

# Marathon times

**John Hayes' world best time – set in London's first marathon in the Olympics of 1908 – was more than 48 minutes slower than the current fastest time of 2:06:50, achieved in Rotterdam in 1988**



## How best times have changed

<b>1908</b>	John Hayes (USA)	<b>2:55:18</b>
<b>1913</b>	Alexis Ahlgren (Swe)	<b>2:36:06</b>
<b>1925</b>	Albert Michelsen (USA)	<b>2:29:01</b>
<b>1935</b>	Kitei Son (Jpn)	<b>2:26:42</b>
<b>1947</b>	Yun Bok Suh (Kor)	<b>2:25:39</b>
<b>1958</b>	Sergey Popov (USSR)	<b>2:15:17</b>
<b>1967</b>	Derek Clayton (Aus)	<b>2:09:36</b>
<b>1969</b>	Derek Clayton (Aus)	<b>2:08:33</b>
<b>1985</b>	Carlos Lopes (Por)	<b>2:07:12</b>
<b>1988</b>	Belayneh Densimo (Eth)	<b>2:06:50</b>