

Athletic season 2023

USA has dominated the event in recent times, winning seven of the past eight world titles, and all Olympic gold medals in the event from 1996 onwards. Given the current standard of 400m running in the USA, their winning streak looks set to continue in Budapest. Even with the recent withdrawal of world leader Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, the USA could still potentially field a relay team of four women who have broken 50 seconds for 400m this year: Britton Wilson, Talitha Diggs, Shamier Little and Gabby Thomas.

Jamaica was the last team to defeat the USA at the World Championships, doing so in 2015. They have reached the podium at nine of the past 11 editions of the event, as well as at the past six Olympic Games. They also head to Budapest with the second-best overall depth at 400m, with several women with sub-51-second season's bests. But Great Britain has a similarly consistent record of reaching the podium at the World Championships, doing so in eight of the past nine editions, including in Oregon last year when they earned bronze. A dropped baton in the heats prevented the Netherlands from contending for a medal in Oregon last year, so their quartet will be hugely motivated in Budapest. They have two formidable sub-50-second performers in the shape of Femke Bol and Lieke Klaver; they'll just have to play their ace wisely to use them to maximum effect. Poland, the Olympic silver medalists in 2021, don't have quite the same depth this season as they have done in recent years, but Natalia Kaczmarek – who has improved to 49.48 this year – should be a huge asset to the team. They may, however, decide to channel their energies into the mixed 4x400m, which could represent a better chance of a medal. Canada has finished fourth in the women's 4x400m at the last World Championships and Olympic Games, despite not having the speediest team on paper, so don't be surprised if they're a factor in the final once again. The same applies to Belgium, who set a national record of 3:22.12 last year to finish fourth at the European Championships, a month after finishing sixth at the World Championships.

Medal winners		Relevant records	
<b>2015 World</b>		WR	3:15.17 USSR URS Seoul 01 10 1988 (Ledovskaya Tatyana, Nazarova Olga V., Kulchunova-Pinigina Mariya, Vlyadykina-Bryzgina Olga)
1 Jamaica	JAM 3:19.13	Eur	3:15.17 USSR URS Seoul 01 10 1988 (Ledovskaya Tatyana, Nazarova Olga V., Kulchunova-Pinigina Mariya, Vlyadykina-Bryzgina Olga)
Christine Day, Shericka Jackson, Stephanie Ann McPherson, Novlene Williams-Mills		Ame	3:15.51 United States USA Seoul 01 10 1988 (Howard-Hill Denean, Dixon Diane, Brisco-Hooks Valerie, Griffith-Joyner Florence)
2 United States	USA 3:19.44	WIR	3:23.37 Russia RUS Glasgow 28 01 2006 (Gushchina Yuliya, Kotlyarova Olga, Zaytseva Olga, Krasnomovets Olesya)
Sanya Richards-Ross, Natasha Hastings, Allyson Felix, Francena McCorory			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:23.62		
Christine Ohuruogu, Anyika Onuora, Eilidh Doyle, Seren Bundy-Davies			
<b>2016 World indoor</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:26.38		
Natasha Hastings, Quanera Hayes, Courtney Okolo, Ashley Spencer			
2 Poland	POL 3:31.15		
Ewelina Ptak, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Magdalena Gorkowska, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
3 Romania	ROU 3:31.51		
Adelina Pap-Pastor, Mirela Lavric, Andrea Miklos, Bianca Răzor			
<b>2016 Europe</b>			
1 Great Britain	GBR 3:25.05		
Emily Diamond, Anyika Onuora, Eilidh Doyle, Seren Bundy-Davies			
2 France	FRA 3:25.96		
Phara Anacharis, Brigitte Ntiamoah, Marie Gayot, Floria Guei			
3 Italy	ITA 3:27.49		
Maria Benedicita Chigbolu, Maria Enrica Spacca, Chiara Bazzoni, Libania Grenot			
<b>2016 Olympic</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:19.06		
Courtney Okolo, Natasha Hastings, Phyllis Francis, Allyson Felix			
2 Jamaica	JAM 3:20.34		
Stephanie Ann McPherson, Annesha McLaughlin-Whitby, Shericka Jackson, Novlene Williams-Mills			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:25.88		
Eilidh Doyle, Anyika Onuora, Emily Diamond, Christine Ohuruogu			
<b>2017 Europe indoor</b>			
1 Poland	POL 3:29.94		
P. Wyciskiewicz-Zawadzka, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
2 Great Britain	GBR 3:31.05		
Eilidh Doyle, Phillipa Lowe, Mary Abichi, Laviai Nielsen			
3 Ukraine	UKR 3:32.10		
Olha Bibik, Tetyana Melnyk, Anastasiya Bryzhina, Olha Lyakhova			
<b>2017 World</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:19.02		
Quanera Hayes, Allyson Felix, Shakima Wimbley, Phyllis Francis			
2 Great Britain	GBR 3:25.00		
Zoey Clark, Laviai Nielsen, Eilidh Doyle, Emily Diamond			
3 Poland	POL 3:25.41		
Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Aleksandra Gaworska, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
<b>2018 World indoor</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:23.85		
Quanera Hayes, Georganne Moline, Shakima Wimbley, Courtney Okolo			
2 Poland	POL 3:26.09		
Święty-Ersetic, P. Wyciskiewicz-Zawadzka, Aleksandra Gaworska, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:29.38		
Meghan Beesley, Hannah Williams, Amy Allcock, Zoey Clark			
<b>2018 Europe</b>			
1 Poland	POL 3:26.59		
M. Holub-Kowalik, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Patrycja Wyciskiewicz-Zawadzka, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
2 France	FRA 3:27.17		
Elea Mariama Diarra, Deborah Sananes, Agnes Raharolahy, Floria Guei			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:27.40		
Zoey Clark, Anyika Onuora, Amy Allcock, Eilidh Doyle			
<b>2019 Europe indoor</b>			
1 Poland	POL 3:28.77		
Anna Kielbasińska, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
2 Great Britain	GBR 3:29.55		
Laviai Nielsen, Zoey Clark, Amber Anning, Eilidh Doyle			
3 Italy	ITA 3:31.90		
Raphaella Boaheng Lukudo, Ayomide Folorunso, Chiara Bazzoni, Marta Milani			
<b>2019 World</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:18.92		
Phyllis Francis, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Dalilah Muhammad, Wadeline Jonathas			
2 Poland	POL 3:21.89		
Iga Baumgart-Witan, P. Wyciskiewicz-Zawadzka, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
3 Jamaica	JAM 3:22.37		
Anastasia Le-Roy, Tiffany James, Stephanie Ann McPherson, Shericka Jackson			
<b>2021 Europe indoor</b>			
1 Nederland	NED 3:27.15		
Lieke Klaver 51.67, Marit Dopheide 53.18, Lisanne de Witte 52.31, Femke Bol 49.99			
2 Great Britain	GBR 3:28.20		
Zoey Clark 51.83, Jodie Williams 52.17, Ama Pipi 52.62, Jessie Knight 51.58			
3 Poland	POL 3:29.94		
N. Kaczmarek 52.55, M. Holub-Kowalik 51.45, Kornelia Lesiewicz 53.35, Aleksandra Gaworska 52.59			
<b>2021 Olympic</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:16.85		
Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Allyson Felix, Dalilah Muhammad, Athing Mu			
2 Poland	POL 3:20.53		
Natalia Kaczmarek, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Małgorzata Holub-Kowalik, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
3 Jamaica	JAM 3:21.24		
Roneisha McGregor, Janieve Russell, Shericka Jackson, Candice McLeod			
<b>2022 World indoor</b>			
1 Jamaica	JAM 3:28.40		
Junelle Bromfield, Janieve Russell, Roneisha McGregor, Stephanie Ann McPherson			
2 Nederland	NED 3:28.57		
Lieke Klaver, Eveline Saalberg, Lisanne de Witte, Femke Bol			
3 Poland	POL 3:28.59		
Natalia Kaczmarek, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Kinga Gacka, Justyna Święty-Ersetic			
<b>2022 World</b>			
1 United States	USA 3:17.79		
Talitha Diggs, Abby Steiner, Britton Wilson, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone			
2 Jamaica	JAM 3:20.74		
Candice McLeod, Janieve Russell, Stephanie Ann McPherson, Charokee Young			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:22.64		
Victoria Ohuruogu, Nicole Yeargin, Jessie Knight, Laviai Nielsen			
<b>2022 Europe</b>			
1 Nederland	NED 3:20.87		
Eveline Saalberg, Lieke Klaver, Lisanne de Witte, Femke Bol			
2 Poland	POL 3:21.68		
Anna Kielbasińska, Iga Baumgart-Witan, Justyna Święty-Ersetic, Natalia Kaczmarek			
3 Great Britain	GBR 3:21.74		
Victoria Ohuruogu, Ama Pipi, Jodie Williams, Nicole Yeargin			
<b>2023 Europe indoor</b>			
1 Nederland	NED 3:25.66		
Lieke Klaver, Eveline Saalberg, Cathelijn Peeters, Femke Bol			
2 Italy	ITA 3:28.61		
Alice Mangione, Ayomide Folorunso, Anna Polinari, Eleonora Marchiando			
3 Poland	POL 3:29.31		
Anna Kielbasińska, Marika Popowicz-Drapala, Alicja Wrona-Kutrzepa, Anna Paliś			

