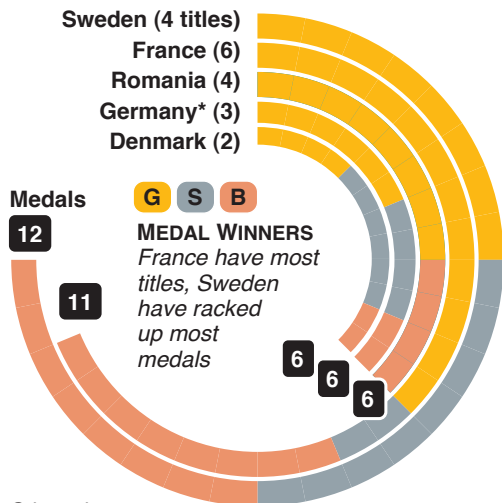


IHF World Handball Championship winners

Eleven separate nations have lifted the men's world handball title since the tournament began in 1938 – all from Europe, where the sport continues to enjoy popularity



Other winners: Spain, Russia (2), Croatia and the former Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Soviet Union (1)



RECENT FINALS					
	▼ Winner		▼ Runner-up	▼ Third place	
2001	France	28-25	Sweden	Yugoslavia	<i>Host: France</i>
2003	Croatia	34-31	Germany	France	<i>Portugal</i>
2005	Spain	40-34	Croatia	France	<i>Tunisia</i>
2007	Germany	29-24	Poland	Denmark	<i>Germany</i>
2009	France	24-19	Croatia	Poland	<i>Croatia</i>
2011	France	37-35	Denmark	Spain	<i>Sweden</i>
2013	Spain	35-19	Denmark	Croatia	<i>Spain</i>
2015	France	25-22	Qatar	Poland	<i>Qatar</i>
2017	France	33-26	Norway	Slovenia	<i>France</i>
2019	Denmark	31-22	Norway	France	<i>Denmark/Germany</i>
2021	Denmark	26-24	Sweden	Spain	<i>Egypt</i>