2	8	Estonia	1		1
North America				Faroe Islands	1		1
Canada	8	10	18	Finland	1		1
Mexico	4	5	9	France	9	10	19
United States	31	34	65	Germany	1	1	2
Total	43	49	92	Greece	2	2	4
Oceania				Hungary	1		1
Australia	13	6	19	Ireland		2	2
Fiji	1		1	Italy	1		1
New Zealand	1	2	3	Moldova, Republic Of	1		1
Northern Mariana Islands	1		1	Montenegro		1	1
Samoa	1		1	Netherlands	4	3	7
Total	17	8	25	Norway	1		1
South America				Poland	3	2	5
Brazil	1	2	3	Portugal	4	2	6
Chile	1		1	Romania	1	1	2
Colombia		1	1	Serbia	1		1
Ecuador		2	2	Slovakia	4		4
Guyana	1		1	Spain	8	3	11
Peru		1	1	Sweden	2		2
Total	3	6	9	United Kingdom	18	10	28
				Total	80	46	126