

World Championships Statistics—Women's 400 Meters

(compiled by K. Ken Nakamura)

All time performance list at the World Championships

Performance	Performer	Time	Name	Nat	Pos	Venue	Year
1	1	47.99	Jarmila Kratochvilova	TCH	1	Helsinki	1983
2	2	48.59	Tatjana Kocembova	TCH	2	Helsinki	1983
3	3	48.89	Ana Guevara	MEX	1	Paris	2003
4	4	49.13	Marie Jose Perec	FRA	1	Tokyo	1991
5	5	49.19	Mariya Pinigina	URS	3	Helsinki	1983
6		49.28	Marie-Jose Perec		1	Göteborg	1995
7	6	49.38	Olga Bryzgina	URS	1	Roma	1987
8	7	49.42	Grit Breuer	GER	2	Tokyo	1991
9	8	49.43	Lorraine Fenton (Graham)	JAM	2	Paris	2003
10	9	49.55	Tonique Williams-Darling	BAH	1	Helsinki	2005
11	10	49.61	Christine Ohuruogu	GBR	1	Osaka	2007
12	11	49.65	Nicola Sanders	GBR	2	Osaka	2007
=13	12	49.66	Novlene Williams	JAM	1sf1	Osaka	2007
=13		49.66	Novlene Williams		3	Osaka	2007
15	13	49.67	Cathy Freeman	AUS	1	Sevilla	1999
16		49.69	Tonique Darling		1sf3	Helsinki	2005
=17	=14	49.74	Anja Rucker	GER	2	Sevilla	1999
=17	=14	49.74	Sanya Richards	USA	2	Helsinki	2005
19	16	49.75	Gaby Bussmann	FRG	4	Helsinki	1983
20		49.76	Cathy Freeman		1sf2	Sevilla	1999
=21		49.77	Cathy Freeman		1	Athinai	1997
=21		49.77	Nicola Sanders		1sf2	Osaka	2007
23	17	49.78	Sandra Myers	ESP	3	Tokyo	1991
24	18	49.79	Sandie Richards	JAM	2	Athinai	1997
25		49.81	Ana Guevara		3	Helsinki	2005
=26		49.82	Olga Bryzgina		4	Tokyo	1991
=26	19	49.82	Jearl Miles	USA	1	Stuttgart	1993
28	20	49.86	Amy Mbacke Thiam	SEN	1	Edmonton	2001
29		49.88	Lorraine Fenton		2	Edmonton	2001
30		49.90	Jearl Miles-Clark		3	Athinai	1997
31		49.92	Lorraine Graham		3	Sevilla	1999
32	21	49.93	Natalya Antyukh	RUS	1sf2	Osaka	2007
=33	22	49.94	Petra Müller	GDR	2	Roma	1987
=33		49.94	Marie-Jose Perec		1sf1	Tokyo	1991
35		49.95	Amy Mbacke Thiam		3	Paris	2003
=36	=23	49.96	Pauline Davis	BAH	2	Göteborg	1995
=36	=23	49.96	Falilat Ogunkoya	NGR	1sf1	Sevilla	1999
=38		49.97	Ana Guevara	MEX	3	Edmonton	2001
=39	25	49.98	Natalya Nazarova	RUS	4	Paris	2003

Margin of Victory

	Difference	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
Max	0.68 seconds	Marie Jose Perec	FRA	Göteborg	1995
Min	0.02 seconds	Cathy Freeman Amy Mbacke Thiam	AUS SEN	Athinai Edmonton	1997 2001

Best Marks for Places in the World Championships

Pos	Time	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
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2	48.59	Tatjana Kocembova	TCH	Helsinki	1983
3	49.19	Mariya Prinigina	URS	Helsinki	1983
4	49.75	Gaby Bussman	FRG	Helsinki	1983
5	50.06	Marita Payne	CAN	Helsinki	1983
6	50.33	Natalya Antyukh	RUS	Osaka	2007
7	50.48	Dagmar Rübsem	GDR	Helsinki	1983
8	50.66	Rosalyn Bryant	USA	Helsinki	1983

Fastest time in each round (no second round in 1987, 1993, 1995, and from 2001)

Round	Time	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
Final	47.99	Jarmila Kratochvilova	TCH	Helsinki	1983
Semi-final	49.66	Novlene Williams	JAM	Osaka	2007
Second round	50.08	Sandie Richards	JAM	Athinai	1997
First round	50.21	Novlene Williams	JAM	Osaka	2007

Fastest known splits in the World Championships

	Time	Final Pos	Name	Nat	Venue	Year
First 200m	22.82	1 st	Marie-Jose Percec	FRA	Tokyo	1991
Last 200m	24.9	1 st	Jarmila Kratochvilova	TCH	Helsinki	1983

German All-Comer's List

Performance	Performer	Time	Name	Nat	Pos	Venue	Year
1	1	48.22	Marita Koch	GDR	1	Stuttgart	28 Aug 1986
2		48.26	Marita Koch		1	Dresden	27 July 1984
3		48.77	Marita Koch		1	Karl-Marx Stadt	9 July 1982
4		48.86	Marita Koch		1	Erfurt	2 June 1984
5		48.89	Marita Koch		1	Potsdam	29 July 1979
5		48.89	Marita Koch		1	Berlin	17 July 1984

Fastest Performances in Berlin

Performance	Performer	Time	Name	Nat	Pos	DMY
1	1	48.89	Marita Koch	GDR	1	17 July 1984
2		48.97	Marita Koch		1	22 Sept 1985
3	2	49.07	Tonique Williams-Darling	BAH	1	12 Sept 2004
4	3	49.27	Sanya Richards	USA	1	16 Sept 2007