

World & U.S. records

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2021 Top overall marathon performances

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Men's world record progression

(as of September 1, 2019)

Time	Name (Country)	Date	Location
2:01:39	Eliud Kipchoge (KEN)	Sept. 16, 2018	Berlin
2:02:57	Dennis Kimetto (KEN)	Sept. 28, 2014	Berlin
2:03:23	Wilson Kipsang (KEN)	Sept. 29, 2013	Berlin
2:03:38	Patrick Makau (KEN)	Sept. 25, 2011	Berlin
2:03:59	Haile Gebrselassie (ETH)	Sept. 28, 2008	Berlin
2:04:26	Haile Gebrselassie (ETH)	Sept. 30, 2007	Berlin
2:04:55	Paul Tergat (KEN)	Sept. 28, 2003	Berlin
2:05:38	Khalid Khannouchi (USA)	Apr. 14, 2002	London
2:05:42	Khalid Khannouchi (MAR)	Oct. 24, 1999	Chicago
2:06:05	Ronaldo da Costa (BRA)	Sept. 20, 1998	Berlin
2:06:50	Belayneh Dinsamo (ETH)	Apr. 17, 1988	Rotterdam
2:07:12	Carlos Lopes (POR)	Apr. 20, 1985	Rotterdam
2:08:05	Steve Jones (GBR)	Oct. 21, 1984	Chicago
2:08:18	Rob De Castella (AUS)	Dec. 06, 1981	Fukuoka
2:09:01	Gerard Nijboer (NED)	Apr. 26, 1980	Amsterdam
2:09:06	Shigeru So (JPN)	Feb. 05, 1978	Beppu
2:09:12	Ian Thompson (ENG)	Jan. 31, 1974	Christchurch
2:09:29	Ronald Hill (ENG)	July 23, 1970	Edinburgh
2:09:37	Derek Clayton (AUS)	Dec. 03, 1967	Fukuoka
2:12:12	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	Oct. 21, 1964	Tokyo
2:14:43	Brian Leonard Kilby (ENG)	July 6, 1963	Port Talbot
2:15:15	Toru Terasawa (JPN)	Feb. 1963	Beppu
2:15:17	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	Sept. 10, 1960	Rome
2:15:18	Sergey Popov (RUS)	Aug. 24, 1958	Stockholm
2:18:04	Paavo Kotila (FIN)	Aug. 12, 1956	Pieksamaki
2:18:35	James Peters (ENG)	Oct. 04, 1953	Turku
2:18:41	James Peters (ENG)	June 13, 1953	Windsor
2:20:43	James Peters (ENG)	June 14, 1952	Windsor
2:26:14	Kee-Chung Sohn (KOR)	Mar. 21, 1935	Tokyo
2:30:58	Harry Payne (GBR)	July 05, 1929	Stamford Bridge
2:32:35	Hannes Kolehmainen (FIN)	Aug. 22, 1920	Antwerp
2:36:07	Alexis Ahlgren (SWE)	May 31, 1913	Stamford Bridge

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Women's world record progression

(as of September 1, 2019)

Time	Name (Country)	Date	Location
2:14:04	Brigid Kosgei (KEN)	Oct. 13, 2019	Chicago
2:15:25*	Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	Apr. 13, 2003	London
2:17:01*	Mary Keitany (KEN)	Apr. 23, 2017	London
2:17:18	Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	Oct. 13, 2002	Chicago
2:18:47	Catherine Ndereba (KEN)	Oct. 07, 2001	Chicago
2:19:46	Naoko Takahashi (JPN)	Sept. 30, 2001	Berlin
2:20:43	Tegla Loroupe (KEN)	Sept. 26, 1999	Berlin
2:20:47	Tegla Loroupe (KEN)	Apr. 19, 1998	Rotterdam
2:21:06	Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)	Apr. 21, 1985	London
2:24:26	Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)	May 13, 1984	London
2:25:28	Grete Waitz (NOR)	Apr. 17, 1983	London
2:26:12	Joan Samuelson (USA)	Sept. 12, 1982	Eugene
2:29:01	Charlette Teske (GER)	Jan. 16, 1982	Miami
2:29:57	Joyce Smith (ENG)	Mar. 29, 1981	London
2:30:27	Joyce Smith (ENG)	Nov. 16, 1980	Tokyo
2:30:57	Patti Catalano (USA)	Sept. 06, 1980	Montreal
2:31:23	Joan Samuelson (USA)	Feb. 03, 1980	Auckland
2:34:47	Christa Vahlensieck (GER)	Sept. 10, 1977	Berlin
2:38:19	Jacqueline Hansen (USA)	Oct. 12, 1975	Eugene
2:40:15	Christa Vahlensieck (GER)	May 3, 1975	Dulmen
2:43:54	Jacqueline Hansen (USA)	Dec. 01, 1974	Culver City
2:46:24	Chantal Langlace (FRA)	Oct. 27, 1974	Neuf Brisach
2:46:37	Michiko Gorman (USA)	Dec. 02, 1973	Culver City
2:49:40	Cheryl Flanagan (USA)	Dec. 05, 1971	Culver City
2:55:22	Elizabeth Bonner (USA)	Sept. 19, 1971	New York City
3:01:42	Elizabeth Bonner (USA)	May 09, 1971	Philadelphia
3:02:53	Caroline Walker (USA)	Feb. 28, 1970	Seaside
3:07:26	Anni Pedersen (GER)	Sept. 16, 1967	Waldniel
3:14:22	Maureen Wilson (CAN)	May 06, 1967	Toronto
3:27:45	Dale Greig (SCO)	May 23, 1964	Ryde
3:40:22	Violet Piercy (ENG)	May 29, 1926	Chiswick
5:40	Marie-Louise Ledru (FRA)	Sept. 29, 1918	Paris

*Radcliffe's World Record was set in a "mixed" gender competition. Kenya's Mary Keitany ran the World Record for a women's only competition (the Elite men and women start at different times at the London Marathon)

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World record split times

Men's world record

Eliud Kipchoge (KEN)

Sept. 16, 2018 - Berlin

5K14:24
10K29:01
15K43:37
20K57:56
25K1:12:24
30K1:26:45
35K1:41:01
40K1:55:32
Final.....2:01:39

1st Half.....1:01:06

2nd Half1:00:33

Women's world record

Brigid Kosgei (KEN)

Oct. 13, 2019 - Chicago

5K15:28
10K31:28
15K47:26
20K1:03:27
25K1:19:33
30K1:35:18
35K1:51:14
40K2:07:11
Finish2:14:04

1st Half.....1:06:59

2nd Half1:07:05

Men's American record progression

(as of September 1, 2021)

Time	Name (State)	Date	Location
2:05:38	Khalid Khannouchi	Apr. 14, 2002	London
2:07:01	Khalid Khannouchi	Oct. 22, 2000	Chicago
2:09:21	Alberto Salazar	Dec. 04, 1983	Fukuoka
2:10:08	Alberto Salazar	Apr. 09, 1983	Rotterdam
2:10:20	Tony Sandoval	Sept. 09, 1979	Eugene
2:10:20	Jeff Wells	Sept. 09, 1979	Eugene
2:10:30	Frank Shorter	Dec. 03, 1972	Fukuoka
2:11:36	Ken Moore	Dec. 06, 1970	Fukuoka
2:13:28	Ken Moore	Dec. 07, 1969	Fukuoka
2:14:29	Amby Burfoot	Dec. 08, 1968	Fukuoka
2:15:10	Leonard Edelen	Oct. 13, 1963	Kosice
2:18:57	Leonard Edelen	Dec. 02, 1962	Fukuoka
2:20:56	John J. Kelley	Oct. 11, 1958	Jersey City
2:31:13	Nicholas Costes	May 22, 1955	Yonkers
2:31:27	Leslie Pawson	May 30, 1941	Salisbury Beach
2:33:46	Pat Dengis	Nov. 12, 1939	Yonkers
2:36:04	Joie Ray (IL)	Aug. 05, 1928	Amsterdam
2:37:45	Schou Christiansen	Apr. 04, 1925	Detroit
2:41:30	Joseph Organ	Aug. 22, 1920	Antwerp
2:49:19	Mike Ryan	May 24, 1910	Hamilton

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Women's American record progression

(as of September 1, 2021)

Time	Name (State)	Date	Location
2:19:36	Deena Kastor	Apr. 23, 2006	London
2:21:16	Deena Kastor	Apr. 13 2003	London
2:21:21	Joan Samuelson	Oct. 20, 1985	Chicago
2:26:12	Joan Samuelson	Sept. 12, 1982	Eugene
2:30:58	Patti Catalano	Sept. 06, 1980	Montreal
2:31:23	Joan Samuelson	Feb. 03, 1980	Auckland
2:35:41	Joan Samuelson	Sept. 09, 1979	Eugene
2:36:23	Julie Brown	Sept. 10, 1978	Eugene
2:37:57	Kim Merritt	Sept. 11, 1977	Eugene
2:38:19	Jacqueline Hansen	Oct. 12, 1975	Eugene
2:43:55	Jacqueline Hansen	Dec. 01, 1974	Culver City
2:46:37	Michiko Gorman	Dec. 02, 1973	Culver City
2:49:40	Cheryl Flanagan	Dec. 05, 1971	Culver City
2:55:22	Elizabeth Bonner	Sept. 19, 1971	New York City
3:01:42	Elizabeth Bonner	May 09, 1971	Philadelphia
3:07:10	Sara Mae Berman	Oct. 25, 1970	Atlantic City
3:16:02	Nina Kuscsik	May 17, 1970	Yonkers
3:21:19	Sara Mae Berman	Sept. 28, 1969	Atlantic City
3:57:49	Susan Morse	Dec. 03, 1967	Philadelphia
3:57:51	Lyn Carman	Oct. 02, 1966	Santa Barbara
5:24:	Debbie Haines	Sept. 24, 1966	Fairbanks
6:08:	Gail Bakken	Sept. 21, 1963	Fairbanks

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