

Athletic season 2023

For the past 20 years, the women's world 4x100m title has been shared between USA and Jamaica. During that time, USA has claimed five gold medals – including last year in Oregon – while Jamaica has won four. Jamaica, meanwhile, are the Olympic champions and own five of the eight fastest times in history. But USA holds the world record at 40.82 – 0.20 quicker than Jamaica's best effort. While the two countries' historical record is fairly evenly matched, the USA heads to Budapest as quite comfortably the fastest team on paper. Their 41.75 clocking from the Texas Relays was achieved without some of their best Budapest-bound sprinters, but is still almost half a second faster than the next-best country. The likes of US champion Sha'Carri Richardson, Olympic 200m bronze medallist Gabby Thomas, Brittany Brown and Twanisha Terry could, in theory, pack quite a punch in a relay. The fastest time by a Jamaican quartet this year is 42.80, but that didn't feature the likes of world 100m champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce or world 200m champion Shericka Jackson. With Fraser-Pryce already owns the most 4x100m medals of any athlete in World Championship history (seven, including four gold), but the Jamaican superstar could add to that record tally in Budapest. The Ivory Coast finds itself as the second-fastest team entered as Budapest, having taken more than a second off their national record this year. African record-holder Marie-Josée Ta Lou and 2018 world indoor 60m champion Murielle Ahouré-Demps have flown the Ivorian flag in the sprint world for the best part of a decade, but now Maboundou Kone and Jessica Gbai have improved to a good international standard, bolstering the relay team in the process. Great Britain & Northern Ireland – world silver medallists in 2017 and 2019, as well as Olympic bronze medallists at the past two Games – should once again challenge for a spot on the podium. They likely would have made it among the medals in Oregon were it not for Dina Asher-Smith's injury in the final, but they'll be keen to make amends in Budapest. Germany – who came through to take bronze in 2022 – should once again be in contention, as should the Netherlands and Poland.

Medal winners	Relevant records
<b>2010 Europe</b> 1 Ukraine UKR 42.29 <small>Olesya Povh, Nataliya Pohrebnyak RUS, Mariya Ryemyen, Yelizaveta Bryzgina</small> 2 France FRA 42.45 <small>Myriam Soumaré, Véronique Mang, Lina Jacques-Sébastien, Christine Arron</small> 3 Poland POL 42.68 <small>Marika Popowicz-Drapala, Daria Korczyńska, Marta Jeschke, Weronika Wedler</small> <b>2011 World</b> 1 United States USA 41.56 <small>Bianca Knight, Allyson Felix, Marshvet Hooker, Carmelita Jeter</small> 2 Jamaica JAM 41.70 <small>Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Kerron Stewart, Sherone Simpson, Veronica Campbell-Brown</small> 3 Ukraine UKR 42.51 <small>Olesya Povh, Nataliya Pohrebnyak RUS, Mariya Ryemyen, Hrystyna Stuy</small> <b>2012 Europe</b> 1 Germany GER 42.51 <small>Leena Günther, Anne Cibis, Tatjana Pinto, Verena Sailer</small> 2 Nederland NED 42.80 <small>Kadene Vassel, Dafne Schippers, Eva Lubbers, Jamile Samuel</small> 3 Poland POL 43.06 <small>Marika Popowicz-Drapala, Daria Korczyńska, Marta Jeschke, Ewelina Ptak</small> <b>2012 Olympic</b> 1 United States USA 40.82 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight, Carmelita Jeter</small> 2 Jamaica JAM 41.41 <small>Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Sherone Simpson, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Kerron Stewart</small> 3 Ukraine UKR 42.04 <small>Olesya Povh, Hrystyna Stuy, Mariya Ryemyen, Yelizaveta Bryzgina</small> <b>2013 World</b> 1 Jamaica JAM 41.29 <small>Carrie Russell, Kerron Stewart, Schillonie Calvert-Powell, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 2 United States USA 42.75 <small>Jeneba Tarmoh, Alexandria Anderson, English Gardner, Octavious Freeman</small> 3 Great Britain GBR 42.87 <small>Dina Asher-Smith, Ashleigh Nelson, Annabelle Lewis, Hayley Mills</small> <b>2014 Europe</b> 1 Great Britain GBR 42.24 <small>Asha Philip, Ashleigh Nelson, Jodie Williams, Desiree Henry</small> 2 France FRA 42.45 <small>Cécine Distel-Bonnet, Ayodélé Ikuesan-Oudart, Myriam Soumaré, Stella Akakpo</small> 3 Rusia RUS 43.22 <small>Marina Panteleyeva, Natalya Rusakova, Yelizaveta Demirova, Kristina Makarenko</small> <b>2015 World</b> 1 Jamaica JAM 41.07 <small>Veronica Campbell-Brown, Natasha Morrison, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 2 United States USA 41.68 <small>English Gardner, Allyson Felix, Jenna Prandini, Jasmine Todd</small> 3 Trinidad & Tobago TTO 42.03 <small>Kelly-Ann Baptiste, Michelle-Lee Ahye, Reyare Thomas, Semoy Hackett</small> <b>2016 Europe</b> 1 Nederland NED 42.04 <small>Jamile Samuel, Dafne Schippers, Tessa van Schagen, Naomi Sedney</small> 2 Great Britain GBR 42.45 <small>Asha Philip, Dina Asher-Smith, Bianca Williams, Daryll Neita</small> 3 Germany GER 42.48 <small>Tatjana Pinto, Lisa Mayer, Gina Lückenkemper, Rebekka Haase</small> <b>2016 Olympic</b> 1 United States USA 41.01 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, English Gardner, Tori Bowie</small> 2 Jamaica JAM 41.36 <small>Christiana Williams, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 3 Great Britain GBR 41.77 <small>Asha Philip, Desiree Henry, Dina Asher-Smith, Daryll Neita</small> <b>2017 World</b> 1 United States USA 41.82 <small>Aaliyah Brown, Allyson Felix, Morolake Akinosun, Tori Bowie</small> 2 Great Britain GBR 42.12 <small>Asha Philip, Desiree Henry, Dina Asher-Smith, Daryll Neita</small> 3 Jamaica JAM 42.19 <small>Jura Lev, Natasha Morrison, Simone Facey, Shashalee Forbes</small> <b>2018 Europe</b> 1 Great Britain GBR 41.88 <small>Asha Philip, Imani Lansiquot, Bianca Williams, Dina Asher-Smith</small> 2 Nederland NED 42.15 <small>Dafne Schippers, Marije van Hünenstijn, Jamile Samuel, Naomi Sedney</small> 3 Germany GER 42.23 <small>Lisa Marie Kwayie, Gina Lückenkemper, Tatjana Pinto, Rebekka Haase</small> <b>2019 World</b> 1 Jamaica JAM 41.44 <small>Nataliah Whyte, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Jonielle Smith, Shericka Jackson</small> 2 Great Britain GBR 41.85 <small>Asha Philip, Dina Asher-Smith, Ashleigh Nelson, Daryll Neita</small> 3 United States USA 42.10 <small>Dezerea Bryant, Teahna Daniels, Morolake Akinosun, Kiara Parker</small> <b>2021 Olympic</b> 1 Jamaica JAM 41.02 <small>Briana Williams, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson</small> 2 United States USA 41.45 <small>Javianne Oliver, Teahna Daniels, Jenna Prandini, Gabby Thomas</small> 3 Great Britain GBR 41.88 <small>Asha Philip, Imani Lansiquot, Dina Asher-Smith, Daryll Neita</small> <b>2022 World</b> 1 United States USA 41.14 <small>Melissa Jefferson, Abby Steiner, Jenna Prandini, TeeTee Terry</small> 2 Jamaica JAM 41.18 <small>Kemba Nelson, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson</small> 3 Germany GER 42.03 <small>Tatjana Pinto, Alexandra Burghardt, Gina Lückenkemper, Rebekka Haase</small> <b>2022 Europe</b> 1 Germany GER 42.34 <small>Alexandra Burghardt, Lisa Mayer, Gina Lückenkemper, Rebekka Haase</small> 2 Poland POL 42.61 <small>Pia Skrzyszowska, Anna Kielbasińska, Marika Popowicz-Drapala, Ewa Swoboda</small> 3 Italy ITA 42.84 <small>Zaynab Dosso, Dalia Kaddari, Anna Bongiorno, Alessia Pavese</small>	<b>WR</b> 40.82 United States 1 Olympic Stadium, London 10 AUG 2012 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight, Carmelita Jeter</small> <b>Eur</b> 41.37 German Democratic Republic GDR Canberra 06 10 1985 <small>(Gladisch-Möller Silke, Rieger-Günther Sabine, Auerswald-Lange Ingrid, Göhr Marlies)</small> <b>Ame</b> 40.82 United States 1 London (GBR) 10 AUG 2012 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight, Carmelita Jeter</small> <b>All-time list</b> 1 40.82 United States 1 London (GBR) 10 AUG 2012 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight, Carmelita Jeter</small> 2 41.01 United States 1 Rio de Janeiro (BRA) 19 AUG 2016 <small>Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix, English Gardner, Tori Bowie</small> 3 41.02 Jamaica 1 Tokyo (JPN) 06 AUG 2021 <small>Briana Williams, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson</small> 4 41.07 Jamaica 1 Beijing (CHN) 29 AUG 2015 <small>Veronica Campbell-Brown, Natasha Morrison, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 5 41.14 United States 1 Eugene, OR (USA) 23 JUL 2022 <small>Melissa Jefferson, Abby Steiner, Jenna Prandini, TeeTee Terry</small> 6 41.18 Jamaica 2 Eugene, OR (USA) 23 JUL 2022 <small>Kemba Nelson, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Shericka Jackson</small> 7 41.29 Jamaica 1 Moskva (RUS) 18 AUG 2013 <small>Carrie Russell, Kerron Stewart, Schillonie Calvert-Powell, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 8 41.36 Jamaica 2 Rio de Janeiro (BRA) 19 AUG 2016 <small>Christiana Williams, Elaine Thompson-Herah, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce</small> 9 41.37 German Democratic Republic 1 Canberra (AUS) 06 OCT 1985 <small>(Gladisch-Möller Silke, Rieger-Günther Sabine, Auerswald-Lange Ingrid, Göhr Marlies)</small> 10 41.41 Jamaica 2 London (GBR) 10 AUG 2012 <small>Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Sherone Simpson, Veronica Campbell-Brown, Kerron Stewart</small> <b>World season list</b> 1 41.55 Texas, MIX Austin TX 8 Jun <small>Julien Alfred LCA, Ezinne Abba USA, Rhasidat Adeleke IRL, Kevona Davis JAM</small> 2 41.75 United States USA Austin TX 1 Apr <small>Melissa Jefferson, Abby Steiner, Jenna Prandini, Aleia Hobbs</small> 3 42.01 Empire Athletics, MIX Gainesville FL 1 Apr <small>Kortnei Johnson USA, Jasmine Camacho-Quinn PUR, Shakima Wimbley USA, Stephanie Davis USA</small> 4 42.23 Ivory Coast CIV Lausanne 30 Jun <small>Murielle Ahouré-Demps, Marie Josée Ta Lou, Jessika Gbai, Maboundou Koné</small> 5 42.26 Tiger Olympians, USA Baton Rouge LA 8 Apr <small>Mikiah Brisco, Candace Hill, Symone Mason, Aleia Hobbs</small> 6 42.30 Kentucky, MIX Austin TX 8 Jun <small>Victoria Perrow USA, Athanya Chariton BAH, Masai Russell USA, Karimah Davis USA</small> 7 42.38 Netherlands NED London 23 Jul <small>N'ketia Seedo, Marije van Hünenstijn, Jamile Samuel, Tasa Jiya</small> 8 42.52 LSU, MIX Austin TX 10 Jun <small>Alia Armstrong USA, Favour Ofili NGR, Brianna Lyston JAM, Thelma Davies USA</small> 9 42.59 Great Britain GBR London 23 Jul <small>Annie Tague, Imani Lansiquot, Bianca Williams, Kristal Awuah</small> 10 42.68 Ohio State, MIX Austin TX 8 Jun <small>Yanique Dayle JAM, Nya Bussey USA, Columba Effiong USA, Leah Bertrand TTO</small> 11 42.80 Jamaica JAM Devonshire 21 May <small>Remona Burchell, Ashanti Moore, Shashalee Forbes, Jonielle Smith</small>

