

Beijing – one year and counting

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Time and date of opening ceremony of the 2008 Olympic Games – eight is a lucky number in China

\$300 million

Amount to be spent on security.
Security for 2004 Games cost \$1.4bn

10,708

Number of athletes

302

Gold medals in 28 sports at 37 venues

1.7 million

Visitors expected

\$37.6bn

Record cost of stadiums and transport infrastructure – more than twice what Greece spent on 2004 Athens Olympics. 12 venues are purpose-built, 11 are being renovated, and eight are temporary



Beijing 2008

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80,000

Police to be deployed during Olympics

1.5 million

Beijing tenants evicted to clear way for venues and other Olympic facilities – one in 10 of Beijing's population and double number relocated by South Korea for 1988 Seoul Olympics

70,000

Number of Olympic volunteers

1 million

Number of cars ordered off Beijing's gridlocked streets during Olympics