

2024 US Olympic Trials Statistics – Men's 400m

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Summary:

All time performance list at the Olympic Trials

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4	3	43.91	Butch Reynolds	2	Atlanta	1996
5		43.93	Butch Reynolds	1	Indianapolis	1988
6	4	43.97	Quincy Watts	1sf1	New Orleans	1992
6	5	43.97	LaShawn Merritt	1	Eugene	2016
8		43.98	Danny Everett	2	Indianapolis	1988
9		44.00	LaShawn Merritt	1	Eugene	2008
10	6	44.07	Michael Norman	1	Eugene	2021

Margin of Victory

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Max	0.95	43.68	Michael Johnson	Sacramento	2000
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Best Marks for Places in the Olympic Trials

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2	43.91	Butch Reynolds	Atlanta	1996
3	44.09	Alvin Harrison	Atlanta	1996
4	44.30	LaMont Smith	Atlanta	1996

Last six Olympic Trials

Year	First	Time	Second	Time	Third	Time
2021	Michael Norman	44.07	Michael Cherry	44.35	Randolph Ross	44.74
2016	LaShawn Merritt	43.97	Gil Roberts	44.73	David Verburg	44.82
2012	LaShawn Merritt	44.12	Tony McQuay	44.49	Bryshon Nellum	44.80
2008	LaShawn Merritt	44.00	Jeremy Wariner	44.20	David Neville	44.61
2004	Jeremy Wariner	44.37	Otis Harris	44.67	Derrick Brew	44.69
2000	Michael Johnson	43.68	Alvin Harrison	44.63	Antonio Pettigrew	44.66

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Fastest Performances in Eugene

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1	1	43.56	Michael Norman	USA	1	25 June 2022
2		43.60	Michael Norman		1	28 May 2022
3		43.61	Michael Norman		1	8 June 2018
4	2	43.70	Champion Allison	USA	2	25 June 2022

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10	6	44.07	Michael Norman	1	Eugene	2021
11	7	44.08	Steve Lewis	2	New Orleans	1992
12	8	44.09	Alvin Harrison	3	Atlanta	1996
13	9	44.1h	Wayne Collett	1	Eugene	1972
14		44.11	Steve Lewis	1sf2	Indianapolis	1988
15		44.12	LaShawn Merritt	1	Eugene	2012
16		44.14	Butch Reynolds	2sf1	New Orleans	1992
17	10	44.20	Jeremy Wariner	2	Eugene	2008
18	11	44.2h	Fred Newhouse	1sf1	Eugene	1972
19		44.22	Quincy Watts	3	New Orleans	1992
20	12	44.24	Tony McQuay	1sf1	Eugene	2016
21	13	44.30	LaMont Smith	4	Atlanta	1996
22	14	44.3h	John Smith	2	Eugene	1972
23		44.32	Danny Everett	2sf2	Indianapolis	1988
24	15	44.35	Michael Cherry	2	Eugene	2021
25		44.37	Steve Lewis	3	Indianapolis	1988
25		44.37	Jeremy Wariner	1	Sacramento	2004
27		44.43	Alvin Harrison	1sf1	Atlanta	1996
28		44.49	Tony McQuay	2	Eugene	2012
29		44.50	Michael Cherry	1sf1	Eugene	2021
30		44.51	LaMont Smith	1sf2	Atlanta	1996
31	16	44.52	Andrew Valmon	4	New Orleans	1992
32		44.54	Butch Reynolds	1qf3	Indianapolis	1988
33		44.58	Butch Reynolds	1h4	New Orleans	1992
33		44.58	Butch Reynolds	2sf2	Atlanta	1996
35		44.61	Steve Lewis	1qf1	Indianapolis	1988
35	17	44.61	Kevin Robinzine	4	Indianapolis	1988
35	18	44.61	David Neville	3	Eugene	2008

Slowest winning time since 1988: 44.37 by Jeremy Wariner in 2004

Fastest from lane 1: 44.77 by Jason Rouser in 1996

Best placing from lane 1: 5th by Calvin Harrison in 2000, Walter McCoy in 1984

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Difference between 3rd and 4th place (Making versus not making the team)

	Difference	3 rd place time	Name	Venue	Year
Max	0.40	44.61	David Neville	Eugene	2008
Min	0.01	44.69	Derrick Brew	Sacramento	2004

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5	44.65	Butch Reynolds	New Orleans	1992
6	44.77	Jason Rouser	Atlanta	1996
7	44.96	Bryce Deadmon	Eugene	2021
	44.97	Kelly Willie	Sacramento	2004

Making 200m – 400m team

LaShawn Merritt 2016
Michael Johnson 1996

Fastest time in each round

Round	Time	Name	Venue	Year
Final	43.44	Michael Johnson	Atlanta	1996
Semi-final	43.97	Quincy Watts	New Orleans	1992
Second round	44.54	Butch Reynolds	Indianapolis	1988
First round	44.58	Butch Reynolds	New Orleans	1992

Making the team multiple times:

LaShawn Merritt 2008, 2012, 2016
Jeremy Wariner: 2004, 2008
Michael Johnson: 1996, 2000
Alvin Harrison 1996, 2000
Butch Reynolds: 1988, 1996
Steve Lewis 1988, 1992
Danny Everett 1988, 1992
Mal Whitfield 1948, 1952

Average from last ten Olympic Trials Championships

	Average	2021	2016	2012	2008	2004	2000	1996	1992	1988	1984	1980
Winning Time	44.17	44.07	43.97	44.12	44.00	44.37	43.68	43.44	43.81	43.93	44.71	45.85
Making team (3 rd)	44.74	44.74	44.73	44.80	44.61	44.69	44.66	44.09	44.22	44.37	45.15	46.06
Missing Team (4 th)	44.90	44.90	44.82	44.88	45.01	44.70	44.70	44.30	44.52	44.61	45.25	46.16

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1984	Antonio McKay	44.71	Alonzo Barbers	44.86	Sunder Nix	45.15

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5	3	43.45	Jeremy Wariner	1	Osaka	31 Aug 2007
6	4	43.45	Michael Norman	1	Torrance	20 Apr 2019
7		43.49	Michael Johnson	1	Atlanta	29 July 1996
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6	4	43.85	Randolph Ross	USA	1	11 June 2021
7		43.92	Michael Johnson		1	24 June 2000
8	5	43.94	Akeem Bloomfield	JAM	2	8 June 2018
9	6	43.95	Kirani James	GRN	1	30 May 2015

Fastest Performances in June

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5	3	43.70	Champion Allison	USA	2	Eugene	25 June 2022
6		43.74	Michael Johnson		1	Eugene	19 June 1993
7	4	43.81	Danny Everett	USA	1	New Orleans	26 June 1992
8	5	43.85	Randolph Ross	USA	1	Eugene	11 June 2021
9	6	43.91	Harry Butch Reynolds	USA	2	Atlanta	19 June 1996

Combined 2023 & 2024 US List

Performance	Performer	Time	Name	Pos	Venue	DMY
1	1	44.21	Rai Benjamin	1	Los Angeles	8 Apr 2023
2	1	44.21	Michael Norman	1	Los Angeles	4 May 2024
3	3	44.22	Bryce Deadmon	1	Eugene	8 July 2023
4	4	44.25	Ryan Willie	2	Austin	9 June 2023
5	5	44.26	Vernon Norwood	2sf1	Budapest-WC	22 Aug 2023
6		44.27	Ryan Willie	1	Baton Rouge	13 May 2023
7	6	44.37	Quincy Hall	3	Budapest – WC	24 Aug 2023
8		44.38	Quincy Hall	2	Xiamen	2 Sept 2023
9		44.39	Vernon Norwood	2	Eugene	8 July 2023
10		44.39	Vernon Norwood	4	Budapest – WC	24 Aug 2023
11		44.40	Bryce Deadmon	2	London	23 July 2023
12		44.41	Quincy Hall	3	Eugene	8 July 2023
13		44.41	Bryce Deadmon	2	Nairobi	20 Apr 2024
14		44.42	Rai Benjamin	1	Walnut	20 Apr 2024

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