

Beijing Olympics by the numbers

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

10,500

Number of athletes

302

Gold medals in 28 sports at 37 venues

2 million

Visitors expected

\$37.6bn

Record cost of stadiums and transport infrastructure – more than twice what Greece spent on 2004 Athens Olympics. 12 Beijing venues are new, 11 are existing facilities, and eight are temporary

\$300 million

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

100,000

Police deployed, backed by 600,000 volunteers

1.5 million

Beijing tenants evicted to clear way for venues and other facilities – one in 10 of Beijing's population

\$68.25 million

Value of 91,000 tickets for opening ceremony

70,000

Number of Olympic volunteers

3.3 million

Number of cars expected on Beijing's gridlocked streets during Olympics



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