

Irish Athletics Olympic History 1896-2016

Venues: 1896 Athens (GRE), 1900 Paris (FRA), 1904 St. Louis (USA), 1906 Athens (GRE), 1908 London (GBR), 1912 Stockholm (SWE), 1920 Antwerp (BEL), 1924 Paris (FRA), 1928 Amsterdam (NED), 1932 Los Angeles (USA), 1936 Berlin (GER), 1948 London (GBR), 1952 Helsinki (FIN), 1956 Melbourne (AUS), 1960 Rome (ITA), 1964 Tokyo (JPN), 1968 Mexico City (MEX), 1972 Munich (FRG), 1976 Montreal (CAN), 1980 Moscow (URS), 1984 Los Angeles (USA), 1988 Seoul (KOR), 1992 Barcelona (ESP), 1996 Atlanta (USA), 2000 Sydney (AUS), 2004 Athens (GRE), 2008 Beijing (CHN), 2012 London (GBR), 2016 Rio de Janeiro (BRA), 2020 Tokyo (JPN), 2024 Paris (FRA), 2028 Los Angeles (USA)

Although Ireland first competed in the Olympic Games in its own right as an independent nation in the Paris Games of 1924, Irish athletes prior to this, were among the best in the world and competed with distinction for Great Britain & Ireland as it was then referred to and for the USA, Canada and South Africa.

All known Irish-born athletes who competed between 1896-1920, or athletes who lived in Ireland for a significant period of time and were members of Irish athletics clubs and are included in the below lists.

Men

100m

1924	William J. Lowe	4h12	No time recorded		
1928	Denis John Cussen	2h15	No time recorded	5 QF	No time recorded
1952	Paul P. Dolan	3h2	11.12		
1960	Patrick "Paddy" Lowry	6h3	11.11		
1996	Neil Ryan	7h10	10.78		
2000	Paul Brizzel	6h4	10.62		

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	Robert Kerr (Fermanagh/CAN)	3h2	No time		
1908	Robert Kerr (Fermanagh/CAN)	1h10	11.0	1 SF1	11.0
1908	Denis Murray (Cork/GBI)	3h4	No time		
1908	William Murray (Cork/GBI)	4h8	No time		
1908	Patrick Roche (Cork/GBI)	1h17	11.4	3 SF1	No time recorded

200m

1924	William J. Lowe	2h7	23.05	QF	No time recorded
1924	Sean Lavan	1h16	23.24	QF	No time recorded
1928	Sean Lavan	4h6	22.9		
1928	Dan Cullen	3h2	No time recorded		
1952	Paul Dolan	2h15	22.04	3 QF	22.15
1960	Patrick "Paddy" Lowry	5h6	22.30		
1996	Gary Ryan	3h11	20.78	8 QF	20.89
2000	Paul Brizzel	4h9	20.98		
2004	Paul Brizzel	6h1	21.00		
2008	Paul Hession	3h6	20.59	1QF4	20.32
2012	Paul Hession	5h4	20.69	5 SF1	20.38

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	Robert Kerr (Fermanagh/CAN)	3h2	No time recorded			
1908	Robert Kerr (Fermanagh/CAN)	1h11	22.2	1 SF1	22.6	1 22.6
1908	Patrick Roche (Cork/GBI)	1h3	22.8	2 SF4	22.6	

400m

1924	Sean Lavan	2h8	51.2	4 QF	49.8	
1928	Sean Lavan	2h6	No time	5 QF	No time recorded	
1948	Jimmy Reardon	1h1	48.4	2 QF	48.3	5 SF 47.8
1952	Paul Dolan	3h10	48.81			
1968	Noel Carroll	6h6	46.83			
1972	Fanahan McSweeney	5h5	47.07			
1996	Eugene Farrell	6h6	47.18			
2000	Tomas Coman	4h9	46.17			
2008	David Gillick	4h7	45.83			

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1908	R.C Robb (Antrim/GBI)	2h13	52.5			
1920	Hedges Worthington-Eyre (Dublin/GBI)	2h9	52.5	5QF	52.7	

800m

1924	Norman McEachern	2h6	No time	5 SF	1:58.3	
1928	Norman McEachern	3h8	1:59.8	SF	DNF	
1928	Gerry Coughlan	6h7	No time			
1960	Ronnie Delany	3h8	1:51.19	6 QF	1:51.42	
1964	Noel Carroll	5h5	1:51.1			
1964	Derek McCleane	3h3	1:49.9	7 SF	1:48.4	
1968	Noel Carroll	3h3	1:49.0			
1972	Frank Murphy	3h8	1:51.1	5 SF	1:49.2	
1976	Niall O'Shaughnessy	5h6	1:49.29			
1984	Marcus O'Sullivan	5h2	1:46.85	6 QF	1:46.21	
1996	David Matthews	4h1	1:46.76	5 SF	1:47.83	
2000	David Matthews	5h2	1:48.77			
2008	Thomas Chamney	5h1	1:47.66			
2016	Mark English	3h6	1:46.40	5 SF	1:45.93	

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	John Joe Joyce (Galway/USA)		No time recorded			
1906	John McGough (Monaghan/GBI)		h4	No time recorded		
1908	Ivo Fairbairn-Crawford (Longford/GBI)		1h8	1:57.8		DNF Final
1908	George Morphy (Dublin/GBI)		3h3	No time recorded		

1500m

1948	JJ Barry	8h1	4:00.7			
1956	RONNIE DELANY	3h2	3:47.48		1F	3:41.49
1964	Basil Clifford	8h1	3:54.9			
1968	Frank Murphy	10h5	3:54.85			
1972	Frank Murphy	5h5	3:43.4			
1976	Niall O'Shaughnessy	4h4	3:40.12			

1976	Eamonn Coghlan	1h5	3:39.87	1 SF	3:38.60	4F	3:39.51
1980	Ray Flynn	6h3	3:41.92				
1984	Paul Donovan	4h2	3:45.70				
1984	Frank O'Mara	4h4	3:41.76				
1984	Marcus O'Sullivan	3h1	3:49.65	9 SF	3:39.40		
1988	Marcus O'Sullivan	6h1	3:42.01	6 SF	3:38.84	8F	3:38.39
1988	Gerry O'Reilly	10h3	3:43.23				
1992	Marcus O'Sullivan	4h4	3:37.07	8 SF	3:37.16		
1996	Marcus O'Sullivan	6h4	3:38.16				
1996	Shane Healy	5h3	3:37.28	11 SF	3:39.81		
1996	Niall Bruton	3h1	3:37.42	12 SF	3:42.88		
2000	James Nolan	9h1	3:40.50				
2004	James Nolan	8h1	3:41.14	10 SF	3:42.61		
2008	Alistair Cragg	8h2	3:44.90				
2012	Ciaran O'Lionaird	13h3	3:48.35				

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1906	John McGough (Monaghan/GBI)	1h2	4:18.8	2	4:12.6
1908	John McGough (Monaghan/GBI)	3h4	4:16.4		
1908	Ivo Fairbairn-Crawford (Longford/GBI)	1h8	4:09.4	5	4:07.6

5000m

1948	JJ Barry	DNF					
1960	Mick Hoey	10h1	15:00.52				
1964	Tom O'Riordan	9h2	14:08.8				
1972	John Hartnett	12h3	14:34.6				
1972	Mike Keogh	5h1	13:57.8				
1976	Eddie Leddy	11h1	13:40.54				
1980	Eamonn Coghlan	3h3	13:45.39	2 SF	13:28.79	4F	13:22.74
1980	John Treacy	4h1	13:40.29			7F	13:23.62
1980	Mick O'Shea	10h2	14:02.97				
1984	Ray Flynn	4h1	13:46.84	4 SF	13:40.74	11F	13:34.50
1988	Eamonn Coghlan	7h3	13:43.48	15 SF	14:02.16		
1988	John Doherty	7h1	13:47.99	5 SF	13:24.61	9F	13:27.71
1988	Frank O'Mara	10h2	13:59.46				
1992	John Doherty	6h1	13:41.27				
1992	Paul Donovan	10h3	14:03.79				
1992	Frank O'Mara	4h2	13:38.79				
1996	Cormac Finnerty	10h2	13:54.01	10 SF	14:08.88		
2000	Mark Carroll	7h2	13:30.60				
2004	Mark Carroll	15h2	13:46.81				
2004	Alistair Cragg	7h1	13:23.01			12F	13:43.06
2008	Alistair Cragg	6h1	13:38.57			DNF	
2012	Alistair Cragg	17h2	13:47.01				

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1920	Herbert Irwin (Dublin/GBI)	2h1	15.17.8			12F	No time
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10,000m

1924	John Joe Ryan	DNF		
1948	Paddy Fahy	DNF		
1964	Jim Hogan	DNF		
1972	Neil Cusack	10h2	28:45.80	
1976	Eddie Leddy	9h2	28:55.49	
1980	John Treacy	h1	DNF	
1984	John Treacy	5h3	28:18.13	9F 28:28.68
1992	Noel Berkeley	17h2	29:23.58	
1992	Sean Dollman	16h1	28:55.77	
1996	Sean Dollman	19h2	29:19.03	

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1908	James Murphy (Unknown/GBI)	1h4	25:59.2	DNF Final
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Note:

1968	Jim Hogan	27	31.18.6	(Born Limerick 28.05.33) for GBR
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Marathon

1948	Frank Mulvihill	26	2:57.35	
1952	Joe West	49	2:56.23	
1960	Willie Dunne	42	2:33.09	
1960	Bertie Messit	DNF		
1960	Gerry McIntyre	22	2:26.04	
1964	Jim Hogan	DNF		
1968	Pat McMahon	12	2:29.21	
1968	Mick Molloy	41	2:48.14	
1972	Danny McDaid	23	2:22.26	
1972	Donie Walsh	47	2:31.13	
1972	Dessie McGann	42	2:28.32	
1976	Jim McNamara	39	2:24.58	
1976	Danny McDaid	42	2:27.08	
1976	Neil Cusack	55	2:35.48	
1980	Dick Hooper	38	2:23.53	
1980	Pat Hooper	42	2:30.28	
1984	JOHN TREACY	2	2:09.56	
1984	Jerry Kiernan	9	2:12.20	
1984	Dick Hooper	51	2:24.41	
1988	Dick Hooper	24	2:17.16	
1988	John Treacy	DNF		
1988	John Woods	52	2:25.38	
1992	Tommy Hughes	72	2:32.55	
1992	Andy Ronan	DNF		
1992	John Treacy	51	2:24.11	
2008	Martin Fagan	DNF		
2012	Mark Kenneally	57	2:21.13	
2016	Paul Pollack	32	2:16.24	
2016	Kevin Seaward	64	2:20.06	
2016	Michael Clohissey	103	2:26.34	

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	John Lordan (Cork/USA)	DNF	
1912	Kennedy McArthur (Antrim/RSA)	1	2:36.55

Note:

1960	Denis "Sonny" O'Gorman (born 22.5.28 Tipperary)	16	2.24.17	For GBR
1964	Peter McArdle (born 22.3.29 Dundalk)	23	2.26.25	for USA
1988	Peter Maher (born 30.3.60 Ottawa)	46	2:24.49	for CAN
1992	Peter Maher	DNF		for CAN

3000m Steeplechase

1924	John Kelly	DNF		
1928	Gerry Coughlan	DNF		
1932	Michael Murphy	DNF		
1972	Eddie Leddy	9h2	8:47.4	
1984	Liam O'Brien	8h3	8:31.89	11 SF 8:34.90
1988	Brendan Quinn	9h3	8:40.87	11 SF 8:43.34

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	John Joe Daly (Galway/GBI)	2	7:40.6 (Distance 2500m)
1908	Frank Buckley (Cork/GBI)	DNF Heats	(Distance 3,200m)
1908	Thomas Downing (Unknown IRL/GBR)	DSQ Heats	(Distance 3,200m)
1920	Pat Flynn (Cork/USA)	2	No Time recorded

110m Hurdles

1928	Alastair Clark	3h4	No time recorded	
1956	Eamon Kinsella	4h1	14.66	
1988	TJ Kearns	4h2	14.17	7 QF 14.30
1992	TJ Kearns	4h1	13.63	7 QF 13.87
1996	TJ Kearns	3h6	13.67	5 QF 13.55
1996	Sean Cahill	7h2	14.28	
2000	Peter Coghlan	6h2	14.03	7 QF 13.86

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1908	Laurence Kiely (Tipperary/GBI)	1h4	No time	3 SF3	No time recorded
1908	Tim Ahearne (Limerick/GBI)	1h9	No time	4 SF3	No time recorded

400m Hurdles

1932	BOB TISDALL	1h2	54.8	1 SF	52.8	1F	51.67
1996	Tom McGuirk	5h6	50.76				
2000	Tom McGuirk	7h4	51.73				
2016	Thomas Barr	2h4	48.93	1 SF	48.39	4 F	47.97

High Jump

1924	Larry Stanley	Q 10	1.80m
1996	Mark Mandy	Q 23	2.20m
2000	Brendan Reilly	Q 23	2.20m
2004	Adrian O'Dwyer	Q -	NH

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1900	Pat Leahy (Limerick/GBI)			2	1.78m
1906	Con Leahy (Limerick/GBI)			1	1.78m
1908	Con Leahy (Limerick/GBI)	Q B	1.88m	=2	1.88m
1908	Pat Leahy (Limerick/GBI)	Q B	1.78m	9	1.78m
1912	Timothy Carroll (Cork/GBI)	Q	1.83m	=9	1.80m
1912	Tom O'Donahue (Clare/GBI)	QA	1.70m		
1920	Timothy Carroll (Cork/GBI)	Q	1.80m	=9	1.75m

Pole Vault

No Irish representation yet.

Long Jump

1928	Patrick Anglim	Q 21	6.81m
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Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1900	Pat Leahy (Limerick/GBI)			3	6.95m
1906	Peter O'Connor (Waterford/GBI)			2	7.03m
1908	Tim Ahearn (Limerick/GBI)			8	6.72m
1908	Denis Murray (Cork/GBI)			9	6.71m
1908	William Watt (Unknown/GBI)			18	6.42m

Triple Jump

1924	John O'Connor			10	13.99m
1928	Theo Phelan	Q 19	13.73m		
1932	Eamonn Fitzgerald			4	15.01m

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1900	Pat Leahy (Limerick/GBI)			4	No Distance recorded
1906	Peter O'Connor (Waterford/GBI)			1	14.08m
1906	Con Leahy (Limerick/GBI)			2	13.98m
1908	Tim Ahearn (Limerick/GBI)	Q 1	14.72m	1	14.92m
1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)			9	13.42m
1908	Cyril Dugmore (Offaly/GBI)			11	13.31m
1908	Michael Dineen (Cork/GBI)			12	13.23m
1908	George Mayberry (Kerry/GBI)			No Distance recorded	
1912	Timothy Carroll (Cork/GBI)			19	12.56m
1920	Dan Ahearn (Limerick/USA)			6	14.08m

Shot Put

1924	John O'Grady	NQ 17	12.75m
1948	David Guiney	NQ 16	14.01m
1972	Phil Conway	NQ 27	16.69m
1992	Victor Costello	NQ 22	17.15m
1992	Paul Quirke	NQ 23	17.01m

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1904	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	4	12.39m
1906	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	1	12.33m
1908	Denis Horgan (Cork/GBI)	2	13.62m
1908	Edward Barrett (Kerry/GBI)	5	12.89m
1908	John Barrett (Kerry/GBI)	No distance	
1912	Pat McDonald (Clare/USA)	1	15.34m
1912	Pat Quinn (Tipperary/GBI)	8	12.53m
1920	Pat McDonald (Clare/USA)	4	14.08m

Discus

1924	Paddy Bermingham	NQ 11	40.42
1948	Cummin Clancy	NQ 22	40.73m
1992	Nick Sweeney	NQ 23	57.68m
1996	Nick Sweeney	NQ 13	62.04m
2000	Nick Sweeney	NQ 36	57.37m
2000	John Menton	NQ 40	54.21m

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1900	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	7	33.00m
1904	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	1	39.28m
1904	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	4	36.14m
1904	James Mitchell (Tipperary/USA)	6	Not recorded
1906	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	1	41.46m
1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	1	40.89m
1908	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	9	37.80m
1908	Jack Murray (Cork/GBI)	Not recorded	
1908	Edward Barrett (Kerry/GBI)	Not recorded	
1908	Michael Collins (Kerry/GBI)	Not recorded	

Hammer

1928	PAT O'CALLAGHAN	Q 3	47.49m	1F	51.39m
1932	PAT O'CALLAGHAN			1F	53.92m
1948	Dan Coyle	NQ 19	47.11m		
1960	John Lawlor	Q 7	62.10m	4 F	64.95m
1964	John Lawlor	NQ 23	59.12m		
1980	Sean Egan	NQ 16	63.94m		
1984	Declan Hegarty	NQ 16	70.56m		
1984	Conor McCullough	NQ 21	65.56m		
1988	Conor McCullough	NQ 24	68.66m		
1996	Roman Linscheid	NQ 33	68.14m		
2000	Paddy McGrath	NQ 41	67.00m		

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1900	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)		1	51.01m	
1904	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)		1	51.23m	
1904	James Mitchell (Tipperary/USA)		5	No distance	
1908	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	Q 2	51.96m	1	51.92m
1908	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)		2	51.18m	
1908	Con Walsh (Cork/Canada)		3	48.51m	
1908	Jack Murray (Cork/GBI)			No distance	
1912	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)		1	54.74m	
1912	Denis Carey (Limerick/GBI)		6	43.78m	
1920	Paddy Ryan (Limerick/USA)		1	52.88m	
1920	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)		5	46.67m	
1924	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)		2	50.84m	

Javelin

1988	Terry McHugh	NQ 22	76.46m
1992	Terry McHugh	NQ 27	73.26m
1996	Terry McHugh	NQ 29	72.84m
2000	Terry McHugh	NQ 20	79.90m

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1908	Edward Barrett (Kerry/GBI)	No distance
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Decathlon

1924	Bill Shanahan	19	4931 pts
1928	Con O'Callaghan	DNF	
1932	Bob Tisdall	8	6398 pts
1988	Carlos O'Connell	29	7310 pts

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

(known as the all round championships)

1904	Tom Kiely (Tipperary/GBI)	1	6036 pts
1904	Jack Holloway (Tipperary/GBI)	4	5273 pts

20km Walk

1988	Jimmy McDonald	17	1:22.45
1992	Jimmy McDonald	6	1:25.16
1992	Bobby O'Leary	DQ	
1996	Jimmy McDonald	51	1:32.11
2000	Robert Heffernan	28	1:26.04
2004	Robert Heffernan	DQ	
2008	Robert Heffernan	8	1:20.36
2012	Robert Heffernan	9	1:20.18
2016	Alex Wright	46	1:25.25

Prior to 1924 & Irish independence:

1908	John Reid (Dublin/GBI)	DQ	(Distance 3,500m)
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Note:

1976 Patrick Farrelly (born Mullingar 11.7.35) 41 1.41.37 for CAN

50km Walk

1960	Frank O'Reilly	20	4:54.40
1968	John Kelly	DNF	
2000	Jamie Costin	38	4:24.22
2008	Jamie Costin	44	4:15.16
2008	Colin Griffin	DQ	
2012	Robert Heffernan	3	3:37.54
2012	Brendan Boyce	26	3:55.01
2012	Colin Griffin	DQ	
2016	Robert Heffernan	6	3:43.55
2016	Brendan Boyce	19	3:53.59
2016	Alex Wright	DNF	

4 x 100m Relay

2000 Paul Brizzel, Gary Ryan, Tom Comyns, John McAdorey, Mark Howard (Sub), Donal McCarthy (Sub) 4h3 39.26

4 x 400m Relay

1948 Charles Denroche, Paul Dolan, Jimmy Reardon, Reggie Myles, Cormac O'Cleirigh (sub) DQ

2000 Tomas Coman, Paul McKee, Paul Opperman, Robert Daly, Gordon Kennedy (Sub) 3h2 3:07.42

Discontinued Events:

10km Cross Country

1920 Frank Hegarty (Derry/GBI) 5

1920 Laurence Cummins (Cork/GBI) 26

(Both were members of the GBI team who won silver medals)

1924 John Joe Ryan DNF

56lbs Weight

1904	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	2	10.16m
1904	James Mitchell (Tipperary/USA)	3	10.13m
1920	Pat McDonald (Clare/USA)	1	11.27m
1920	Paddy Ryan (Limerick/USA)	2	10.93m

Two Handed Shot Put

1912 Pat McDonald (Clare/USA) 3 27.53m

Greek Style Discus

1906 Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA) 4 31.50m

1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	1	38.00m	
1908	John Barrett (Kerry/GBI)		No distance recorded	

Standing Long Jump

1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	3	3.83m	
1908	Tim Ahearne (Limerick/GBI)		No distance recorded	

3 Mile Team Race

1908	GBI (Including Joseph Deakin Dublin/Wicklow)	1		
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Standing High Jump

1906	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	=2	1.40m	
1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	5	1.37m	

Standing Long Jump

1906	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	2	3.10m	
1908	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	3	3.22m	

Stone Throwing

1906	Martin Sheridan (Mayo/USA)	2	19.04m	
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Javelin (Freestyle)

1908	Edward Barrett (Kerry/GBI)		No distance recorded	
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Women

100m

1956	Maeve Kyle	6h4	12.48	
1960	Maeve Kyle	5h5	12.59	
2000	Sarah Reilly	3h2	11.56	7 QF 11.53

200m

1956	Maeve Kyle	5h1	26.57	
1960	Maeve Kyle	5h6	25.06	
2000	Sarah Reilly	5h2	23.43	

400m

1964	Maeve Kyle	4h2	55.4	7 SF	55.3
2000	Karen Shinkins	4h3	53.27		
2008	Joanne Cuddihy	6h4	53.32		
2012	Joanne Cuddihy	4h1	52.09	5 SF	51.88

800m

1964	Maeve Kyle	5h2	2:11.3	8 SF	2:12.9		
1972	Claire Walsh	7h2	2:08.98				
1972	Mary Tracey-Purcell	4h1	2:04.18				
1984	Caroline O'Shea	2h1	2:03.60	4 SF	2:02.70	8F	2:00.77
2016	Ciara Everard	8h1	2:07.91				

1500m

1972	Mary Tracey-Purcell	6h3	4:16.43				
1976	Mary Tracey-Purcell	5h4	4:08.63				
1992	Sonia O'Sullivan	5h3	4:07.70	11 SF	4:06.24		
1996	Sonia O'Sullivan	10h1	4:19.77				
1996	Sinead Delahunty	5h1	4:10.20	9 SF	4:12.52		
2000	Sinead Delahunty	7h3	4:11.75				
2016	Ciara Mageean	2h1	4:11.51	11 SF	4:08.07		

3,000m / 5,000m

1984	Roisin Smyth	8h1	9:01.69				
1984	Monica Joyce	5h3	8:54.34				
1988	Ann Keenan-Buckley	13h2	9:03.10				
1992	Sonia O'Sullivan	1h3	8:50.08			4F	8:47.41
1992	Catherina McKiernan	8h2	8:57.91				
1996	Sonia O'Sullivan	1 SF1	15:15.80			DNF	
1996	Kathy McCandless	10 SF3	15:55.66				
1996	Marie McMahon	14 SF2	15:59.12				
2000	SONIA O'SULLIVAN	1 SF1	15:07.91			2 F	14:41.02
2000	Breda Dennehy-Willis	13 SF3	15:49.58				
2000	Rosemary Ryan	8 SF1	15:33.05				
2004	Sonia O'Sullivan	7 SF2	14:59.61			14 F	16:20.90
2004	Maria McCambridge	15 SF1	15:57.42				
2012	Fionnuala Britton	10 SF1	15:12.97				

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1996	Catherina McKiernan	6 h1	32:32.10			11 F	32:0038
2000	Sonia O'Sullivan	7 h1	32:29.93			6 F	30:53.37
2000	Breda Dennehy-Willis	11 h2	33:17.45				
2004	Marie McMahon-Davenport					14 F	31:50.49
2012	Fionnuala Britton					15 F	31:46.71

Marathon

1984	Carey May	28	2:41.27
1984	Regina Joyce	23	2:37.57
1988	Marie Rollins-Murphy	57	2:54.37
1988	Ailish Smith	46	2:44.17
2008	Pauline Curley	63	2:47.16
2012	Linda Byrne	66	2:37.13
2012	Ava Hutchinson	68	2:37.17
2012	Caitriona Jennings	107	3:22.11

2016	Fionnuala McCormack	20	2:31.22
2016	Elizabeth Lee	57	2:39.57
2016	Breege Connolly	76	2:44.41

3000m Steeplechase

2008	Roisin McGettigan	2 h2	9:28.92		14F	9:55.89
2008	Fionnuala Britton	10 h1	9:43.57			
2012	Stephanie Reilly	9 h2	9:44.77			
2016	Sara Treacy	12 h3	9:46.24		17F	9:52.70
2016	Kerry O'Flaherty	14 h1	9:45.35			
2016	Michelle Finn	11 h2	9:49.45			

100m Hurdles

1972	Margaret Murphy	6 h3	15.89			
2004	Derval O'Rourke	7 h4	13.46			
2008	Derval O'Rourke	6 h2	13.22			
2012	Derval O'Rourke	4 h4	12.91	5 SF		12.91

400m Hurdles

1984	Mary Parr	7 h4	61.66			
1988	Barbara Johnson	6 h4	58.61			
1996	Susan Smith	3 h1	55.22	5 SF		54.93
2000	Susan Smith-Walsh	4 h4	57.08			
2008	Michelle Carey	7 h2	57.99			

High Jump

2012	Deirdre Ryan	Q13	1.85m			
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Pole Vault

2012	Tori Pena	Q -	NH			
2016	Tori Pena	Q14	4.30			

Long Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Triple Jump

No Irish representation yet.

Shot Put

No Irish representation yet.

Discus

1984	Patricia Walsh	NQ10	54.42m	9F		55.38m
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Hammer

2008 Eileen O'Keefe NQ 23 67.66m

Javelin

No Irish representation yet.

Heptathlon

1972 Margaret Murphy 27 3770 pts (Pent)

20km Walk

1992	Perri Williams	37	54:53	(10km)
1996	Deirdre Gallagher	23	45:47	(10km)
2000	Gillian O'Sullivan	10	1:33.10	
2000	Olive Loughnane	35	1:38.23	
2004	Olive Loughnane	DNF		
2008	Olive Loughnane	7	1:27.45	
2012	Olive Loughnane	12	1:29.39	
2012	Laura Reynolds	19	1:31.02	

Note:

2000 Lisa Sheridan (born Dublin 10.12.62) 37 1:40.57 for AUS

4 x 100m Relay

No Irish representation yet.

4 x 400m Relay

2000	Karen Shinkins, Martina McCarthy, Ciara Sheehy, Emily Maher, Adrienne McIvor (Sub)	6h3	3:32.24	
2012	Marian Heffernan, Joanne Cuddihy, Jessie Barr, Michelle Carey, Claire Bergin, (Sub) Catriona Cuddihy (Sub)	6h2	3:30.55	

Irish Olympic Medallists

1900	Pat Leahy	High Jump	Silver
1900	Pat Leahy	Long Jump	Bronze
1904	Tom Kiely	All Round	Gold
1904	John Daly	2500m SC	Silver
1906	John McGough	1500m	Silver
1906	Con Leahy	High Jump	Gold
1906	Con Leahy	Triple Jump	Silver
1906	Peter O'Connor	Long Jump	Silver
1906	Peter O'Connor	Triple Jump	Gold
1908	Con Leahy	High Jump	Silver
1908	Tim Ahearne	Triple Jump	Gold
1908	Denis Horgan	Shot Put	Silver
1908	Joseph Deakin	3 Mile Team	Gold
1920	Frank Hegerty	Cross Country Team	Silver
1920	Laurence Cummins	Cross Country Team	Silver

1928	Pat O'Callaghan	Hammer	Gold
1932	Pat O'Callaghan	Hammer	Gold
1932	Bob Tisdall	400m Hurdles	Gold
1956	Ronnie Delany	1500m	Gold
1984	John Treacy	Marathon	Silver
2000	Sonia O'Sullivan	5000m	Silver
2012	Robert Heffernan	50km Walk	Bronze

Most medals: Con Leahy with one gold and two silver medals

World Rankings: 216 teams have competed in the Olympics since 1896.

Using medals and points won by Irish athletes competing for Great Britain & Ireland prior to independence Ireland rank **31st**.

Using only medals and points won by Irish athletes competing for Ireland since independence Ireland are ranked **43rd**.

Top 8 finishes by Irish Track and Field Athletes since 1924

1928	Pat O'Callaghan	Hammer	1 st
1932	Pat O'Callaghan	Hammer	1 st
1932	Bob Tisdall	400m Hurdles	1 st
1932	Eamon Fitzgerald	Triple Jump	4 th
1932	Bob Tisdall	Decathlon	8 th
1956	Ronnie Delany	1500m	1 st
1960	John Lawlor	Hammer	4 th
1976	Eamonn Coghlan	1500m	4 th
1980	Eamonn Coghlan	5000m	4 th
1980	John Treacy	5000m	7 th
1984	John Treacy	Marathon	2 nd
1984	Caroline O'Shea	800m	8 th
1988	Marcus O'Sullivan	1500m	8 th
1992	Sonia O'Sullivan	3000m	4 th
1992	Jimmy McDonald	20km Walk	6 th
2000	Sonia O'Sullivan	5000m	2 nd
2000	Sonia O'Sullivan	10000m	6 th
2008	Robert Heffernan	20km Walk	8 th
2008	Olive Loughnane	20km Walk	7 th
2012	Robert Heffernan	50km Walk	3 rd
2016	Thomas Barr	400m Hurdles	4 th
2016	Robert Heffernan	50km Walk	6 th

Most top 8s

Men	Robert Heffernan	3	2008, 2012, 2016
Women	Sonia O'Sullivan	3	1992, 2000 x 2

Irish Athletes who held Olympic Records

1900	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	Hammer	51.01m
1904	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	Hammer	51.23m
1908	Robert Kerr (Fermanagh/CAN)	200m	22.0 (Heats)
1908	Tim Ahearne (Limerick/GBI)	Triple Jump	14.92m
1908	Tim Ahearne (Limerick/GBI)	Triple Jump	14.72m
1908	John Flanagan (Limerick/USA)	Hammer	51.92m
1912	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)	Hammer	54.13m
1912	Matt McGrath (Tipperary/USA)	Hammer	54.74m
1912	Pat McDonald (Clare/USA)	Shot Put	15.34m
1932	Bob Tisdall	400m Hurdles	52.60 (SF)
1932	Bob Tisdall	400m Hurdles	51.67 (F)*
1956	Ronnie Delany	1500m	3.41.49 (F)
1996	Sonia O'Sullivan	5000m	15:15.80 (SF)

* In the final Tisdall knocked the final hurdle which disallowed records at that time, but this rule was subsequently disregarded.

Youngest Athletics Olympian:

2000 4x400m Relay Martina McCarthy (18 years, 338 days)

Oldest Athletics Olympian:

1912 Hammer Denis Carey (39 years, 344 days) for GBI
 2008 Marathon Pauline Curley (39 years, 161 days)

Youngest Team Manager:

1980 Liam Hennessy (31 years, 294 days)

Multiple Olympians

5	Robert Heffernan	2000-2016
4	John Treacy	1980-1992
4	Marcus O'Sullivan	1984-1996
4	Terry McHugh	1988-2000
4	Sonia O'Sullivan	1992-2004
4	Olive Loughnane	2000-2012
3	Eamonn Coghlan	1976-1980, 1988
3	Frank O'Mara	1984-1992
3	Jimmy McDonald	1988-1996
3	Nick Sweeney	1992-2000
3	TJ Kearns	1988-1996
3	Alistair Cragg	2004-2012
3	Fionnuala Britton	2008-2016

Most Olympic Rounds:

13 rounds	Sonia O'Sullivan 3 x 1500m rounds, 2 x 3000m rounds, 6 x 5000m rounds, 2 x 10000m rounds over 4 Olympics 1992-2004
10 rounds	Marcus O'Sullivan 2 x 800m rounds, 8 x 1500m rounds over 4 Olympics 1984-1996
9 rounds	John Treacy 3 x 5000m rounds, 3 x 10000m rounds, 3 x Marathon starts over 4 Olympics 1980-1992
8 rounds	Maeve Kyle 2 x 100m rounds, 2 x 200m rounds, 2 x 400m rounds, 2 x 800m rounds over 3 Olympics 1956-1964
8 rounds	Eamonn Coghlan 3 x 1500m rounds, 5 x 5,000m rounds over 3 Olympics 1976, 1980, 1988

Irish Olympic Relations:

Pat & Con Leahy (Brothers)
 Tom & Laurence Kiely (Brothers)
 Dan & Tim Ahearne (Brothers)
 Denis & Jack (Twins) & William Murray (Brothers)
 Edward & James Barrett (Brothers)
 Denis Carey & John Flanagan (Cousins)
 Pat & Con O'Callaghan (Brothers)
 Dick & Pat Hooper (Brothers)
 Brendan & Sarah Reilly (Husband & Wife)
 Monica & Regina Joyce (Sisters)
 Robert & Marian Heffernan (Husband & Wife)
 Joanne & Catriona Cuddihy (Sisters)
 Thomas & Jessie Barr (Brother & Sister)
 Padraig (coach) & Colin Griffin (Father & Son)

Irish Records set at Olympic Games

1932	400H	Bob Tisdall	52.60
1932	400H	Bob Tisdall	51.67
1932	Decathlon	Bob Tisdall	6398 pts
1948	Marathon	Frank Mulvihill	2.57.35
1956	1500m	Ronnie Delany	3.41.49
1956	110H	Eamonn Kinsella	14.66
1984	800m	Marcus O'Sullivan	1.46.21
1984	Marathon	John Treacy	2.09.56
1988	Javelin	Terry McHugh	76.46m
1988	20km Walk	Jimmy McDonald	1.22.45
1992	110H	TJ Kearns	13.63
1996	200m	Gary Ryan	20.78
1996	110H	TJ Kearns	13.55
1996	400H	Susan Smith	54.93
2000	5000m	Sonia O'Sullivan	14.41.02
2000	10000m	Sonia O'Sullivan	30.53.37
2000	4x100m Relay	National Team	39.26
2000	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:07.42
2000	4x400m Relay	National Team	3:32.24
2012	50km Walk	Robert Heffernan	3.37.54
2016	400m Hurdles	Thomas Barr	48.49
2016	400m Hurdles	Thomas Barr	47.97

Olympic Team Managers in Athletics

1924	Major General William Murphy
1928	Dr Robert Rowlette
1932	Harry Cannon
1948	Jack Palmer and Charlie Rothwell
1952	Billy Morton
1956	Lord Killanin
1960	Louis Vandendries
1964	Louis Vandendries
1968	Brendan Foreman
1972	Eddie Spillane
1976	Ronnie Long
1980	Liam Hennessy
1984	PL Curran
1988	Chris Wall
1992	Paddy Marley
1996	Nick Davis
2000	Patsy McGonagle
2004	Michael Quinlan
2008	Patsy McGonagle
2012	Patsy McGonagle
2016	Patsy McGonagle

International Technical Officials appointed by IOC/IAAF for Olympic Games

1908	Dr Michael Bulger
1924	Dr Robert Rowlette
1928	Dr Robert Rowlette
1928	Eamonn Flemming
1932	Percy Kirwan
1932	Peter O'Connor
1988	Al Guy
2008	Pierce O'Callaghan
2012	Pierce O'Callaghan
2016	Pierce O'Callaghan
2020	Pierce O'Callaghan
2020	John Cronin

Athletes who carried the Irish flag in the Opening Ceremony:

1924	John O'Grady
1932	Pat O'Callaghan
1960	Ronnie Delany
1964	John Lawlor
2000	Sonia O'Sullivan

Note: Terry McHugh (Bobsleigh): 4 times Olympian in Javelin was the Flag bearer at the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan

Aoife Hoey (Bobsleigh), although never a Summer Olympian, was the Flag bearer in Vancouver in 2010 - Irish Junior Champion in the Long-Jump, Triple-Jump, Shot-putt, Hurdles and Heptathlon and Irish Senior Triple Jump Champion.

Olympic Team Coaches in Athletics

1972	Padraig Griffin
1976	Des de Loughrey
1980	Padraig Griffin
1984	Lar Byrne
1988	Jim Kilty, Declan O'Donoghue
1992	Ciaran Coakley, Joe Doonan
1996	Jim Kilty, Kim McDonald, Eamon Harvey,
2000	Maeve Kyle, Sean Naughton, Michael Lane, Dr Zbigniew Orywal
2004	Paddy Fay, Jim Davis, Michael Lane
2008	Max Jones, Ann Keenan Buckley, Stuart Hogg, Pat Ryan, Nick Dakin, Sean Cahill
2012	Stephen Maguire, Mark Carroll, Liam O'Reilly, Pat Ryan, Anne Keenan Buckley, Sean Cahill
2016	Paul McNamara, Richard Rodgers, Ray Flynn,

Clubs with most Olympians:

Clonliffe Harriers – 15 Irish Olympians & 5 GB & Irish Olympians prior to independence.

1908	x3	Mayberry, Reid, Deakin
1912	x1	Carroll
1920	x2	Carroll, Irwin
1924	x1	McEachern
1928	x1	McEachern
1948	x3	Barry, Dolan, Guiney plus Manager Rothwell
1952		Manager Morton
1960	x2	Hoey, McIntyre
1968	x1	Murphy
1972	x3	Murphy, Walsh, McDaid
1984	x1	Kiernan plus coach Byrne
1988	x1	Keenan-Buckley
1992	x1	O'Leary plus Manager Marley
1996	x1	Bruton
2004	x1	Cragg
2008	x1	Cragg, plus International Technical Official O'Callaghan
2012	x2	Kenneally, Cragg plus International Technical Official O'Callaghan

Crusaders AC - 13 Irish Olympians

1948	x 2	Gregory, Myles, Coyle
1956	x 2	Delany,
1960	x 2	Delany, plus Manager Vandendries
1964	x 2	McCleane plus Manager Vandendries
1972	x 2	Tracey-Purcell, Conway
1976	x1	Tracey-Purcell
1984	x 2	O'Shea, McCullough
1988	x 2	O'Connell, McCullough
1992	x1	Quirke
2000	x1	Peter Coghlan
2008	x1	Chamney

Donore Harriers – 12 Irish Olympians

1948	x2	Clancy, Reardon, plus Manager Palmer
1956	x1	Kinsella
1960	x2	Dunne, Messit
1964	x2	O'Riordan, Clifford
1968		Manager Foreman
1972		Manager Spillane
1976	x2	McNamara, Eamonn Coghlan
1980	x2	Eamonn Coghlan, Egan
1996	x1	Linscheid,
2000	x1	Menton

Leevale – 10 Irish Olympians

1972	x1	Donie Walsh
1984	x1	Marcus O'Sullivan
1988	x1	Marcus O'Sullivan
1992	x1	Marcus O'Sullivan
1996	x2	Marcus O'Sullivan, Dollman
2000	x2	Carroll, McCarthy
2004	x1	O'Rourke
2008	x1	O'Rourke
2012	x2	O'Rourke, O'Lionaird
2016	x3	Finn, Lee, Wright

Dublin and the Olympics:

Dublin bid to host the Olympic Games in 1936

Most Olympics Attended: 15 Harry Gorman 1960-2016

Results explanations

5h3 - 5th place in Heat 3

QF - Quarter Final

SF - Semi Final

Q23 - 23rd position in qualification for a field event

DNF - Did not Finish

DQ - Disqualified

NH - No Height cleared

Mayo/USA - Born in Mayo but competed for USA

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