

In recent years, basketball has experienced a remarkable surge in popularity across Nigeria.

Participation rates have soared, more Nigerians are being selected for NBA teams, and basketball viewership continues to grow. With substantial investments continuing in infrastructure, training programs, and talent development, the growth of basketball in Nigeria shows no signs of slowing down.

most popular sport in Nigeria (behind football)

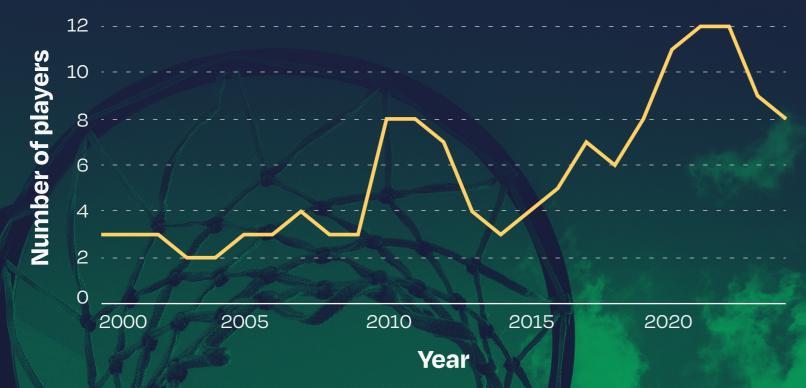
YOY growth in **NBA** match viewership in Africa (2023/24)

YOY growth in YouTube views for NBA Africa

(2023/24)

Number of Nigerian players in the NBA*

*Including players that were either born in Nigeria or have represented Nigeria internationally



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National Team Success

African Champions

Olympic Appearances

World Ranking

x1/x6 x3/x3 42nd/8th

Diaspora Influence

Insights

Several players of Nigerian ancestry have become NBA superstars



Bam Adebayo **x3 NBA MVP** x2 Olympic **Gold Medalist**

While they represent other countries internationally, their Nigerian heritage remains a core part of their identities. Their success stories inspire a new generation of Nigerian athletes to pursue their dreams on the global stage.