

# World Cup 2026

FIFA has approved an expansion of the World Cup to 48 teams in 2026

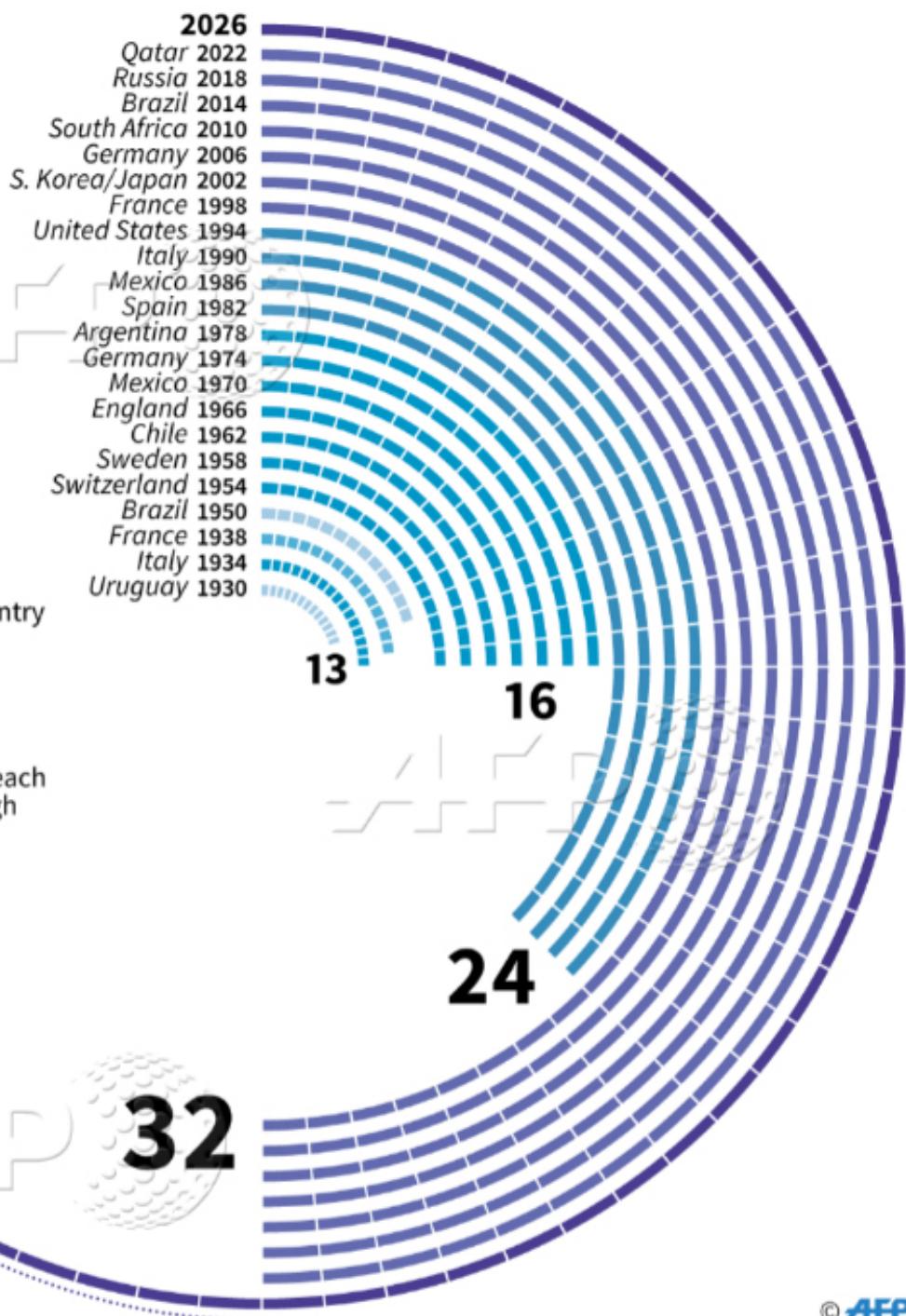
2026 **Finals**

# 48

**qualified  
teams**  
play in host country

↓  
**=16 groups  
of 3 teams**  
Top 2 teams in each group go through to next round

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**32 teams  
in knockout stage**



Source: FIFA

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