

Mount Everest World Records (Updated 2025)

Summit Records

Most Summits (Individual): Kami Rita Sherpa - 30+ times (as of 2024)

Legendary Nepali climber who began summiting in 1994 and holds the current world record for the most Everest ascents. Continues to lead expeditions and break his own records.

Fastest Ascent Without Oxygen (North Side): Hans Kammerlander - 16 hours 45 minutes

Accomplished in 1996, this speed record from Base Camp to summit via the Tibetan side remains unmatched without supplemental oxygen.

Most Summits by a Woman: Lhakpa Sherpa - 10+ times

A Nepali-American climber and single mother, Lhakpa Sherpa has summited more than any other woman.

First Blind Person to Summit: Erik Weihenmayer (2001)

American climber who reached the summit using adaptive climbing techniques.

First Double Amputee to Summit: Mark Inglis (2006)

New Zealander who lost both legs to frostbite and reached the summit using prosthetics.

First Ascent Without Supplemental Oxygen: Reinhold Messner & Peter Habeler (1978)

Their climb changed the future of high-altitude mountaineering.

Age-Related Records

Youngest Person to Summit: Jordan Romero - 13 years, 10 months (2010)

Oldest Person to Summit: Yuichiro Miura - 80 years (2013)

Speed & Style Records

Fastest Round-Trip: Kilian Jornet - 16 hours 42 minutes (2017)

First Winter Ascent: Leszek Cichy & Krzysztof Wielicki (1980)

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First Solo Ascent Without Oxygen: Reinhold Messner (1980)

Women's Records

First Woman to Summit: Junko Tabei (1975)

Fastest Female Ascent Without Oxygen: Ongoing efforts and contenders

Other Noteworthy Records

Most Summits in a Single Season: Kami Rita Sherpa - 5 (2023)

Most Summits by Non-Nepali: David Liano Gonzalez (Mexico)

First Paraglide Descent: Jean-Marc Boivin (1988)

Highest Helicopter Landing: Didier Delsalle (2005)

Important Notes

Records require validation by Guinness or Himalayan Database.

Nepal's minimum age for Everest is 16.

Definitions for 'solo' and 'speed' climbs vary.

Controversies and Debated Records

Speed Claims with Oxygen: Some are disputed due to lack of verification.

Solo Definitions: Vary based on use of base camp support.

Everest Clean-up Summits: Debated as 'standard' ascents.

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Climbers to Watch in 2026

Nimsdai Purja - Project Possible leader.

Adriana Brownlee - Young woman targeting all 8000m peaks.

Tashi Lakpa Sherpa - Likely future record holder.

Infographic Summary

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Speed & Style Highlights

Unique Feats: Blind, amputee, heli-landing