

World Rankings — Women's 20K Walk

1956–1985

(no rankings done)

(rankings 1986–98 were for 10K)

1986

- 1.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 2.....Ping Guan (China)
- 3.....Yongjiu Xu (China)
- 4.....Mari Díaz (Spain)
- 5.....Ann Jansson (Sweden)
- 6.....Siw Vera (Sweden)
- 7.....Sujie Li (China)
- 8Aleksandra Grigoryeva (Soviet Union)
- 9.....Yelena Rodionova (Soviet Union)
- 10.....Maria Sobrino (Spain)

1987

- 1.....Irina Strakhova (Soviet Union)
- 2.....Olga Krishtop (Soviet Union)
- 3.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 4.....Yan Hong (China)
- 5.....Bingjie Jin (China)
- 6.....Yelena Nikolayeva (Soviet Union)
- 7.....Mari Díaz (Spain)
- 8.....Ann Peel (Canada)
- 9.....Natalya Serbinenko (Soviet Union)
- 10.....Maria Sobrino (Spain)

1988

- 1.....Svetlana Kaburkina (Soviet Union)
- 2.....Yelena Nikolayeva (Soviet Union)
- 3.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 4.... Natalya Spiridonova (Soviet Union)
- 5... Nadezhda Ryashkina (Soviet Union)
- 6.....Beate Gummelt (East Germany)
- 7.....Vera Mokolova (Soviet Union)
- 8.....Yelena Rodionova (Soviet Union)
- 9.....Tamara Kovalenko (Soviet Union)
- 10.....Sari Essayah (Finland)

At one point Olga Kaniskina had a record streak of 5 straight No. 1s, but she lost 3 of them to doping violations



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1989

- 1.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 2..... Ileana Salvador (Italy)
- 3..... Beate Gummelt (East Germany)
- 4..... Natalya Serbinenko (Soviet Union)
- 5... Nadezhda Ryashkina (Soviet Union)
- 6..... Alina Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 7..... Vera Mokolova (Soviet Union)
- 8..... Tamara Kovalenko (Soviet Union)
- 9..... Yueling Chen (China)
- 10..... Yam Xiong (China)

1990

- 1.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 2... Nadezhda Ryashkina (Soviet Union)
- 3..... Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 4.... Olga Kardopoltseva (Soviet Union)
- 5..... Beate Gummelt (East Germany)
- 6..... Ileana Salvador (Italy)
- 7..... Tamara Kovalenko (Soviet Union)
- 8..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 9..... Olga Krishtop (Soviet Union)
- 10..... Kathrin Boyde (East Germany)

1991

- 1..... Alina Ivanova (Soviet Union)
- 2..... Irina Strakhova (Soviet Union)
- 3..... Madelein Svensson (Sweden)
- 4..... Graciela Mendoza (Mexico)
- 5..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 6..... Yelena Sayko (Soviet Union)
- 7.... Olga Kardopoltseva (Soviet Union)
- 8..... Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 9..... Ileana Salvador (Italy)
- 10..... Beate Gummelt (Germany)

1992

- 1..... Yueling Chen (China)
- 2..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 3..... Madelein Svensson (Sweden)
- 4..... Chunxiu Li (China)
- 5..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 6..... Alina Ivanova (Ukraine)
- 7..... Ileana Salvador (Italy)
- 8..... Yingzi Cui (China)
- 9..... Beate Gummelt (Germany)
- 10..... Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)

1993

- 1..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 2..... Ileana Salvador (Italy)
- 3..... Yan Wang (China)
- 4..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 5..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 6..... Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 7..... Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 8..... Madelein Svensson (Sweden)
- 9..... Beate Gummelt (Germany)
- 10..... Encarna Granados (Spain)

1994

- 1..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 2..... Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 3..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 4..... Hongmiao Gao (China)
- 5..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 6..... Yan Gu (China)
- 7..... Yelena Sayko (Russia)
- 8..... Larisa Khmelnitskaya (Russia)
- 9..... Yelena Arshintseva (Russia)
- 10..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)

1995

- 1..... Irina Stankina (Russia)
- 2..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 3..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 4..... Hongmiao Gao (China)
- 5..... Larisa Khmelnitskaya (Russia)
- 6..... Hongyu Liu (China)
- 7..... Sari Essayah (Finland)
- 8..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 9..... Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 10..... Rossella Giordano (Italy)

1996

- 1..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 2..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 3..... Yan Wang (China)
- 4..... Yan Gu (China)
- 5..... Rossella Giordano (Italy)
- 6..... Katarzyna Radtke (Poland)
- 7..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 8..... Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 9..... Olga Kardopoltseva (Belarus)
- 10..... Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)

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1997

- 1.....Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 2..... Erica Alfridi (Italy)
- 3..... Irina Stankina (Russia)
- 4.....Olga Kardopoltseva (Belarus)
- 5.....Valentina Tsybulskaya (Belarus)
- 6..... Yan Gu (China)
- 7.....Rossella Giordano (Italy)
- 8..... Tamara Kovalenko (Russia)
- 9.....Hongyu Liu (China)
- 10..... Larisa Khmel'nitskaya (Belarus)

1998

- 1.....Annarita Sidoti (Italy)
- 2..... Nadezhda Ryashkina (Russia)
- 3..... Erica Alfridi (Italy)
- 4.....Mária Rosza-Urbaník (Hungary)
- 5..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)
- 6..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 7.....Katarzyna Radtke (Poland)
- 8..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 9..... Tamara Kovalenko (Russia)
- 10.....Olga Kardopoltseva (Belarus)

1999

- 1.....Hongyu Liu (China)
- 2.....Yan Wang (China)
- 3..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)
- 4.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)
- 5..... Natalya Fedoskina (Russia)
- 6..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 7.....Katarzyna Radtke (Poland)
- 8..... Norica Cîmpean (Romania)
- 9.....Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 10.....Jane Saville (Australia)

2000

- 1..... Liping Wang (China)
- 2.....Kjersti Plätzer (Norway)
- 3..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 4..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 5..... Erica Alfridi (Italy)
- 6.....Hongyu Liu (China)
- 7..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 8.....Guadalupe Sánchez (Mexico)
- 9..... Norica Cîmpean (Romania)
- 10.....Kerry Saxby-Junna (Australia)

2001

- 1..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 2..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 3.....Valentina Tsybulskaya (Belarus)
- 4..... Erica Alfridi (Italy)
- 5..... Norica Cîmpean (Romania)
- 6..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 7..... Natalya Fedoskina (Russia)
- 8..... Melanie Seeger (Germany)
- 9..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 10.....Annarita Sidoti (Italy)

2002

- 1..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 2..... Erica Alfridi (Italy)
- 3..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 4..... Natalya Fedoskina (Russia)
- 5.....Kjersti Plätzer (Norway)
- 6.....Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 7..... Gillian O'Sullivan (Ireland)
- 8.....Valentina Tsybulskaya (Belarus)
- 9..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 10.....Rossella Giordano (Italy)

2003

- 1..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 2..... Gillian O'Sullivan (Ireland)
- 3.....Valentina Tsybulskaya (Belarus)
- 4..... Tatyana Gudkova (Russia)
- 5.....Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 6.....Rossella Giordano (Italy)
- 7..... Elisabetta Perrone (Italy)
- 8..... Athanasía Tsoumeléka (Greece)
- 9..... Melanie Seeger (Germany)
- 10..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)

2004

- 1..... Athanasía Tsoumeléka (Greece)
- 2..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 3.....Jane Saville (Australia)
- 4..... Yelena Nikolayeva (Russia)
- 5.....Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 6..... Rita Turova (Belarus)
- 7..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 8..... Melanie Seeger (Germany)
- 9.....Jing Jiang (China)
- 10..... Liping Wang (China)

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2005

- 1..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 2..... Rita Turova (Belarus)
- 3..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)
- 4..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 5..... Barbora Dibelková (Czechia)
- 6..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 7..... Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 8..... Athiná Papayiánni (Greece)
- 9..... Hongjuan Song (China)
- 10..... Jing Jiang (China)

2006

- 1..... Rita Turova (Belarus)
- 2..... Olimpiada Ivanova (Russia)
- 3..... Olga Kaniskina (Russia)
- 4..... Irina Petrova (Russia)
- 5..... Dan He (China)
- 6..... Hong Liu (China)
- 7..... Jane Saville (Australia)
- 8..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 9..... Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 10..... Qiuyan Jiang (China)

2007

- 1..... Olga Kaniskina (Russia)
- 2..... Rita Turova (Belarus)
- 3..... Tatyana Shemyakina (Russia)
- 4..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 5..... Kjersti Plätzer (Norway)
- 6..... Sabine Krantz (Germany)
- 7..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 8..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)
- 9..... Claudia Stef (Romania)
- 10..... Inês Henriques (Portugal)

2008

- 1..... Olga Kaniskina (Russia)
- 2..... Kjersti Plätzer (Norway)
- 3..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 4..... Hong Liu (China)
- 5..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 6..... Olive Loughnane (Ireland)
- 7..... Tatyana Sibilyeva (Russia)
- 8..... Vera Santos (Portugal)
- 9..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 10..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)

2009

- 1..... Olive Loughnane (Ireland)
- 2..... Hong Liu (China)
- 3..... Anisya Kirdyapkina (Russia)
- 4..... Kjersti Plätzer (Norway)
- 5..... Vera Santos (Portugal)
- 6..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)
- 7..... Masumi Fuchise (Japan)
- 8..... Kristina Saltanovic (Lithuania)
- 9..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 10..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)

2010

- 1..... Maria Vasco (Spain)
- 2..... Vera Sokolova (Russia)
- 3..... Vera Santos (Portugal)
- 4..... Anisya Kirdyapkina (Russia)
- 5..... Melanie Seeger (Germany)
- 6..... Inês Henriques (Portugal)
- 7..... Yanfei Li (China)
- 8..... Mayumi Kawasaki (Japan)
- 9..... Beatriz Pasqual (Spain)
- 10..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)

2011

- 1..... Hong Liu (China)
- 2..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 3..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 4..... Vera Sokolova (Russia)
- 5..... Susana Feitor (Portugal)
- 6..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)
- 7..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 8..... Kristina Saltanovič (Lithuania)
- 9..... Inês Henriques (Portugal)
- 10..... Vera Santos (Portugal)

2012

- 1..... Yelena Lashmanova (Russia)
- 2..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 3..... Hong Liu (China)
- 4..... Xiuzhi Lu (China)
- 5..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 6..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)
- 7..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 8..... María Vasco (Spain)
- 9..... Masumi Fuchise (Japan)
- 10..... María José Poves (Spain)

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2013¶

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- 2..... Hong Liu (China)
- 3..... Huanhuan Sun (China)
- 4..... Xiuzhi Lu (China)
- 5..... Yanfei Li (China)
- 6..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)
- 7..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)
- 8..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 9..... Anežka Drahotová (Czechia)
- 10..... Eleonora Giorgi (Italy)

2014

- 1.....Anisya Kirdyapkina (Russia)
- 2..... Hong Liu (China)
- 3..... Elmira Alembekova (Russia)
- 4..... Anežka Drahotová (Czechia)
- 5..... Vera Sokolova (Russia)
- 6..... Eleonora Giorgi (Italy)
- 7.....Xiuzhi Lu (China)
- 8..... Lyudmyla Olyanovska (Ukraine)
- 9..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 10..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)

2015

- 1..... Hong Liu (China)
- 2.....Xiuzhi Lu (China)
- 3..... Lyudmyla Olyanovska (Ukraine)
- 4..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 5..... Eleonora Giorgi (Italy)
- 6..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)
- 7..... Erica de Sena (Brazil)
- 8..Brigita Virbalytė-Dimšienė Lithuania)
- 9..... Svetlana Vasilyeva (Russia)
- 10..... Anežka Drahotová (Czechia)

2016

- 1..... Hong Liu (China)
- 2..... Lupita González (Mexico)
- 3.....Xiuzhi Lu (China)
- 4..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)
- 5..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 6..... Erica de Sena (Brazil)
- 7..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 8..... Beatriz Pascual (Spain)
- 9..... Regan Lamble (Australia)
- 10..... Elisa Rigaudó (Italy)

2017

- 1..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 2..... Lupita González (Mexico)
- 3..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)
- 4..... Erica de Sena (Brazil)
- 5..... Sandra Arenas (Colombia)
- 6..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 7..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 8..... Yelena Lashmanova (Russia)
- 9..... Na Wang (China)
- 10..... Laura García-Caro (Spain)

2018¶

- 1..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 2..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 3..... Mária Pérez (Spain)
- 4..... Anežka Drahotová (Czechia)
- 5..... Erica de Sena (Brazil)
- 6..... Eleonora Giorgi (Italy)
- 7..Brigita Virbalytė-Dimšienė (Lithuania)
- 8..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 9..... Inna Kashyna (Ukraine)
- 10..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)

2019

- 1..... Hong Liu (China)
- 2..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 3..... Liujing Yang (China)
- 4..... Erica de Sena (Brazil)
- 5..... Sandra Arenas (Colombia)
- 6..... Kumiko Okada (Japan)
- 7..... Mária Pérez (Spain)
- 8..... Zhenxia Ma (China)
- 9..... Ana Cabecinha (Portugal)
- 10..... Jiayu Yang (China)

2021

- 1..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)
- 2..... Sandra Arenas (Colombia)
- 3..... Hong Liu (China)
- 4..... Mária Pérez (Spain)
- 5..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 6..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 7..... Alegna González (Mexico)
- 8..... Jemima Montag (Australia)
- 9..... Liujing Yang (China)
- 10..... Yelena Lashmanova (Russia)

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2022

- 1..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 2..... Katarzyna Zdzieblo (Poland)
- 3..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 4..... Zhenxia Ma (China)
- 5..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 6..... Jemima Montag (Australia)
- 7..... Alegna González (Mexico)
- 8..... Hong Liu (China)
- 9..... Nanako Fujii (Japan)
- 10..... Antigóni Drisbióti (Greece)

2023

- 1..... Mária Pérez (Spain)
- 2..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 3..... Jemima Montag (Australia)
- 4..... Antonella Palmisano (Italy)
- 5..... Alegna González (Mexico)
- 6..... Glenda Morejón (Ecuador)
- 7..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 8..... Quanming Wu (China)
- 9..... Shenjie Qieyang (China)
- 10..... Zhenxia Ma (China)

2024

- 1..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 2..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 3..... Mária Pérez (Spain)
- 4..... Alegna González (Mexico)
- 5..... Jemima Montag (Australia)
- 6..... Zhenxia Ma (China)
- 7..... Sandra Arenas (Colombia)
- 8..... Hong Liu (China)
- 9..... Laura García-Caro (Spain)
- 10..... Glenda Morejón (Ecuador)

2025

- 1..... María Pérez (Spain)
- 2..... Alegna González (Mexico)
- 3..... Nanako Fujii (Japan)
- 4..... Paula Milena Torres (Ecuador)
- 5..... Kimberly García (Peru)
- 6..... Jiayu Yang (China)
- 7..... Jemima Montag (Australia)
- 8..... Quanming Wu (China)
- 9..... Antia Chamosa (Spain)
- 10..... Li Ma (China)