

2016 ACTR Olympiada of Spoken Russian

HIGH/MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL							
STATE/REGION	SCHOOLS/ PROGRAMS	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	HONOR	NO AWARD	TOTAL
ALASKA*	7	42	34	37	38	21	172
DELAWARE VALLEY	5	34	27	16	0	14	91
ILLINOIS	4	42	13	3	1	1	60
INDIANA	2	9	4	0	0	2	16
MARYLAND	6	20	21	19	51	10	121
MINNESOTA	1	4	7	0	0	0	11
NEW JERSEY	5	69	37	2	0	10	113
NEW ENGLAND	3	10	5	7	10	1	33
NY /STATE	3	27	19	8	1	4	59
NYC/HERITAGE*	---	42	14	0	0	56	56
NORTH CAROLINA	2	3	1	1	0	0	5
OHIO	3	9	4	7	14	0	36
TENNESSEE	3	13	6	4	5	0	28
TEXAS	4	39	8	11	5	17	80
VIRGINIA	10	60	30	21	29	28	205***
Total	0	423	230	136	154	164	1086

* Includes elementary school students (Alaska is only competition where elementary school contestants received traditional medals and certificates).

** Students from multiple, unidentified schools participated

*** Figure includes 37 participants in a specially prepared Olympiada for heritage speakers, piloted at the Virginia Olympiad, each of whom received a certificate of participation.

ELEMENTARY LEVEL		
STATE/REGION	SCHOOLS	TOTAL
MARYLAND	1*	68

*Participating school also fielded students in the regular competition. It is not counted in grand total below. In addition to certificates of participation, participants received certificates denoting outstanding performance in various ad hoc categories.

GRAND TOTALS	
SCHOOLS	PARTICIPANTS
58+	1154*

* 943 contestants received traditional Olympiada awards (medals and/or categorized certificates). Another 115 contestants received certificates of participation.

Notes:

1. In 2015 the rule that more than one school was needed in order to conduct an Olympiada continued to be relaxed on a trial basis. Thirteen traditional high school competitions took place (two of which
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incorporated middle school competitors), as well as one ad hoc competitions at elementary level and an exclusively heritage competition for a total of 16 competitions.

2. In 2016, participant numbers improved (59 more participants than in 2015); total participants surpassed numbers recorded in all competitions since 2010.

YEAR	PARTICIPANTS
2010	1291
2011	1136
2012	984
2013	1096
2014	1111
2015	1095
2016	1154

3. The states and regions with the highest number of participants (aggregated across all types of competitions) were Virginia (205), Maryland (189), and Alaska (172). The lowest number of participants per traditional state/region was in North Carolina (5), followed by Minnesota (11), and Indiana (16).

4. Of recently active Olympiada regions (dating back to 2010) no competitions were held in the following regions: Oklahoma, Washington. For the first time in many years, an Olympiada will take place in Tennessee for the first time in many years.

5. Traditional Olympiada medals/certificates were awarded to students as follows: Gold (45%), Silver (24%), Bronze (14%), Honorable Mention (16%).

6. All states/regions employed the new version of Level One materials/procedures that had been developed in 2012 by a committee composed of Ruth Edelman, Lee Roby, Betsy Sandstrom, and Natasha Ushakova; piloted at selected competitions in 2013; and adjusted slightly (based on feedback from states/regions that piloted the materials) in summer of 2013. Revised Level Two materials were piloted at the Maryland competition.

7. Each region (with exception of North Carolina) selected at least one regular-category and, where feasible, heritage-category participant to be recognized with the ACTR/SLAVA Award for Outstanding Achievement in the study of Russian. Regular awardees received a book prize in the form of *The Russian's World: Life and Language* by Genevra Gerhart with Eloise M. Boyle (4th Edition, Slavica: 2012), while heritage awardees received as their book prize a copy of *The Russian Context: The Culture Behind the Language*, edited by Genevra Gerhart and Eloise M. Boyle (Slavica: 2002). Both books were provided by Slavica at a substantial discount and paid for by SLAVA. List of awardees, along with teachers and schools:

REGION	Student	School	Teacher
ALASKA	Krishna Nautiyal	Lathrop High School	Alla Grikurova
ALASKA	Wilton Farmwald	West High School	Michele Whaley

DELAWARE VALLEY	Thomas Gillin	Vineland High School	Vlada Jackson
DELAWARE VALLEY	Natalya Ter-Saakov	Independent Student	Alla Agranovskaya
ILLINOIS	Amelia Parkes	By the Onion Sea	Julia Denne
ILLINOIS	Katherine Edwards	By the Onion Sea	Julia Denne
INDIANA	Jacob Gilley	Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities	Heather Rogers
MARYLAND	Kyle Spawn	Friends Upper School	Lee Roby
MARYLAND	Katherine Nurminsky	Roland Park Country School	Jim Sweigert
MINNESOTA	Naomi Schmulewitz	Saint Paul Central High School	Oksana Cox
NEW ENGLAND	Lucy Frenkel	Glastonbury High School	Jan Eklund
NEW ENGLAND	Andreas Frank	Buckingham, Browne, Nichols	Joshua Walker
NEW JERSEY	Eileen Huhn	Sparta High School	Eric Hood
NEW JERSEY	Madara Gulbe	Sparta High School	Eric Hood
NEW YORK	Emily Brzac	Shaker High School	Galina Kats
NEW YORK	Suzanna Diehl	Shaker High School	Anna Shkaf
OHIO	Angela Byars	Walnut Hills High School	Johanka Hart
TENNESSEE	Amal Altareb	Central High School	Brooke Ballenger
TEXAS	Monica Mata	Furr High School	Anna Levina
VIRGINIA	Alex Russell	Forest Park High School	Natallia Viktorovna Shamshyna de Adler
VIRGINIA	Alyssa Lee	Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology	Betsy Sandstrom

9. An annual videoconference of Olympiada state/regional chairs was held in December with eight chairs in attendance. Concerns were raised about attrition of high school Russian programs in Washington (where Olympiada has not take place for a number of years) and Alaska. International Olympiada was also discussed at some length.

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