

World Rankings — Women's Marathon

1956–1975

(no rankings done)

1976

- 1.. Christa Vahlensieck (West Germany)
- 2.....Kim Merritt (US)
- 3.....Miki Gorman (US)
- 4.....Gayle Barron (US)
- 5..... Claire Spauwen (Netherlands)
- 6..Manuella Angenwoorth (West Germany)
- 7..... Sarolta Monspart (Hungary)
- 8.....Jackie Hansen (US)
- 9..... Chantal Langlacé (France)
- 10..... Doris Heritage (US)

1977

- 1.. Christa Vahlensieck (West Germany)
- 2.....Miki Gorman (US)
- 3.....Kim Merritt (US)
- 4..... Chantal Langlacé (France)
- 5..Manuella Angenwoorth (West Germany)
- 6..... Gayle Barron (US)
- 7..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 8.....Leal Reinhart (US)
- 9..... Cindy Dalrymple (US)
- 10..... Marilyn Bevans (US)

1978

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Marty Cooksey (US)
- 3..... Gayle Barron (US)
- 4..... Julie Brown (US)
- 5.....Patti Catalano (US)
- 6.....Sue Petersen (US)
- 7..Christa Vahlensieck (West Germany)
- 8..... Heather Tolford (US)
- 9..... Cindy Dalrymple (US)
- 10..... Lauri Pedrinen (US)

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Record sewed up the
'06 No. 1.**



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1979

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Joyce Smith (Great Britain)
- 3..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 4..... Gillian Adams (Great Britain)
- 5..... Jacqueline Gareau (Canada)
- 6..... Patti Catalano (US)
- 7..... Kim Merritt (US)
- 8..... Carol Gould (Great Britain)
- 9..... Elizabeth Hassall (Australia)
- 10..... Beth Guerin (US)

1980

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Patti Catalano (US)
- 3..... Lorraine Moller (New Zealand)
- 4..... Joyce Smith (Great Britain)
- 5..... Jacqueline Gareau (Canada)
- 6..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 7..... Nancy Conz (US)
- 8..... Linda Staudt (Canada)
- 9..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 10..... Marja Wokke (Netherlands)

1981

- 1..... Allison Roe (New Zealand)
- 2..... Lorraine Moller (New Zealand)
- 3..... Patti Catalano (US)
- 4..... Zoya Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 5..... Charlotte Teske (West Germany)
- 6..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 7..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 8..... Julie Shea (US)
- 9..... Nancy Conz (US)
- 10..... Laurie Binder (US)

1982

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 3..... Julie Brown (US)
- 4..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 5..... Charlotte Teske (West Germany)
- 6..... Laura Fogli (Italy)
- 7..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 8..... Zoya Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 9..... Rita Marchisio (Italy)
- 10..... Joyce Smith (Great Britain)

1983

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 3..... Marianne Dickerson (US)
- 4..... Raisa Smekhnova (Soviet Union)
- 5..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 6..... Julie Brown (US)
- 7..... Jacqueline Gareau (Canada)
- 8..... Laura Fogli (Italy)
- 9..... Carey May (Ireland)
- 10..... Nanae Sasaki (Japan)

1984

- 1..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 2..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 3..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 4..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 5..... Lorraine Moller (New Zealand)
- 6... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (East Germany)
- 7..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 8..... Priscilla Welch (Great Britain)
- 9..... Sylvia Ruegger (Canada)
- 10..... Laura Fogli (Italy)

1985

- 1..... Joan Samuelson (US)
- 2..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 3..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 4... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (East Germany)
- 5..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 6..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 7..... Carla Beurskens (Netherlands)
- 8..... Zoya Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 9..... Laura Fogli (Italy)
- 10..... Sylvia Ruegger (Canada)

1986

- 1..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 2..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 3..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 4..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 5..... Laura Fogli (Italy)
- 6..... Lorraine Moller (New Zealand)
- 7..... Carla Beurskens (Netherlands)
- 8... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (East Germany)
- 9..... Sinikka Kesitalo (Finland)
- 10.. Yekaterina Khramenkova (Soviet Union)

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1987

- 1..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 2..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 3..... Zoya Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 4.... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (East Germany)
- 5..... Carla Beurskens (Netherlands)
- 6..... Priscilla Welch (Great Britain)
- 7..... Jocelyne Villeton (France)
- 8..... Bente Moe (Norway)
- 9..... Maria Lelut (France)
- 10.. Yekaterina Khramenkova (Soviet Union)

1988

- 1..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 2..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 3.... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (East Germany)
- 4..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 5.. Tatyana Polovinskaya (Soviet Union)
- 6..... Youfeng Zhao (China)
- 7..... Grete Waitz (Norway)
- 8..... Laura Fogli (Italy)
- 9..... Ria van Landeghem (Belgium)
- 10..... Daniele Kaber (Luxembourg)

1989

- 1..... Ingrid Kristiansen (Norway)
- 2..... Veronique Marot (Great Britain)
- 3..... Kim Jones (US)
- 4..... Lisa Weidenbach (US)
- 5..... Wanda Panfil (Poland)
- 6..... Aurora Cunha (Portugal)
- 7..... Lyubov Klochko (Soviet Union)
- 8..... Youfeng Zhao (China)
- 9..... Marguerite Buist (New Zealand)
- 10..... Mun Gyong Ae (North Korea)

1990

- 1..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 2..... Wanda Panfil (Poland)
- 3..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 4..... Uta Pippig (West Germany)
- 5..... Francie Larrieu Smith (US)
- 6..... Lisa Weidenbach (US)
- 7..... Renata Kokowska (Poland)
- 8..... Carla Beurskens (Netherlands)
- 9..... Frith van der Merwe (South Africa)
- 10..... Youfeng Zhao (China)

1991

- 1..... Wanda Panfil (Poland)
- 2..... Rosa Mota (Portugal)
- 3..... Sachiko Yamashita (Japan)
- 4..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 5..... Kim Jones (US)
- 6..... Francie Larrieu Smith (US)
- 7..... Liz McColgan (Great Britain)
- 8..... Yuko Arimori (Japan)
- 9..... Valentina Yegorova (Soviet Union)
- 10..... Renata Kokowska (Poland)

1992

- 1..... Valentina Yegorova (Russia)
- 2..... Lisa Ondieki (Australia)
- 3..... Olga Markova (Russia)
- 4..... Liz McColgan (Great Britain)
- 5..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 6..... Yoshiko Yamamoto (Japan)
- 7..... Yuko Arimori (Japan)
- 8..... Lorraine Moller (New Zealand)
- 9..... Yumi Kokamo (Japan)
- 10..... Madina Biktagirova (Belarus)

1993

- 1..... Junko Asari (Japan)
- 2..... Junxia Wang (China)
- 3..... Olga Markova (Russia)
- 4..... Uta Pippig (Germany)
- 5..... Tomoe Abe (Japan)
- 6..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)
- 7..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 8..... Linli Zhang (China)
- 9..... Lirong Zhang (China)
- 10..... Valentina Yegorova (Russia)

1994

- 1..... Uta Pippig (Germany)
- 2..... Valentina Yegorova (Russia)
- 3..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 4..... Tomoe Abe (Japan)
- 5..... Nobuko Fujimura (Japan)
- 6..... Junko Asari (Japan)
- 7..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 8..... Elana Meyer (South Africa)
- 9..... Miyoko Asahina (Japan)
- 10..... Olga Appell (US)

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1995

- 1..... Uta Pippig (Germany)
- 2..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)
- 3..... Anuța Cățună (Romania)
- 4..... Małgorzata Sobańska (Poland)
- 5..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 6..... Ornella Ferrara (Italy)
- 7..... Elana Meyer (South Africa)
- 8..... Ritva Lemettinen (Finland)
- 9..... Angela Kanana (Kenya)
- 10..... Junko Asari (Japan)

1996

- 1..... Fatuma Roba (Ethiopia)
- 2..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 3..... Valentina Yegorova (Russia)
- 4..... Yuko Arimori (Japan)
- 5..... Nobuko Fujimura (Japan)
- 6..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)
- 7..... Liz McColgan (Great Britain)
- 8..... Izumi Maki (Japan)
- 9..... Uta Pippig (Germany)
- 10..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)

1997

- 1..... Hiromi Suzuki (Japan)
- 2..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 3..... Catherina McKiernan (Ireland)
- 4..... Madina Biktagirova (Belarus)
- 5..... Makiko Ito (Japan)
- 6..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)
- 7..... Marleen Renders (Belgium)
- 8..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 9..... Lidia Simon (Romania)
- 10..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)

1998

- 1..... Catherina McKiernan (Ireland)
- 2..... Naoko Takahashi (Japan)
- 3..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 4..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)
- 5..... Fatuma Roba (Ethiopia)
- 6..... Franca Fiacconi (Italy)
- 7..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)
- 8..... Liz McColgan (Great Britain)
- 9..... Marleen Renders (Belgium)
- 10..... Junko Asari (Japan)

1999

- 1..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 2..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)
- 3..... Lidia Simon (Romania)
- 4..... Fatuma Roba (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Jong Song Ok (North Korea)
- 6..... Ari Ichihashi (Japan)
- 7..... Eri Yamaguchi (Japan)
- 8..... Adriana Fernández (Mexico)
- 9..... Katrin Dörre-Heinig (Germany)
- 10..... Manuela Machado (Portugal)

2000

- 1..... Naoko Takahashi (Japan)
- 2..... Lidia Simon (Romania)
- 3..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)
- 4..... Tegla Loroupe (Kenya)
- 5..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 6..... Harumi Hiroyama (Japan)
- 7..... Esther Wanjiru (Kenya)
- 8..... Reiko Tosa (Japan)
- 9..... Efenesh Alemu (Ethiopia)
- 10..... Lornah Kiplagat (Kenya)

2001

- 1..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 2..... Derartu Tulu (Ethiopia)
- 3..... Naoko Takahashi (Japan)
- 4..... Margaret Okayo (Kenya)
- 5..... Lidia Simon (Romania)
- 6..... Svetlana Zakharova (Russia)
- 7..... Susan Chepkemei (Kenya)
- 8..... Yoko Shibui (Japan)
- 9..... Reiko Tosa (Japan)
- 10..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)

2002

- 1..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 2..... Margaret Okayo (Kenya)
- 3..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 4..... Svetlana Zakharova (Russia)
- 5..... Naoko Takahashi (Japan)
- 6..... Yoko Shibui (Japan)
- 7..... Joyce Chepchumba (Kenya)
- 8..... Gete Wami (Ethiopia)
- 9..... Lornah Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 10..... Madina Biktagirova (Russia)

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2003

- 1..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 2..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 3..... Mizuki Noguchi (Japan)
- 4..... Masako Chiba (Japan)
- 5..... Naoko Sakamoto (Japan)
- 6..... Svetlana Zakharova (Russia)
- 7..... Margaret Okayo (Kenya)
- 8..... Lornah Kiplagat (Netherlands)
- 9..... Deena Kastor (US)
- 10..... Yingjie Sun (China)

2004

- 1..... Mizuki Noguchi (Japan)
- 2..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 3..... Deena Kastor (US)
- 4..... Elfenesh Alemu (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Reiko Tosa (Japan)
- 6..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 7..... Susan Chepkemei (Kenya)
- 8..... Yoko Shibui (Japan)
- 9..... Margaret Okayo (Kenya)
- 10..... Olivera Jevtić (Yugoslavia)

2005

- 1..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 2..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 3..... Jelena Prokopčuka (Latvia)
- 4..... Constantina Dita (Romania)
- 5..... Deena Kastor (US)
- 6..... Mizuki Noguchi (Japan)
- 7..... Susan Chepkemei (Kenya)
- 8..... Derartu Tulu (Ethiopia)
- 9..... Chunxiu Zhou (China)
- 10..... Yumiko Hara (Japan)

2006

- 1..... Deena Kastor (US)
- 2..... Jelena Prokopčuka (Latvia)
- 3..... Rita Jeptoo (Kenya)
- 4..... Berhane Adere (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Galina Bogomolova (Russia)
- 6..... Gete Wami (Ethiopia)
- 7..... Tatyana Gladyr (Ukraine)
- 8..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 9..... Chunxiu Zhou (China)
- 10..... Lyudmila Petrova (Russia)

2007

- 1..... Chunxiu Zhou (China)
- 2..... Gete Wami (Ethiopia)
- 3..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 4..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 5..... Reiko Tosa (Japan)
- 6..... Mizuki Noguchi (Japan)
- 7..... Lidiya Grigoryeva (Russia)
- 8..... Jelena Prokopčuka (Latvia)
- 9..... Salina Kosgei (Kenya)
- 10..... Constantina Dita (Romania)

2008

- 1..... Irina Mikitenko (Germany)
- 2..... Constantina Dita (Romania)
- 3..... Catherine Ndereba (Kenya)
- 4..... Dire Tune (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Paula Radcliffe (Great Britain)
- 6..... Martha Komu (Kenya)
- 7..... Chunxiu Zhou (China)
- 8..... Alevtina Biktimirova (Russia)
- 9..... Lidiya Grigoryeva (Russia)
- 10..... Magarssa Tafa (Ethiopia)

2009

- 1..... Irina Mikitenko (Germany)
- 2..... Xue Bai (China)
- 3..... Agnes Kiprof (Kenya)
- 4..... Bezunesh Bekele (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Atsede Habtamu (Ethiopia)
- 6..... Aselefech Mergia (Ethiopia)
- 7..... Yoshimi Ozaki (Japan)
- 8..... Mara Yamauchi (Great Britain)
- 9..... Atsede Baysa (Ethiopia)
- 10..... Yoko Shibui (Japan)

2010

- 1..... Atsede Baysa (Ethiopia)
- 2..... Aberu Kebede (Ethiopia)
- 3..... Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 4..... Teyiba Erkesso (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Amane Gobena (Ethiopia)
- 6..... Sharon Cherop (Kenya)
- 7..... Mamitu Daska (Ethiopia)
- 8..... Bezunesh Bekele (Ethiopia)
- 9..... Aselefech Mergia (Ethiopia)
- 10..... Caroline Kilel (Kenya)

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2011

- 1.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 2.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 3.....Firehiwot Dado Tufa (Ethiopia)
- 4.....Priscah Jeptoo (Kenya)
- 5.....Bizunesh Deba (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Caroline Kilel (Kenya)
- 7.....Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 8.....Sharon Cherop (Kenya)
- 9.....Mamitu Daska (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Tiki Gelana (Ethiopia)

2012

- 1.....Tiki Gelana (Ethiopia)
- 2.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 3.....Priscah Jeptoo (Kenya)
- 4.....Lucy Kabuu (Kenya)
- 5.....Aberu Kebede (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 7.....Tatyana Arkhipova (Russia)
- 8.....Aselefech Mergia (Ethiopia)
- 9.....Tirfe Tsegaye (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Sharon Cherop (Kenya)

2013

- 1.....Priscah Jeptoo (Kenya)
- 2.....Rita Jeptoo (Kenya)
- 3.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 4.....Jemima Jelagat (Kenya)
- 5.....Aberu Kebede (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 7.....Sharon Cherop (Kenya)
- 8.....Tirfe Tsegaye (Ethiopia)
- 9.....Feyse Tadesse (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Valeria Straneo (Italy)

2014

- 1.....Tirfe Tsegaye (Ethiopia)
- 2.....Mare Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 3.....Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 4.....Bizunesh Deba (Ethiopia)
- 5.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 6.....Jemima Jelagat (Kenya)
- 7.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 8.....Feyse Tadesse (Ethiopia)
- 9.....Tirunesh Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Shalane Flanagan (US)

2015

- 1.....Mare Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 2.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 3.....Aselefech Mergia (Ethiopia)
- 4.....Gladys Cherono (Kenya)
- 5.....Tigist Tufa (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 7.....Caroline Rotich (Kenya)
- 8.....Birhane Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 9.....Eunice Jepkirui (Bahrain)
- 10.....Helah Kiprop (Kenya)

2016

- 1.....Jemima Sumgong (Kenya)
- 2.....Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 3.....Tirfe Tsegaye (Ethiopia)
- 4.....Eunice Jepkirui (Bahrain)
- 5.....Aberu Kebede (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Meselech Melkamu (Ethiopia)
- 7.....Helah Kiprop (Kenya)
- 8.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 9.....Mare Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Tigist Tufa (Ethiopia)

2017

- 1.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 2.....Tirunesh Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 3.....Rose Chelimo (Bahrain)
- 4.....Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)
- 5.....Shalane Flanagan (US)
- 6.....Sarah Chepchirchir (Kenya)
- 7.....Jordan Hasay (US)
- 8.....Gladys Cherono (Kenya)
- 9.....Vivian Cheruiyot (Kenya)
- 10.....Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)

2018

- 1.....Vivian Cheruiyot (Kenya)
- 2.....Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
- 3.....Gladys Cherono (Kenya)
- 4.....Mary Keitany (Kenya)
- 5.....Meskerem Assefa (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Roza Dereje (Ethiopia)
- 7.....Tadelech Bekele (Ethiopia)
- 8.....Birhane Dibaba (Ethiopia)
- 9.....Ruti Aga (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Ruth Chepngetich (Kenya)

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2019

- 1.....Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
- 2..... Ruth Chepngetich (Kenya)
- 3..... Ashete Bekele (Ethiopia)
- 4..... Worknesh Degefa (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Joyciline Jepkosgei (Kenya)
- 6..... Ruti Aga (Ethiopia)
- 7..... Roza Dereje (Ethiopia)
- 8..... Vivian Cheruiyot (Kenya)
- 9..... Valary Aiyabei (Kenya)
- 10..... Lonah Chemtai Salpeter (Israel)

2021

- 1.....Peres Jepchirchir (Kenya)
- 2..... Joyciline Jepkosgei (Kenya)
- 3.....Angela Tanui (Kenya)
- 4.....Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
- 5..... Degitu Azimeraw (Ethiopia)
- 6..... Ashete Bekele (Ethiopia)
- 7..... Molly Seidel (US)
- 8.....Goytatom Gebreslase (Ethiopia)
- 9..... Hiwot Gebrekidan (Ethiopia)
- 10..... Lonah Chemtai Salpeter (Israel)

2022

- 1..... Ruth Chepngetich (Kenya)
- 2..... Yalemzerf Yehualaw (Ethiopia)
- 3..... Amane Beriso (Ethiopia)
- 4.....Goytatom Gebreselassie (Ethiopia)
- 5..... Judith Korir (Kenya)
- 6.....Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
- 7..... Tigst Assefa (Ethiopia)
- 8..... Lonah Chemtai Salpeter (Israel)
- 9..... Almaz Ayana (Ethiopia)
- 10.....Alemu Megertu (Ethiopia)

2023

- 1..... Sifan Hassan (Netherlands)
- 2..... Tigst Assefa (Ethiopia)
- 3..... Ruth Chepngetich (Kenya)
- 4.....Hellen Obiri (Kenya)
- 5..... Amane Beriso (Ethiopia)
- 6.....Alemu Megertu (Ethiopia)
- 7..... Worknesh Degefa (Ethiopia)
- 8.....Sheila Kiprotich (Kenya)
- 9..... Lonah Chemtai Salpeter (Israel)
- 10.....Rosemary Wanjiru (Kenya)