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Lionel Messi holds the record for most goals in the group stage of the world's elite club competition, his tally of 80 leaving him seven clear at the top of the standings — no prizes for guessing his nearest competitor at the pinnacle of international club goalscoring.

Who are the all-time Champions League group stage top scorers?

Cristiano Ronaldo

The superstar forward scored 11 goals in the group stage of the 2024-16 edition, which is a record by a single player in a UEFA Champions League campaign.

Most Champions League Goals in a Season by a Player - Opta Analyst : 2024/09 : most-champions-league-goals-in-a-season