

# Verstappen wins maiden F1 world title

Red Bull's Max Verstappen seized his first Formula 1 World Championship with a dramatic final lap victory over Lewis Hamilton, in a contentious climax to their season-long title duel in Abu Dhabi

## FINAL STANDINGS



**Max Verstappen**  
**395.5 points**



**Lewis Hamilton**  
**387.5 points**

**Red Bull**   
RACING

### ■ Dutch courage

Verstappen becomes first Dutch world champion – Netherlands is 15th nation to celebrate F1 driver's title

### ■ Proud prodigy

Fourth youngest champion in F1 history after **Sebastian Vettel**, **Lewis Hamilton** and **Fernando Alonso**



### ■ Power of dreams

First champion with **Honda** powered car since **Ayrton Senna** in 1991

### ■ Team spirit: Verstappen victory gives **Red Bull** fifth driver's championship title,

after four successive crowns for Vettel (2010-13)

### ■ Chequered flag

Ten Grands Prix wins in 2021 season – including home race at **Circuit Zandvoort** in September

## F1 DRIVER WORLD CHAMPIONS BY COUNTRY

Britain

One each: New Zealand, S. Africa, Canada, Netherlands

Two each: United States, Spain

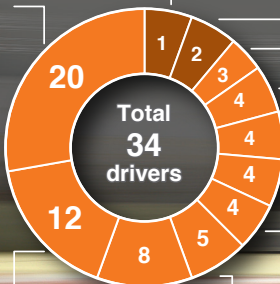
Italy

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Australia



Germany

Brazil

Argentina

*Verstappen's crown leaves rival **Lewis Hamilton** still aiming to surpass record of **Michael Schumacher** with his eighth Formula 1 championship title*

