

FIFA World Cup Slots 1930-2006

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	1930	1934	1938	1950	1954	1958	1962	1966	1970	1974	1978	1982	1986	1990	1994	1998	2002	2006
Europe	4	12	12	6	12	12 (11.5)	10	10	9	9 (9.5)	10 (10.5)	14	14 (13.5)	14	13	15	15 (14.5)	14
S.America	7	2	1	5	2	3	5	4	3	4 (3.5)	3 (3.5)	4	4	4 (3.5)	4 (3.5)	5	5 (4.5)	4.5
Africa		1				*			1	1	1	2	2	2	3	5	5	5
N.America	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2 (2.25)	3	3	3.5
Asia			1		1	*		1	1	0 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (1)	2	2	2	4 (3.5)	4 (4.5)	4.5
Oceania										1 (0.5)	0 (0.5)	1 (1)	0 (0.5)	0 (0.5)	0 (0.25)	0 (0.5)	0 (0.5)	0.5
TOTAL	13	16	15	13	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	24	24	24	24	32	32	32

Due to the later foundation of the confederations, the teams participating in the early editions of the FIFA World Cup were not officially affiliated to any superior organisation, and groupings were loosely based on geographical and continental boundaries.

* 1958 saw a play-off between Wales and Israel, with Israel categorised under the "Asia/Africa" group. Therefore 0.5 of a slot belonged jointly to Asia/Africa, although ultimately neither continent sent any representatives.