

Youngest and Oldest Olympians (at date of Olympic qualification)

(All under 20, sprinters/jumpers over 30 and others over 40 are listed) - the oldest runner yet selected is Bernard Lagat, who was nearing 42 when he won the 2016 Trials 5000m.

	Youngest		Oldest	
100	Johnny Jones (76-4)	18-077	Peter Gerhardt (12W-2)	34-173
	Donald Lippincott (12E-4)	18-205	Justin Gatlin (2016-1)	34-144
	Frank Wykoff (28-1)	18-252	Jon Drummond (00-3)	31-310
	Stanley Floyd (80-1)	18-365"	Mel Pender (68-3)	30-314
	Claude Bracey (28-4)	19-028	Barney Ewell (48-1)	30-135
	Harvey Glance (76-1)	19-084	Dennis Mitchell (96-1)	30-116
	Houston McTear (76-2)	19-129		
	Charley Paddock (20-3)	19-341		
400R	Carl Lewis (80-4R)	18-357	Darvis Patton (2012-5R)	34-202
	Richard Stebbins (64-7R)	19-090	Michael Rodgers (16-4R)	31-117
	Frank Hussey (24-4R)	19-120		
	Ronnie Ray Smith (68-4R)	19-166		
	Willie Gault (80-5R)	19-291		
200	Dwayne Evans (76-2)	17-251	Peter Gerhardt (12W-2)	34-173
	Donald Lippincott (12E-2)	18-205	Justin Gatlin (2016-1)	34-150
	Richard Stebbins (64-2)	19-091	Floyd Heard (00-2)	34-121
	Robert Cloughen (08E-4)	19-132	LaShawn Merritt (2016-2)	32-012
	Charley Paddock (20-1)	19-341	Jackson Scholz (28-3)	31-114
	Robert Packard (36-3)	19-348	Shawn Crawford (2008-2)	30-174
	Millard Hampton (76-1)	19-349	Barney Ewell (48-2)	30-136
400	Bill Green (80-1)	19-057	Michael Johnson (00-1)	32-307
	Steve Lewis (88-3)	19-065	Antonio Pettigrew (00-3)	32-256
	Earl Young (60-2)	19-139	Butch Reynolds (96-2)	32-011
			LaShawn Merritt (2016-1)	32-006
800	Edwin Turner (32-3)	19-308	Johnny Gray (96-1)	36-000
	Mark Everett (88-2)	19-320	Khadevis Robinson (12-2)	35-342
	Earl Jones (84-1)	19-338	Mark Everett (00-1)	31-325
1500	Jim Ryun (64-3)	17-137	Bernard Lagat (2008-1)	33-207
	Don Bowden (56-3)	19-327	Steve Scott (88-2)	32-079
	Abel Kiviat (12E-1)	19-351	Jason Pyrah (00-2)	31-101
3000St	William Overton (48-3)	19-274	Henry Marsh (88-2)	34-129
			Mark Croghan (00-2)	32-194
			Robert Gary (04-3)	31-101
5000	Louis Zamperini (36-1)	19-178	Bernard Lagat (16-1)	41-210
	George Lermond (24-6)	19-198	George Young (72-2)	34-351
	Clifford Furnas (20-2)	19-267		
10000	Gerry Lindgren (64-1)	18-186	Earle Johnson (24-@)	33-096
Mar	Arthur Newton (1900-1)	17-138	James Henigan (32-2a)	40-360
			Meb Keflezighi (2016-2)	40-284
			John A. Kelley (48-3c)	40-226
20kW	Trevor Barron (2012-1)	19-272	Henry Laskau (56-2)	39-349
	Ron Zinn (60-2)	21-054		
50kW	Adolph Weinacker (48-2)	19-200	John Deni (52-3)	49-024
			John Deni (48-3)	45-029
			Leo Sjogren (56-2)	42-166
110H	Tonie Campbell (80-3)	20-010	Willie Davenport (76-2)	33-018
			Mark Crear (00-2)	31-295
400H	Eddie Southern (56-2)	18-177	Angelo Taylor (2012-2)	33-185
	Danny Harris (84-2)	18-283	Edwin Moses (88-1)	32-321
	Charles Daggs (20-4)	19-094		
HJ	Joe Faust (60-2)	17-284	Jamie Nieto (2012-1)	35-210
	Rey Brown (68-2)	17-285	Charles Austin (00-1)	32-186
	Vern McGrew (48-1)	18-216	Dwight Stones (84-1)	30-201
	Dwight Stones (72-1)	18-216		
	Cornelius Johnson (32-1)	18-330		
	Harold Muller (20-2)	19-036		
	John Thomas (60-1)	19-120		
	Charles Dumas (56-1)	19-138		
	Ed Carruthers (64-1)	19-183		
	Delos Thurber (36-3)	19-232		

	Phil Reavis (56-3)	19-263		
	Arnold Betton (52-3)	19-336		
PV	Casey Carrigan (68-3)	17-221	Jeff Hartwig (2008-2)	40-278
	Lee Barnes (24-1)	17-334	Derek Miles (2012-4)	39-274
	Bill Miller (32-2)	19-252	Earl Bell (88-2)	32-331
			Brad Walker (2012-1)	31-007
			Kory Tarpenning (92-3)	30-145
			Bob Richards (56-1)	30-131
			Dave Volz (92-2)	30-050
			Billy Olson (88-3)	30-002
LJ	Randy Williams (72-2)	18-321	Carl Lewis (96-3)	34-354
	Carl Lewis (80-2)	18-360	Mike Powell (96-1)	32-222
	Anthony Watson (60-2)	19-147	Larry Myricks (88-2)	32-130
	Harry Worthington (12E-1)	19-163		
	Edward Cook (08-E1)	19-185		
TJ	Billy Brown (36-3)	17-344	Mike Conley (96-2)	33-254
	Ira Davis (56-1)	18-279	Bill Sharpe (64-2)	32-234
			Willie Banks (88-1)	32-127
			Kenta Bell (2008-2)	31-112
SP	Dimitri Zaitz (36-3)	18-118	Pat McDonald (20-1)	41-357
DT	Al Oerter (56-2)	19-285	Jay Silvester (76-3)	38-299
HT	Frank Connor (28-4)	19-275	Matt McGrath (24-2)	44-179
			Ed Burke (84-3)	44-105
			Pat Ryan (20-1)	43-195
			Matt McGrath (20-2)	40-212
			John Flanagan (08-@)	40-149
JT	Mark Murro (68-1)	19-100	Tom Pukstys (00-1)	32-053
DEC	Bob Mathias (48-1)	17-223	Fred Dixon (80-3)	30-230
	Milt Campbell (52-2)	18-206	Chris Huffins (00-2)	30-097

Note that there are US Olympians not included in the above list, who would have been included had there been trials events in their era. James Mitchell was 40y 7m old when competing in the 1904 Discus, Ralph Rose 19y 5m at the same Games, and Ray Ewry was 34 3/4 when competing in the 1908 standing HJ/LJ events. Note also that Charles Hunter, reputedly born May 1875 (and supposedly 45 when competing in the 1920 Olympics) died in May 1975 and was probably in his 20's at the '20 Olympics. Ken Martin finished second in the 1992 Trials 10,000m at the age of 33-288 but did not have a qualifying mark and so did not make the team. Only 2 athletes - Dwight Stones and Carl Lewis figure in both the "youngest" and "oldest" lists. While there were 25 additions (10 men, 15 women) to the "oldest" list in 2000, there were no new "youngest" athletes (other than 3 in their 20's in new events for women).

a = First, chronologically, in a series of selection races

E = Eastern Olympic Trials// W = Western Olympic Trials

" = 1980 a leap year, so Floyd 18-365, one day short of his 19th birthday.

& = Hunter listed below 6th place, as "also competed", but ran and placed 7th in heat 3 of the 5000 in 1920. He is listed as born in May 1875, and is assumed as 31 May 1875, the latest possible date, for this list.

* = Arthur Newton won a special marathon selection race in 1900, held over 15 miles, before the marathon distance was standardized.

@ = Did not compete in, but selected after, the Trials - the date taken for his age.

WOMEN

All distance runners (from 1500m)/walkers over 35 listed and others over 30

100	Eliza. Robinson (28-2)	16-316	Evelyn Ashford (92-3)	35-066
	Cha.Cheeseborough (76-2)	17-163	Carmelita Jeter (2012-1)	32-212
	Maggie Bailes (68-2)	17-215	Torri Edwards (2008-2)	31-149
	Helen Stephens (36-1)	18-152	Evelyn Ashford (88-2)	31-093
	Elizabeth Wilde (32-3)	18-272	Gwen Torrence (96-1)	31-003
	Wyomia Tyus (64-3)	18-345	Tianna Bartoletta (16-2)	30-308
	Lucinda Williams (56-3)	19-015		
	Isabelle Daniels (56-1)	19-025		
	Evelyn Ashford (76-3)	19-067		

	Mabel Walker (48-1)	19-214		
	Alice Brown (80-1)	19-277		
	Marilyn White (64-2)	19-296		
400R	Barbara Jones (52-4)	15-100		
	Annette Rogers (32)	18-268		
	Mary Carew (32-4)	18-312		
	Jessica Cross (28-5)	19-081		
	Diane Williams (80-5)	19-192		
200	Meredith Ellis (56-3)	14-251	Carmelita Jeter (2012-1)	32-219
	Wilma Rudolph (56-2)	16-063	Dannette Young (96-2)	31-251
	Mae Faggs (48-3)	16-093		
	Debbie Thompson (64-2)	17-034		
	Jackie Thompson (72-1)	17-254		
	Cha.Cheeseborough (76-2)	17-166		
	Dolores Dwyer (52-3)	17-192		
	Maggie Bailes (68-1)	17-214		
	Pam Greene (72-3)	18-144		
	Ernes. Pollards (60-3)	18-179		
	Allyson Felix (04-1)	18-243		
	Nell Jackson (48-2)	19-011		
400	Esther Stroy (68-3)	15-013	Allyson Felix (16-1)	30-228
	Denean Howard (80-3)	15-264		
	Janell Smith (64-1)	17-097		
	Lois Drinkwater (68-2)	17-132		
	Mable Fergerson (72-3)	17-172		
	Debra Edwards (72-2)	17-240		
	Sherri Howard (80-1)	18-024		
	Sheila Ingram (76-1)	19-094		
	Gwen Gardner (80-2)	19-292		
	Li. Leatherwood (84-3)	19-349		
800	Pat Winslow (60-1)	16-319	Joetta Clark (00-3)	37-357
	Wendy Koenig (72-7)	17-042	Jearl Miles (00-2)	33-313
	Rayma Wilson (28-1)	17-311	Madeline Manning (80-1)	32-166
	Kathy Weston (76-3)	18-037		
	Florence McDonald (28-2)	18-251		
	Cheryl Toussaint (72-2)	19-205		
1500	Leann Warren (80-3)	19-119	Regina Jacobs (00-1)	36-323
	Francie Larrieu (72-1)	19-228	Shannon Rowbury (16-2)	30-295
3000St	Emma Coburn (2012-1)	21-254	Emma Coburn (2016-1)	25-262
3000/ 5000	Vicki Huber (88-2)	21-049	Mary Slaney (96-2)	37-318
			Regina Jacobs (00-1)	36-328
			Lynn Jennings (96-1)	35-352
10000	Lisa Uhl (2012-4)	24-296	Gwyn Coogan (92-3)	36-310
			Francie Smith (88-2)	35-240
			Libbie Hickman (00-3)	35-147
Mar	Cathy O'Brien (88-3)	20-287	Francie Smith (92-3)	39-064
10kW/20kW	Michelle Rohl (92-3)	26-223	Debbie Lawrence (00-3)	38-275
			Victoria Herazo (96-3)	37-020
80h/100H	Rhonda Brady (76-1)	16-347	Gail Devers (04-1)	37-242
	Const. Darnowski (52-1)	17-237	Mamie Rallins (72-3)	31-000
	Candy Young (80-3)	18-035	Sharon Jewell (00-3)	30-314
	Pat v. Wolvelaere (68-2)	18-131		
	Mildred Didriksen (32-1)	19-020		
	Simone Schaller (32-3)	19-229		
400H	Sydney McLaughlin (16-3)	16-338	Sandra Patrick (96-3)	33-303
	Queen Harrison (2008-2)	19-293	Sandra Glover (00-1)	31-200
			Kim Batten (00-2)	31-110
HJ	Cindy Gilbert (72-3)	15-035	Amy Acuff (2012-3)	36-352
	Sharon Callahan (68-1)	16-153	Tisha Waller (04-1)	33-224
	Jean Shiley (28-2)	16-227	Chaunte Lowe (16-1)	32-171
	Sandi Goldsberry (72-2)	16-299	Karol Damon (00-1)	30-209
	Kathlyn Kelly (36-3)	16-309	Louise Ritter (88-1)	30-156
	Terri Brown (64-2)	16-316	Sue Rembao (92-3)	30-042
	Deanne Wilson (72-1)	17-069		
	Est. Baskerville (64-3)	17-267		
	Elean.Montgomery (64-1)	17-269		
	Ann Flynn (56-2)	18-008		

	Paula Girven (76-1)	18-164		
	Vashti Cunningham (16-2)	18-165		
	Pam Spencer (76-3)	18-260		
	Naomi Rogers (60-1)	18-265		
	Annette Rogers (32-3)	18-268		
	Mildred Didriksen (32-1)	19-020		
	Joni Huntley (76-2)	19-325		
PV	Lexi Weeks (16-3)	19-233	Jenn Suhr (16-1)	34-156
			Stacy Dragila (00-1)	33-145
LJ	Willye White (56-2)	16-238	Jackie Joyner-K. (96-1)	34-112
	Carol Lewis (80-3)	16-325	Grace Upshaw (2008-2)	32-285
	Martha Watson (64-2)	17-355	Willye White (72-2)	32-190
	Kathy McMillan (76-1)	18-225	Tianna Bartoletta (16-2)	30-307
	Kim Attlesey (72-3)	19-012		
	Mabel Landry (52-1)	19-227		
	Angela Thacker (84-3)	19-362		
TJ	Keturah Orji (2016-1)	20-124	Amanda Smock (2012-1)	29 - 334
			Shakeema Welsch *(08-2)	31-232
SP	Maren Seidler (68-1)	17-074	Connie Price-Smith(00-1)	38-048
	Janet Dicks (52-1)	19-149	Ramona Pagel (96-2)	34-226
			Bonnie Dasse (92-2)	32-342
			Ramona Pagel (92-3)	30-231
DT	Pam Kurrell (56-2)	17-232	Olga Connolly (72-1)	39-239
	Helen Stephens (36-1)	18-152	Aretha Thurmond (2012-2)	35-315
	Marjorie Larney (56-3)	19-234	Stephanie Trafton (12-1)	32-206
	Suzy Powell (96-1)	19-294	Frances Kaszubski (48-1)	32-048
	Aretha Hill (96-3)	19-314	Penny Neer (92-3)	31-230
			Lacy Barnes-Mileham(96-2)	31-179
HT	Amanda Bingson (2012-2)	22-122	Amber Campbell (2016-1)	35-031
JT	Marjorie Larney (52-1)	15-182	Karin Smith (88-2)	32-349
	Karen Anderson (56-1)	18-142	Donna Mayhew (92-2)	32-002
	Kate Schmidt (72-1)	18-174		
	Mary Osborne (80-3)	19-009		
	Mildred Didriksen (32-1)	19-020		
	Marjorie Larney (56-2)	19-234		
PEN/HEP	Jane Frederick (72-1)++	20-078	Cindy Greiner (92-2)	35-127
			Jackie Joyner-K. (96-2)	34-104
			DeDee Nathan (00-1)	32-096
			Hyleas Fountain (12-1)	31-168

= Price-Smith (30-025) won the Shot in 92, but declined selection.

The top-3 in the 1980 400m were all teenagers, as were the 1-3 in the High Jump in 1964, 1968 and 1976.// ++ = First US finisher, 3rd in competition.

Didriksen may have been as young as 18 or as old as 21 at the 1932 OT.

Allyson Felix is the only female runner to have been selected (having won her trials events) when under 20, and over 30.

* - Welsch finished second in Trials but did not have a mark qualifying for the Olympic Team.