

The question is whether the women's world record will ever be faster than the men's world record?

Progression of Men's 800 meter World Records

Time	Auto	Athlete	Date	Location
1:51.9+		 Ted Meredith (USA)	1912-07-08	Stockholm, Sweden ^[1]
1:51.6y		 Otto Peltzer (GER)	1926-07-03	London, United Kingdom ^[1]
1:50.6		 Sera Martin (FRA)	1928-07-14	Paris, France ^[1]
1:49.8	1:49.70	 Tommy Hampson (GBR)	1932-08-02	Los Angeles, USA ^[1]
1:49.8y		 Ben Eastman (USA)	1934-06-16	Princeton, USA ^[1]
1:49.7		 Glenn Cunningham (USA)	1936-08-20	Stockholm, Sweden ^[1]
1:49.6y		 Elroy Robinson (USA)	1937-07-11	New York, USA ^[1]
1:48.4+		 Sydney Wooderson (GBR)	1938-08-20	Motspur Park, United Kingdom ^[1]
1:46.6		 Rudolf Harbig (GER)	1939-07-15	Milan, Italy ^[1]
1:45.7		 Roger Moens (BEL)	1955-08-03	Oslo, Norway ^[1]
1:44.3+		 Peter Snell (NZL)	1962-02-02	Christchurch, New Zealand ^[1]
1:44.3	1:44.40	 Ralph Doubell (AUS)	1968-10-15	Mexico City, Mexico ^[1]
1:44.3		 Dave Wottle (USA)	1972-07-01	Eugene, USA ^[1]
1:43.7		 Marcello Fiasconaro (ITA)	1973-06-27	Milan, Italy ^[1]
1:43.5	1:43.50	 Alberto Juantorena (CUB)	1976-07-16	Montreal, Canada ^[1]
1:43.4	1:43.44	 Alberto Juantorena (CUB)	1977-08-21	Sofia, Bulgaria ^[1]
1:42.4	1:42.33	 Sebastian Coe (GBR)	1979-07-05	Oslo, Norway ^[1]
1:41.73		 Sebastian Coe (GBR)	1981-06-10	Florence, Italy ^[1]

1:41.73	 Wilson Kipketer (DEN)	1997-07-07 Stockholm, Sweden ^[1]
1:41.24	 Wilson Kipketer (DEN)	1997-08-13 Zürich, Switzerland ^[1]
1:41.11	 Wilson Kipketer (DEN)	1997-08-24 Cologne, Germany ^[1]
1:41.09	 David Rudisha (KEN)	2010-08-22 Berlin, Germany ^[2]
1:41.01	 David Rudisha (KEN)	2010-08-29 Rieti, Italy ^[2]
1:40.91	 David Rudisha (KEN)	2012-08-09 London, United Kingdom ^[3]

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2:30.4+		Georgette Lenoir (FRA)	1922-08-20	Paris, France ^[4]
2:26.6y		Mary Lines (GBR)	1922-08-30	London, United Kingdom ^[4]
2:23.8		Lina Radke (GER)	1927-08-07	Breslau, Germany ^[4]
2:20.4		Inga Gentzel (SWE)	1928-06-16	Stockholm, Sweden ^[4]
2:19.6		Lina Radke (GER)	1928-07-01	Brieg, Poland ^[4]
2:16.8		Lina Radke (GER)	1928-08-02	Amsterdam, Netherlands ^[4]
2:15.9		Anna Larsson (SWE)	1944-08-28	Stockholm, Sweden ^[4]
2:14.8		Anna Larsson (SWE)	1945-08-19	Hälsingborg, Sweden ^[4]
2:13.8		Anna Larsson (SWE)	1945-08-30	Stockholm, Sweden ^[4]
2:13.0		Yevdokia Vasilyeva (URS)	1950-07-17	Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:12.2		Valentina Pomogayeva (URS)	1951-07-26	Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:12.0		Nina Otkalenko (URS)	1951-08-26	Minsk, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:08.5		Nina Otkalenko (URS)	1952-06-15	Kiev, Soviet Union ^[4]

2:07.3		Nina Otkalenko (URS)	1953-08-27	Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:06.6		Nina Otkalenko (URS)	1954-09-16	Kiev, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:05.0		Nina Otkalenko (URS)	1955-09-24	Zagreb, Yugoslavia ^[4]
2:04.3		Lyudmila Shevtsova (URS)	1960-07-03	Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
2:04.3	2:04.50		Lyudmila Shevtsova (URS)	1960-09-07 Rome, Italy ^[4]
2:01.2+		Dixie Willis (AUS)	1962-03-03	Perth, Australia ^[4]
2:01.1		Ann Packer (GBR)	1964-10-20	Tokyo, Japan ^[4]
2:01.0		Judy Pollock (AUS)	1967-06-28	Helsinki, Finland ^[4]
2:00.5		Vera Nikolic (YUG)	1968-07-20	London, United Kingdom ^[4]
1:58.5	1:58.45		Hildegard Falck (FRG)	1971-07-11 Stuttgart, Germany ^[4]
1:57.5	1:57.48		Svetla Zlateva (BUL)	1973-08-24 Athens, Greece ^[4]
1:56.0			Valentina Gerasimova (URS)	1976-06-12 Kiev, Soviet Union ^[4]
1:54.9	1:54.94		Tatyana Kazankina (URS)	1976-07-26 Montreal, Canada ^[4]
1:54.9	1:54.85		Nadezhda Olizarenko (URS)	1980-06-12 Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
1:53.5	1:53.43		Nadezhda Olizarenko (URS)	1980-07-27 Moscow, Soviet Union ^[4]
1:53.28	-		Jarmila Kratochvílová (TCH)	1983-07-26 Munich, West Germany ^[4]

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