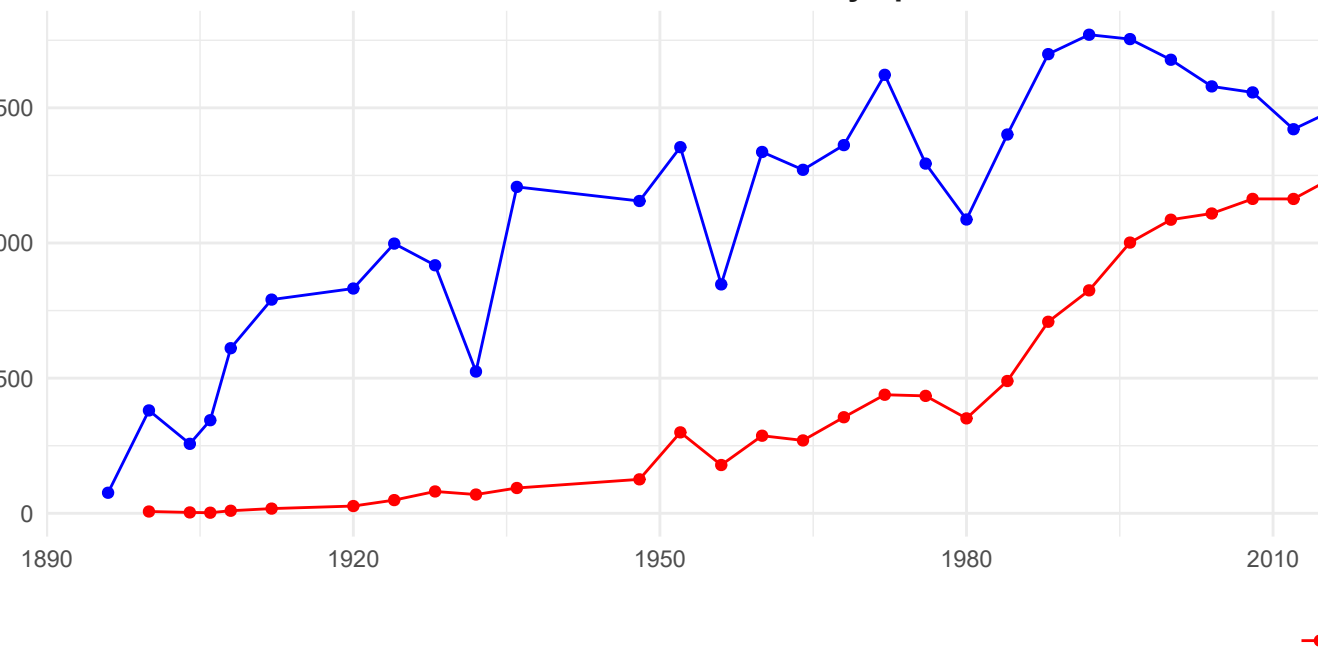
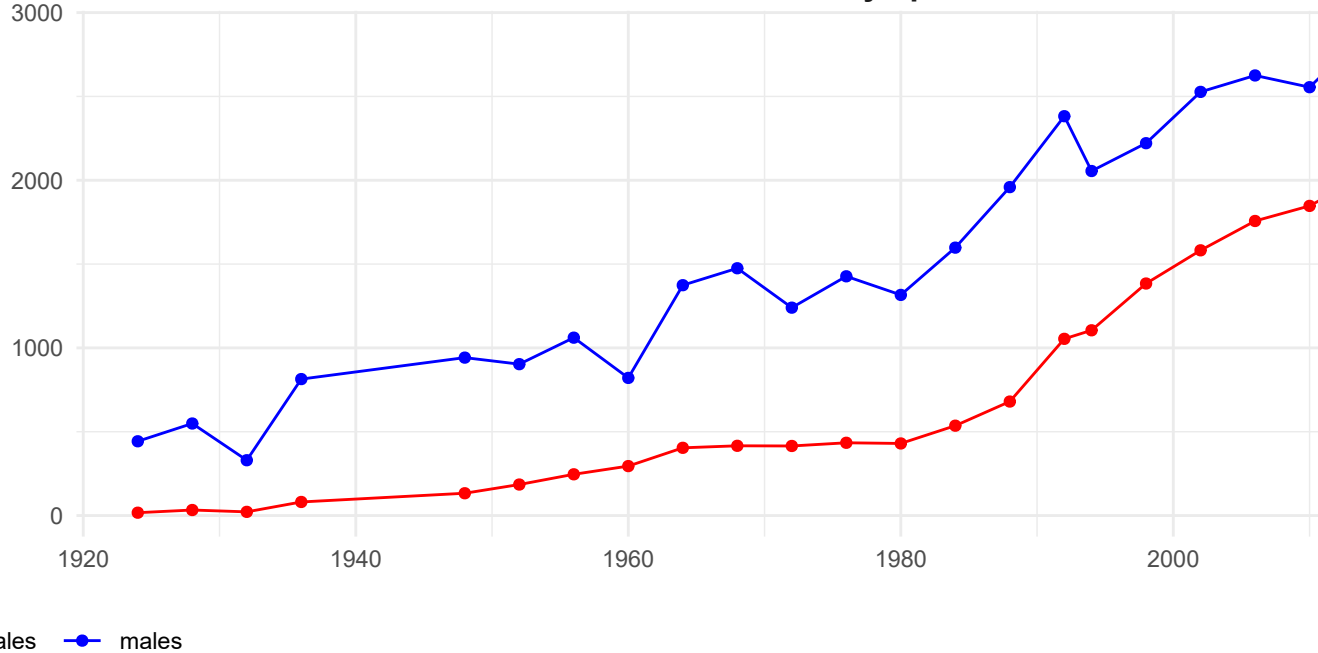


More athletes are participating in the Olympics over the years. The rate of increase is greater with female athletes, especially in Summer Olympics, helping to close the gender gap in participation.

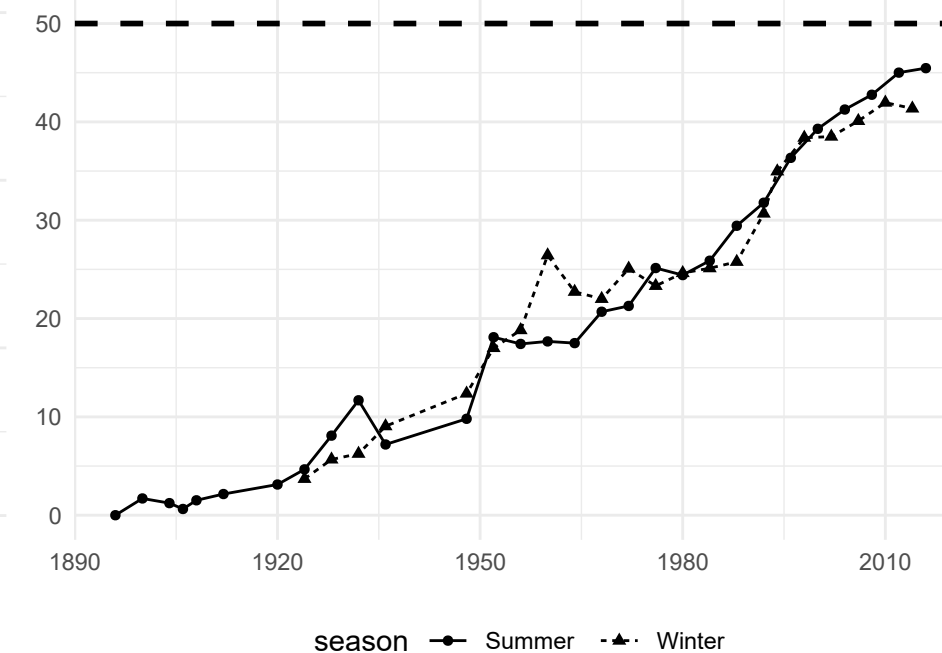
athletes in Summer Olympics



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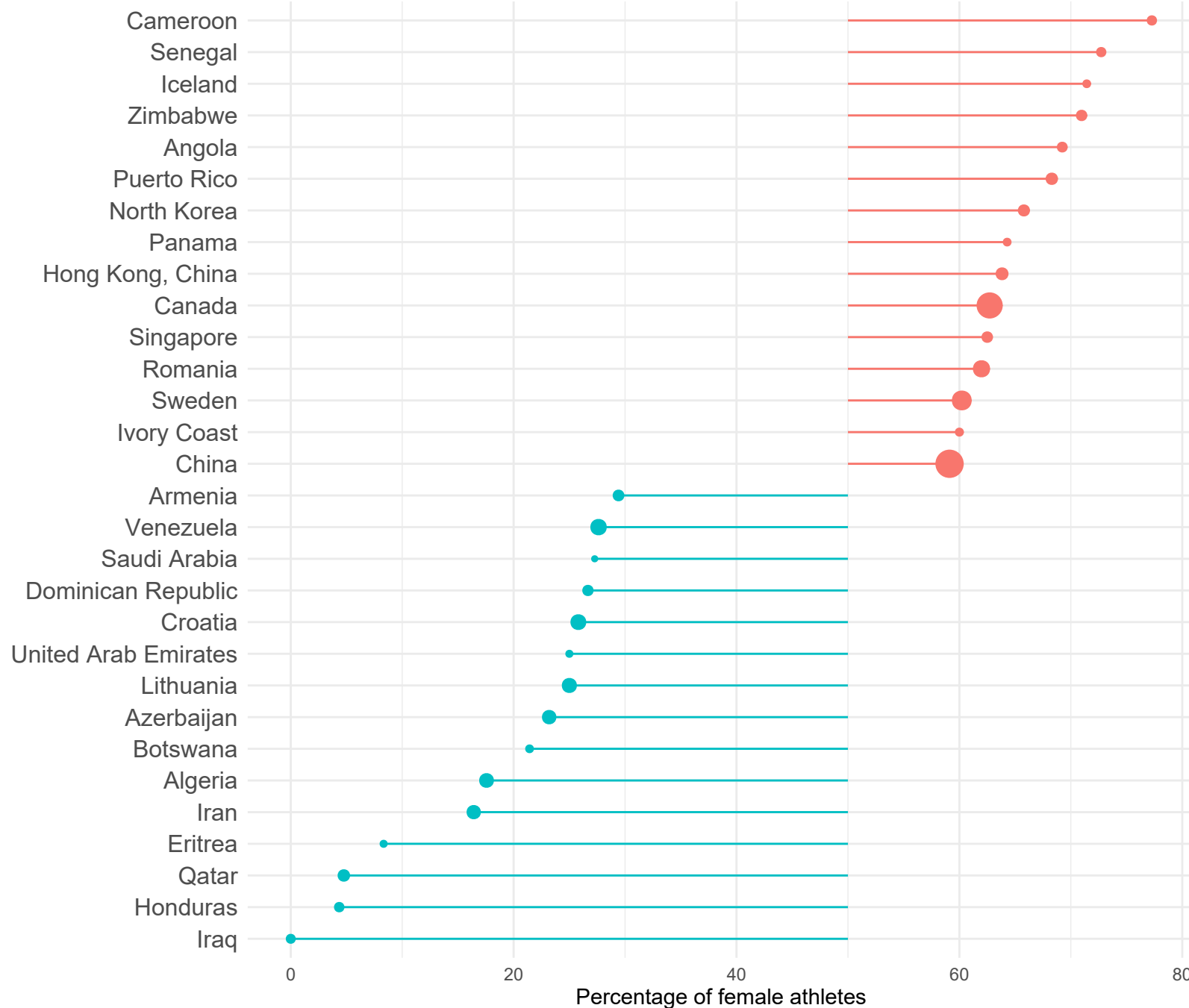


Percentage of female athletes



Female athlete participation rates in 2016 Summer Olympics

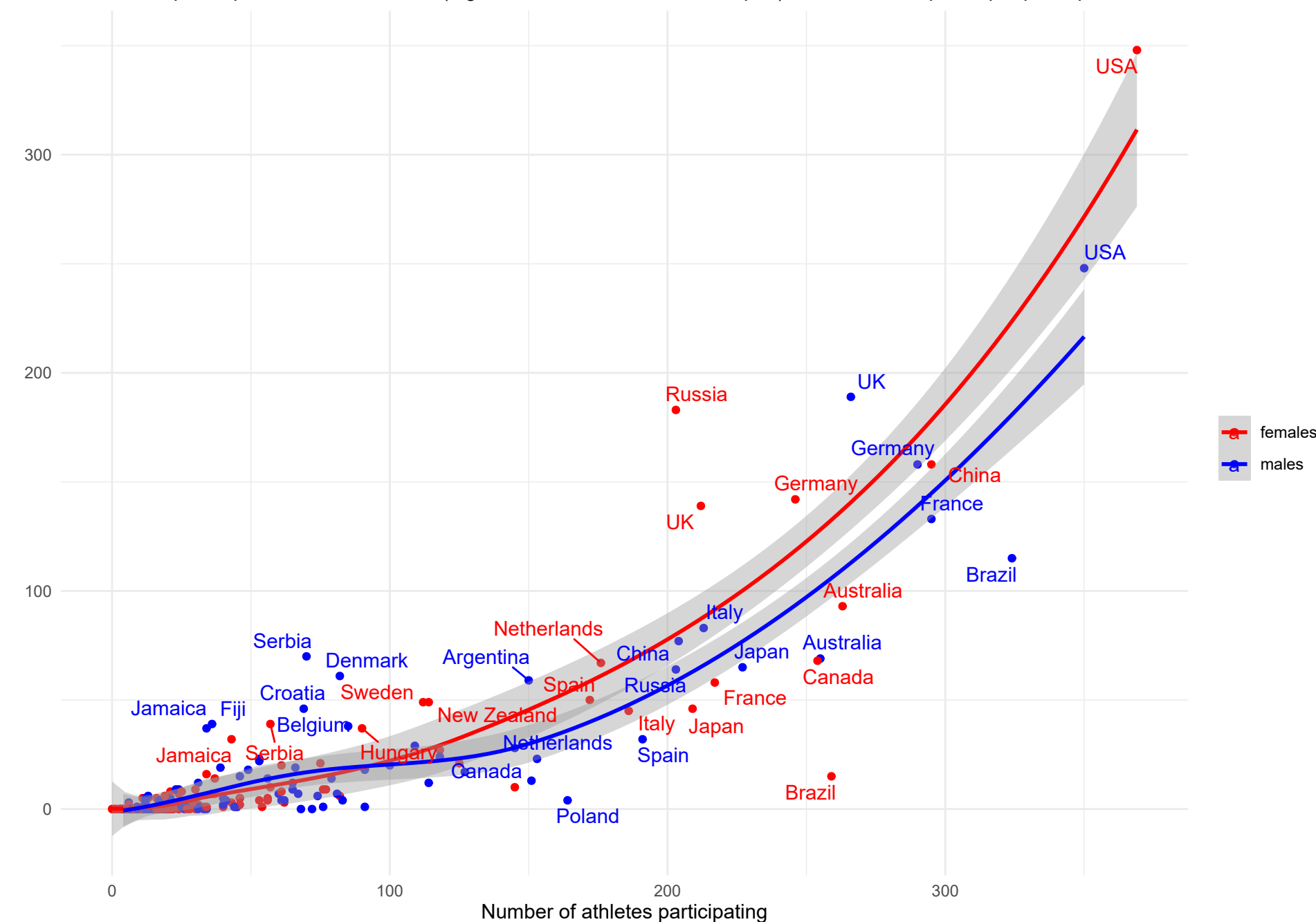
15 countries with highest and lowest percentage *



* Only countries with > 10 athletes included

Sum of weighted medal scores* in 2016 Summer Olympic

Female athletes tend to score more medal points per participant than male athletes. Some countries (e.g USA, Russia, UK) win more medal points per athlete while some (e.g. Brazil, Australia, Canada, Japan) win less medal points per participant.



* Weights: Gold = 3 points, Silver = 2 points, Bronze = 1 point