

Usain Bolt

Known as the *Lightning Bolt*, the Jamaican sprinter is the reigning 100m and 200m Olympic champion and world record holder



■ **Born:** August 21, 1986

■ **Birthplace:** Trelawny, Jamaica

■ **Early career:** Dominates world junior championships in 200m from 2002-2005. Wins first senior medal at 2007 world championships

■ **2008:** Wins three gold medals at Beijing Olympics – in 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay

■ **2009:** Wins triple gold at world championships. Sets world records in 100m (9.58) and 200m (19.19m)

■ **2011:** Disqualified from 100m final at world championships after false start. Recovers to take gold in 200m and sprint relay

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