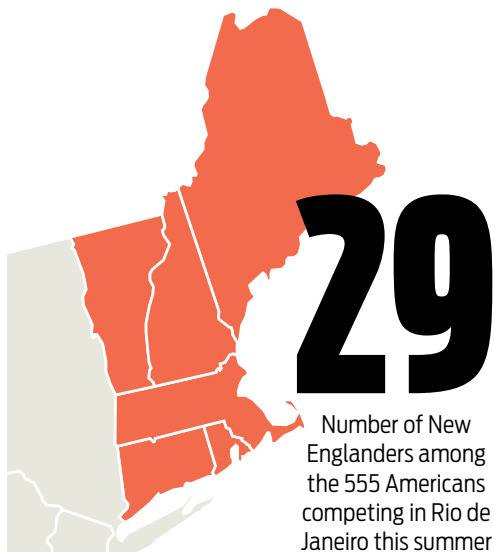


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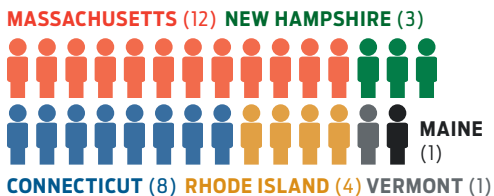
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A LOOK AT SOME OF NEW ENGLAND'S NOTABLE OLYMPIC MOMENTS.

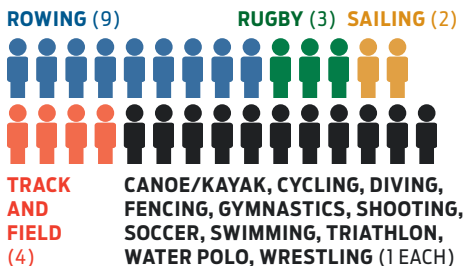
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216

Olympic medals (summer and winter) won by 166 Massachusetts-born athletes



465

US Olympians (summer and winter) born in Massachusetts

9

Number of the 14 Americans who competed in the **first modern Olympics** in Athens in 1896 sent by the Boston Athletic Association or the Suffolk Athletic Club of South Boston



“WOW, CONGRATULATIONS, SILVER MEDAL. WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU TRIP? DID YOU NOT HEAR THE GUN GO OFF?”

JERRY SEINFELD, *I'M TELLING YOU FOR THE LAST TIME* (1998)



12

Olympic medals won across four Olympics Games (1992, 1996, 2000, 2004) by swimmer **Jenny Thompson**, born in Danvers, graduated high school in Dover, New Hampshire



\$12 BILLION

Predicted cost of this summer's Olympics

1sts

The **first event** in the 1896 Olympics was the triple jump, won by South Boston-born James B. Connolly (also probably the first athlete to have his wallet stolen on the way to the Games). He was given a silver medal and an olive laurel wreath.

Tom Burke of Boston, the only runner using the then-unorthodox “**crouch start**,” won the 100- and 400-meter dashes at the same event.

10,000

Average **hours of training** per athlete in the four years before the Games

\$6.12

Lowest ticket price (20 Brazilian reals)