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BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON BY THE NUMBERS

HISTORY

1977 year of the first Chicago Marathon
1,122,980 finishers to date
54,383 finishers in 2025, largest finisher field
2,128 finishers in 1977, first finisher field
7 world records set at the Chicago Marathon
4 American records set at the Chicago Marathon
4 victories by Khalid Khannouchi in the men's open division (1997, 1999, 2000, 2002)
6 victories by Marcel Hug in the men's wheelchair division (2016, 2017, 2022-2025)
9 victories by Tatyana McFadden in the women's wheelchair division (2009, 2011-2017, 2021)
2005 year of the most recent victory by an American in the women's open division (Deena Kastor)
2017 year of the most recent victory by an American in the men's open division (Galen Rupp)
2021 year of the most recent victory by an American in the men's wheelchair division (Daniel Romanchuk)
2025 year of the most recent victory by an American in the women's wheelchair division (Susannah Scaroni)
1984 year of the first wheelchair division race
36 years Carey Pinkowski has been the Executive Race Director of the Chicago Marathon

RECORDS

2:00:35 men's professional open division course record (Kelvin Kiptum, 2023)
2:09:56 women's professional open division course record (Ruth Chepngetich, 2024)
1:22:37 men's professional wheelchair division course record (Marcel Hug, 2023)
1:36:12 women's professional wheelchair division course record (Catherine Debrunner, 2024)

2:08:05 men's world record set by Steve Jones in 1984
2:05:42 men's world record set by Khalid Khannouchi in 1999
2:18:47 women's world record set by Catherine Ndereba in 2001
2:17:18 women's world record set by Paula Radcliffe in 2002
2:14:04 women's world record set by Brigid Kosgei in 2019
2:00:35 men's world record set by Kelvin Kiptum in 2023
2:09:56 current women's world record set by Ruth Chepngetich in 2024

2:07:01 men's American record set by Khalid Khannouchi in 2002
2:21:21 women's American record set by Joan Benoit Samuelson in 1985
2:18:29 current women's American record set by Emily Sisson in 2022
2:04:43 current men's American record set by Conner Mantz in 2025

COURSE

29 Neighborhoods
20 Aid Stations
110,531 Gallons of water
41,400 Gallons of Gatorade Endurance Formula
2.4 million cups
80,000 Maurten Gels at Aid Stations 9 and 14
12,000 Chiquita Bananas at Aid Stations 16 – 18

PEOPLE

12,000+ race day volunteers
1,500+ medical personnel
400 course marshals
100 Pace Team Pacers
1.7 million estimated on-course spectators
20,000+ international participants
18,000+ charity participants

CHARITY

246 official charity teams
\$47.1 million raised by charity runners at the 2025 Chicago Marathon
\$405 million raised since 2002, the beginning of the Official Charity Program

SUSTAINABILITY

87,658 pounds of material was either recycled or composted at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
27,471 pounds of unused food that was donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository from the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
12,970 single use plastic bottles were saved using water refill stations in Grant Park at the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
The Chicago Distance Series is investing in local forest preservation through the purchase of carbon credits supporting two tree protection projects in the Chicago metropolitan area.
120+ Green Team volunteers help sort waste at the event
\$23,967 was invested in local restaurants and catering services along the 26.2-mile course through the purchase of on-course volunteer meals
2010 year the Bank of America Chicago Marathon received its first certification from the Council for Responsible Sport
2019 year the Bank of America Chicago Marathon became a signatory of the United Nation's "Sports for Climate Action" initiative

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON PRIZE PURSE

Open division men/women

1st.....	\$100,000
2nd.....	\$75,000
3rd.....	\$50,000
4th.....	\$30,000
5th.....	\$25,000
Total = \$560,000 (\$280,000 for men and \$280,000 for women)	

Wheelchair division men/women

1st.....	\$40,000
2nd.....	\$30,000
3rd.....	\$20,000
4th.....	\$15,000
5th.....	\$10,000
6th.....	\$5,000
7th.....	\$4,000
8th.....	\$3,000
9th.....	\$2,000
10th.....	\$1,000
Total = \$280,000 (\$140,000 for men and \$140,000 for women)	

Wheelchair division men/women (T51/T52)

1st.....	\$2,500
2nd.....	\$1,500
3rd.....	\$1,000
Total = \$10,000 (\$5,000 for men and \$5,000 for women)	

American open division men/women

1st.....	\$15,000
2nd.....	\$12,000
3rd.....	\$10,000
4th.....	\$7,000
5th.....	\$5,000
Total = \$98,000 (\$49,000 for men and \$49,000 for women)	

Masters division bonus men/women

1st.....	\$2,500
Total = \$5,000 (\$2,500 for men and \$2,500 for women)	

Total prize purse: \$908,000

Course record bonuses

Open division men course record 2:00:35	\$50,000
Open division women course record 2:09:56	\$50,000
Wheelchair division men course record 1:22:37	\$50,000
Wheelchair division women course record 1:36:12	\$50,000

Prize money and bonuses are awarded to professional athletes in the men's and women's open, wheelchair, and American divisions. Every professional athlete who competes in the professional division must strictly adhere to the rules, regulations, and anti-doping processes set forth by World Athletics and/or World Para Athletics to be eligible for prize money.

SAFETY & SECURITY

Creating a safe environment race weekend is everyone's responsibility. Event attendees are encouraged to contribute to the overall safety of the event by reviewing and following the information outlined in this section.

EVENT ALERT SYSTEM

The color-coded Event Alert System (EAS) will communicate the status of race conditions leading up to and on race day. EAS levels range from Low (Green) to Moderate (Yellow) to High (Red) to Extreme (Black) based primarily on weather, as well as other conditions.

- Email and website communication during race week will inform event attendees of the current EAS level and provide race weekend preparation tips.
- Updates will be made at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo via public address announcements and color-coded signs.
- On race day, event attendees are encouraged to stay tuned to the current EAS level via public address announcements and color-coded signs/flags at the start and finish areas and at each of the 20 aid stations along the course.
- If necessary, additional emergency information will be communicated via email and/or text message.

Event attendees should familiarize themselves with the Event Alert System prior to race day, remain alert for directions from race officials, announcers and volunteers, and take precautions to prepare properly for varying conditions on race day.

ALERT LEVEL	EVENT CONDITIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
EXTREME	EVENT CANCELLED/EXTREME AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS	PARTICIPATION STOPPED/ FOLLOW EVENT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION
HIGH	POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONDITIONS	SLOW DOWN/OBSERVE COURSE CHANGES/ FOLLOW EVENT OFFICIAL INSTRUCTION/ CONSIDER STOPPING
MODERATE	LESS THAN IDEAL CONDITIONS	SLOW DOWN/BE PREPARED FOR WORSENING CONDITIONS
LOW	GOOD CONDITIONS	ENJOY THE EVENT/ BE ALERT

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Medical support is available at 22 on-course locations: medical tents are located at all 20 aid stations with additional medical tents located between Mile 14 and Mile 15 and in the final mile. Medical tents are indicated by tall, red, blade signs with the medical icon. Each medical tent has access to ambulance service and is staffed by a team of medical professionals equipped with medical supplies and equipment.

In Grant Park, the Main Medical Tent, Podiatry Tent and Ice Station are located directly beyond the finish line. An additional medical tent is in Grant Park adjacent to the 27th Mile Post-Race Party. For the safety of all participants, only those requiring medical assistance may access the medical facilities. Participants who feel like they need medical assistance on race day are encouraged to seek help from a medical volunteer or to visit a medical tent in Grant Park or on course.

Lend a hand, save a life! Participants, volunteers and event staff are encouraged to watch an instructional Hands-Only CPR video in advance of race weekend. This training is critical and can be lifesaving.

AMERICAN RED CROSS REUNIFICATION SERVICES

If a participant is transported to a local area hospital at the discretion of the medical team, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's Reunification Services staff will be on hand in Grant Park to provide information regarding that patient to family and friends. Reunification Services staff can be found in the Information Tents located throughout Grant Park as well as at the American Red Cross Reunification Services area. Family members may also call 888.659.9877 from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on race day to speak with a Reunification Services Operator to inquire about a patient. Refer to the course map for locations and inform friends and family of this service in advance of race day.

PARTICIPANT CANCELLATION (CANCELLATION BY YOU)

Even on the best of days, the marathon is a challenging endurance event. All participants should respect the distance and only partake in the event if properly trained and physically prepared to complete the distance. Participants unable to participate in the 2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon can cancel their entry through Wednesday, October 8 via their participant account. While all event fees (entry, ancillary products, etc.) are non-refundable and will not be applied to a future event, participants who cancel their entry will have access to a guaranteed entry for the next event. Please note, this opportunity is not available to participants who received a guaranteed entry for the 2026 event through the 2025 cancelled entry, charity or tour group applications.

PREGNANCY AND POSTPARTUM POLICY

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has put into place an exception to our standard event policies to permit deferral for participants who need to cancel their registration due to being pregnant, recently pregnant or postpartum.

In addition to the Pregnancy and Postpartum policy, the event will provide private and semi-private lactation spaces to registered postpartum participants and event attendees throughout race weekend. Participants with questions can contact the event by emailing office@chicagomarathon.com.

Visit chicagomarathon.com to learn more about the event's Pregnancy and Postpartum Policy.

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON APP, POWERED BY TCS

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon App, Powered by Tata Consultancy Services is the perfect resource to prepare for the 2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Whether you're running or spectating, the free mobile app includes everything you'll need to be prepared for a great race week experience.

The 2026 official race app features unlimited live race day runner tracking, professional athlete profiles, live broadcast streaming, an interactive course map, participant bib share and more. Spectators can submit a digital cheer through the app for the chance for their message to be displayed on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course as their participant goes by. Visit the "Interactive" page in the app to submit your message.

Make each mile more meaningful! A donate button will appear for any participants you track that are fundraising through charities using the haku platform. Help runners reach their fundraising goal and donate through the Bank of America Chicago Marathon App!

This year's app also includes fifteen major leaderboards that will allow users to find race leaders across all tracked categories, from the professional athlete field to the open field. Full results of the 2026 Bank of America will be available in the app in real time.

The Mobile App is available in the App and Google Play stores.

ABBOTT CHICAGO 5K

Every October, runners travel to Chicago to experience this incredible city by running through it at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Whether you're looking for a shakeout run before the Chicago Marathon or want to be part of the excitement of race weekend, we invite you to join us for the Abbott Chicago 5K.

This scenic run through downtown Chicago gives everyone a chance to experience the excitement of Bank of America Chicago Marathon weekend and is the perfect way for marathoners, fans of the sport and friends and family to see the city in a whole new way. Participants will receive a cozy knit hat and all finishers will receive a medal.

The event is also proud to support Tedy's Team, founded by three-time Super Bowl champ Tedy Bruschi and his wife, Heidi. The mission of Tedy's Team is to advance heart health and recovery and to increase awareness of stroke and heart disease while supporting survivors on their journey, giving them the means for a comeback. In recognition of each runner's participation on race day, the event will make a two-dollar donation to Tedy's Team for every participant who crosses the finish line.

The race kicks off in Grant Park on Ida B. Wells Drive between Columbus Drive and Michigan Avenue and finishes at Wacker Drive and Adams Street near Willis Tower.

Saturday, October 10

Abbott Chicago 5K
Grant Park, Chicago, IL

Start corrals open: 6:30 a.m.
Wheelchair start: 7:25 a.m.
Race start: 7:30 a.m.
Finish line closes: 9 a.m.

Times subject to change

Visit chicago5k.com to learn more.

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO DISTANCE SERIES

The Bank of America Chicago Distance Series concludes with the 48th running of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon! The Distance Series is made up of Chicago's premier racing portfolio: the Shamrock Shuffle, Chicago 13.1 and Chicago Marathon. The three races span the outdoor running season and celebrate the vibrant and diverse nature of our local and global running communities. Individuals who finish all 2026 events will receive a unique Bank of America Chicago Distance Series medal and a guaranteed entry into the 2027 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

ABBOTT HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 170 health and fitness industry exhibitors offering Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise and the latest in running footwear, apparel, nutrition and technology. The Health & Fitness Expo is free and open to the public.

Packet pick-up is located at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo, McCormick Place. Participants must present their packet pick-up email along with a photo ID to receive their participant packet and participant bag.

Location

McCormick Place, North Building, Level 3 – Hall B1
2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
Chicago, IL 60616

**For driving and parking, use the above address for the best access to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo. If you are driving, follow the signs for parking lots A and C for the most convenient parking location. The publicly listed mailing address for McCormick Place is 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive.*

Hours

Thursday, October 8	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, October 9	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For a full list of Abbott Health & Fitness Expo exhibitors, go to chicagomarathon.com/expo.

GRANT PARK

The Marathon starts and finishes in one of Chicago's most prominent parks, Grant Park. Grant Park is often referred to as Chicago's "front yard," spans 319 acres, and is home to the Art Institute, Millennium Park, Buckingham Fountain and the Museum Campus. The race begins at the intersection of Columbus Dr. and Monroe St., with participants running north to begin their tour of Chicago. Participants cross the finish line after making the turn from "Mount Roosevelt" (Roosevelt Rd. – one of the highest elevation points on the course) and return to the place where the racing began 42 kilometers earlier. The finish line area is energized by eager families and friends waiting for their runners to come "home."

Official start times

7:20 a.m.	Men's Professional Wheelchair Division start
7:21 a.m.	Women's Professional Wheelchair Division start
7:23 a.m.	Handcycle Exhibition start
7:30 a.m.	Men's and Women's Professional Open Division start
7:32 a.m.	High Performance Program Start
7:35 a.m.	Wave 1 start
8:00 a.m.	Wave 2 start
8:35 a.m.	Wave 3 start

Approximate finish times

8:45 a.m.	Men's Professional Wheelchair Division Champion finish (approx.)
9:00 a.m.	Women's Professional Wheelchair Division Champion finish (approx.)
9:35 a.m.	Men's Professional Open Division Champion finish (approx.)
9:50 a.m.	Women's Professional Open Division Champion finish (approx.)
12:10 p.m.	Bell curve
3:30 p.m.	Official course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes*
6:00 p.m.	Finish line closes**

**The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has a course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes. After this time, the course will re-open to vehicular traffic. You must maintain a 15-minute per mile pace (approximately) or faster, completing the full marathon distance—start line to finish line—within the event time requirement. Those who finish outside of the time limit may not be recorded or published as official finishers and may not receive full on-course support from aid stations and traffic safety personnel.*

***Event organizers have created an alternative post-finish area for participants who complete the race outside of the official course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes. Between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., after crossing the finish line, all finishers are directed to a field immediately west of the finish line to collect runner refreshment items, a finisher medal and in some cases their gear check bag. This area is also open to spectators, who can meet their participant in this area post-race.*

COURSE

The iconic Bank of America Chicago Marathon course takes participants on a looped tour through 29 of Chicago's most vibrant and culturally diverse neighborhoods. It attracts more than 1.7 million spectators annually, and it's globally acclaimed for its fan-friendly navigation. Runners tout the course as "fast and flat"; it attracts both beginners and the world's best elite athletes.

PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL TIMES

Below are the approximate times the first and last participants will pass through the listed mile markers.

Start to Mile 2

Wheelchair division: 7:20 a.m. | Open division: 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Mile 2 to Mile 4

Wheelchair division: 7:26 a.m. | Open division: 7:39 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Mile 4 to Mile 6

Wheelchair division: 7:32 a.m. | Open division: 7:49 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Mile 6 to Mile 8

Wheelchair division: 7:40 a.m. | Open division: 7:58 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mile 8 to Mile 10

Wheelchair division: 7:45 a.m. | Open division: 8:08 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Mile 10 to Mile 12

Wheelchair division: 7:52 a.m. | Open division: 8:17 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mile 12 to Mile 14

Wheelchair division: 7:58 a.m. | Open division: 8:27 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mile 14 to Mile 16

Wheelchair division: 8:05 a.m. | Open division: 8:36 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mile 16 to Mile 18

Wheelchair division: 8:11 a.m. | Open division: 8:46 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Mile 18 to Mile 20

Wheelchair division: 8:18 a.m. | Open division: 8:55 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mile 20 to Mile 22

Wheelchair division: 8:24 a.m. | Open division: 9:05 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mile 22 to Mile 24

Wheelchair division: 8:31 a.m. | Open division: 9:14 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mile 24 to Mile 26

Wheelchair division: 8:37 a.m. | Open division: 9:24 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mile 26 to Finish

Wheelchair division: 8:44 a.m. | Open division: 9:34 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

VIEWING AREAS BY CTA TRAINS

Use Chicago's convenient and affordable CTA rail system to cheer on your runner from start to finish at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Find out your runner's planned pace per mile to estimate when they will arrive at easy-to-reach locations along the course. Spectators are encouraged to move along the course throughout the event.

GRAND RED LINE STATION

Miles 1, 3 and 12.5

Board a Red Line train and exit at Grand Avenue (Mile 1). Walk three blocks west to LaSalle Street (Mile 3) and four blocks west to Wells Street (Mile 12.5).

JACKSON RED OR BLUE LINE STATION

Mile 2

Board a Red or Blue Line train and exit at Jackson Boulevard.

CHICAGO RED LINE STATION

Miles 3.5 and 12.25

Board a Red Line train and exit at Chicago Avenue. Walk three blocks west to LaSalle Street (Mile 3.5) and four blocks west to Wells Street (Mile 12.25).

CLARK/DIVISION RED LINE STATION

Miles 4 and 12

Board a Red Line train and exit at LaSalle Street (Mile 4). Walk one block west to Wells Street (Mile 12).

SHERIDAN RED LINE STATION

Mile 8

Board a Red Line train and exit at Sheridan. Walk four blocks east to Broadway.

ADDISON RED LINE STATION

Mile 8.5

Board a Red Line train and exit at Addison Street. Walk four blocks east to Broadway.

SEDGWICK BROWN LINE STATION

Mile 11

Board a Brown Line train and exit at Sedgwick Street. Walk a half-block north to North Avenue.

WASHINGTON/WELLS BROWN, PINK OR ORANGE LINE STATION

Mile 13.5

Board any Brown, Pink or Orange Line train and exit at Washington/Wells. Walk two blocks west on Washington Street to Wacker Drive.

UIC-HALSTED BLUE LINE STATION

Miles 14 and 17

Board a Blue Line train and exit at UIC-Halsted. Use the Halsted Street exit or Morgan Street exit and walk two blocks north to Adams Street to view the runners around Mile 14 in Greektown. Or use the Halsted Street or Morgan Street exit and walk one block north to Jackson to view runners around Mile 17.

18TH PINK LINE STATION

Mile 19.25

Board a Pink Line train and exit at 18th Street. Walk four blocks east to Loomis Street.

CERMAK-CHINATOWN RED LINE STATION**Mile 21.5**

Board a Red Line train and exit at Cermak-Chinatown.

SOX-35TH RED LINE STATION**Miles 23, 23.25 and 23.5**

Board a Red Line train and exit at Sox-35th. Use the 33rd Street exit and walk four blocks to Michigan Avenue (Mile 23) or walk five blocks east to Indiana (Mile 23.5). Exit at 35th Street and walk four blocks east on 35th Street to Michigan Avenue to view runners around Mile 23.25 as they run on 35th Street from Michigan to Indiana Avenues.

35TH-BRONZEVILLE-IIT GREEN LINE STATION**Miles 23, 23.25 and 23.5**

Board a Green Line train and exit at 35th-Bronzeville-IIT. Use the 33rd Street exit and walk one block east to Michigan Avenue (Mile 23) or two blocks east to Indiana (Mile 23.5). Exit at 35th Street and walk one block east to Michigan Avenue to view runners around Mile 23.25 as they run on 35th Street from Michigan to Indiana Avenues.

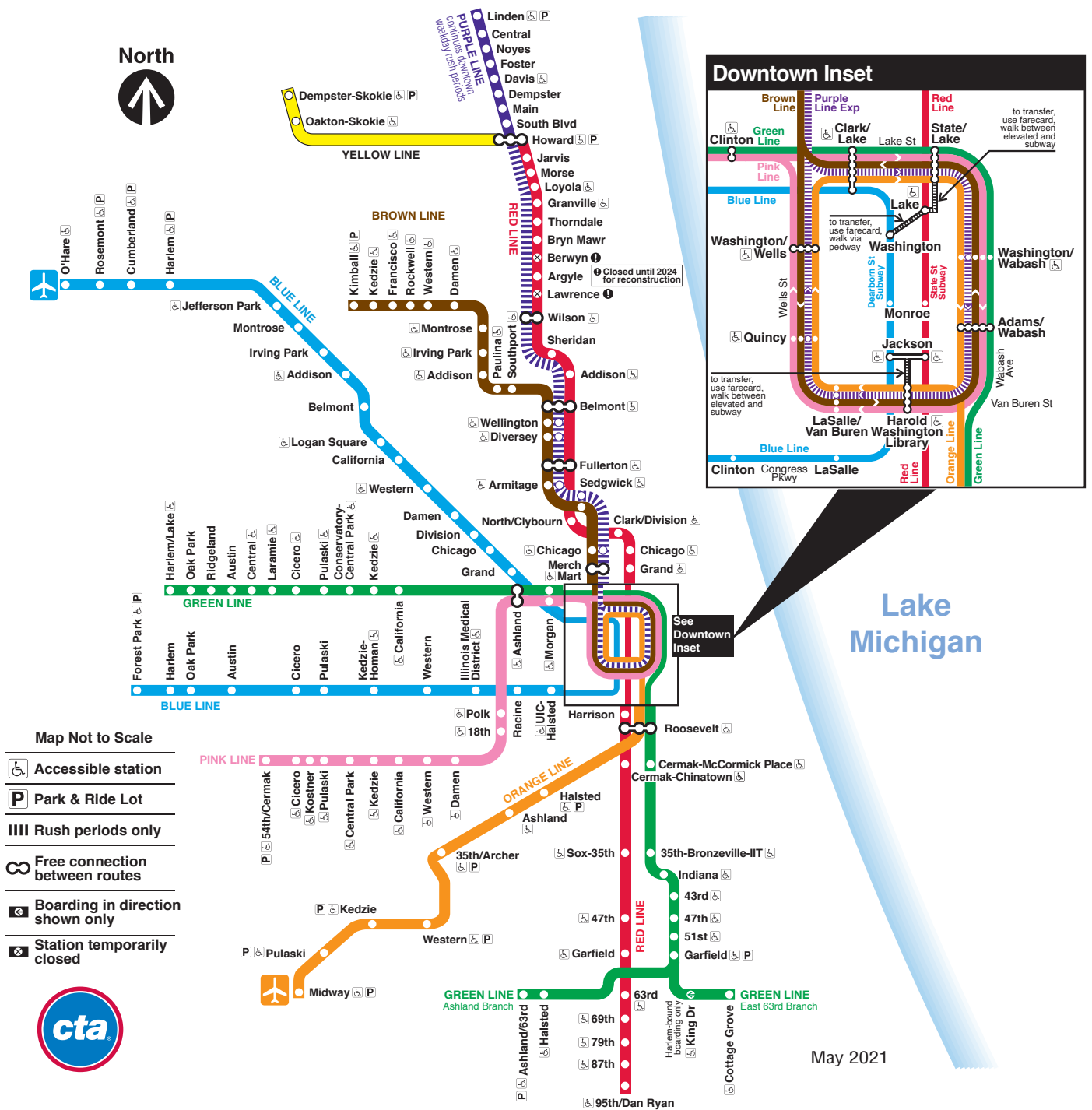
CERMAK-MCCORMICK PLACE GREEN LINE STATION**Mile 25**

Board a Green Line train and exit at Cermak-McCormick Place. Walk one block east to Michigan Avenue.

ROOSEVELT RED, GREEN AND ORANGE LINE STATION**Finish Line**

Board a Red, Green or Orange Line train and exit at Roosevelt Road. Walk east on Roosevelt Road towards Museum Campus/Grant Park.

MAP OF CTA STATIONS



COURSE AID STATIONS

20 aid stations are located along the course approximately one to two miles apart. Each aid station consists of the following amenities in this order:

- Medical Tent with access to a Runner Transport vehicle
- Standard and ADA portable restrooms
- Gatorade Endurance Formula (lemon-lime flavor)
- Public address announcer
- Water

Maurten is the Official Hydrogel Sports Fuel for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Out on course, runners can grab a caffeinated or non-caffeinated Gel 100, both containing 25 grams of carbohydrates, from the Hydrogel Fuel Depots at Mile 12.4 (near Aid Station 9) and at Mile 18.1 (near Aid Station 14). Maurten Gels use patented Hydrogel Technology that enables smooth transportation of carbohydrates through the stomach during high-intensity exercise, reducing discomfort.

Aid Stations 16-18 (Miles 20.2-23) will offer Chiquita Bananas.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon course features four Culligan Water Refill Stations, located immediately prior to Aid Station 4 (Mile 5.7), Aid Station 7 (Mile 10.1), Aid Station 12 (Mile 15.7) and Aid Station 16 (Mile 20.3), along the course. Culligan Water Refill Stations give participants the opportunity to refill their approved self-carried hydration gear with Culligan-filtered water. Participants will refill their own hydration gear within the station.

Please note, approved self-carried hydration gear includes running vests with front pocket carry, fuel belts, handheld water bottles and soft flasks. Backpacks and running vests with hydration bladders are not permitted.

Runners are encouraged to stop at the Biofreeze Pain Relief Zone around Mile 21.2 (Cermak Road and Archer Avenue) where the Biofreeze Cooling Crew will be armed with Biofreeze spray to help Cool the Pain to get participants across the finish line.

Runners should familiarize themselves with the locations and offerings at each aid station and prepare for slower traffic in these areas. The aid stations are approximately two city blocks in length: tables with Gatorade Endurance Formula and water line both sides of the street. Continue moving through the aid station if the first tables are too crowded to obtain fluids.

CHEER ZONES

Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle Cheer Zone – 8K

Cheer on participants as they shamROCK through the Bank of America Shamrock Shuffle Cheer Zone located in Lincoln Park at the 8K mark. The Shamrock Shuffle is the kickoff to the Chicago running season and is a continuation of the city's St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The 46th running of the Shamrock Shuffle will take place on Sunday, March 21, 2027. Visit shamrockshuffle.com for more information.

Bank of America Chicago 13.1 Cheer Zone – Mile 13.1

Reimagine the run and celebrate Chicago's West Side at the halfway point of the course! The sixth annual Bank of America Chicago 13.1 will be held on Sunday, June 6, 2027, running through the historic parks, boulevards and vibrant culture of Garfield Park, Humboldt Park and Douglass Park. Visit chicago13point1.com to learn more.

Charity Block Party – Mile 15

Thousands of Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants run and fundraise on behalf of important local, national and global causes. To celebrate the impact these participants make, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon hosts a Charity Block Party near Mile 15. Spectators, family and friends can cheer on their charity runners at the Charity Block Party, located at Adams Street and Loomis Street near Whitney Young High School.

Bank of America Cheer Zone – Mile 26

Listen for the sound of a crowd filled with noisemakers and exciting on-course entertainment as you enter the Bank of America Cheer Zone on your way to the finish line near Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road.

Community cheer zones

Local running clubs, community groups, organizations, businesses and international groups have organized cheer zones throughout the course to motivate participants on their 26.2-mile journey through Chicago. Visit chicagomarathon.com/cheerzones to view a list of groups and their locations on the course.

CHARITY PROGRAM

Since 2002, Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants have raised more than \$358 million through the Charity Program. This feat is accomplished by individual participants who sign on to support an affiliated cause and commit to fundraising as a part of their Chicago Marathon journey. Every organization allows its team of runners the distinct opportunity to make more of their Marathon experience by not only accomplishing a personal goal on race day, but by contributing to a larger goal and giving back to a worthy cause.

For the Bank of America Chicago Marathon charities, their mission begins months in advance as they work to ensure runners accomplish their performance and fundraising goals. Each organization dedicates countless hours and resources to recruiting, planning and organizing their charity runner program. The experience begins with training runs for many of the runners along Chicago's lakefront path and suburban locations and continues with gatherings race weekend. Charities focus on creating a memorable experience for their runners that lasts well beyond the finish line.

For a complete list of charities participating in this year's Bank of America Chicago Marathon Charity Program visit www.chicagomarathon.com/charityprogram.

Charity Program growth

The Charity Program has grown from 14 charities with 1,674 runners in 2002 to over 200 charities with more than 20,000 runners in 2026. In 2025, charity runners raised a record \$47.1 million to fund causes ranging from healthier school initiatives, medical research and animal assistance to foreign aid/humanitarian efforts and assisting families of those in the armed forces. The runners truly take the experience of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon beyond the confines of Grant Park and change lives around the world.

2026 Top 10 charity teams by participation

Team World Vision	1,761
Ronald McDonald House	1,479
American Cancer Society	978
TEAM PAWS Chicago	576
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls	555
ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	555
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago	424
Alzheimer's Association (ALZ Stars)	423
Blood Cancer United, Team In Training	378
Girls on the Run-Chicago	363

CHARITY PROGRAM CONT.

Charity Program annual fundraising results

Year	Charities	Participants	Funds raised (\$)
2025	221	18,110	47,114,667
2024	206	16,241	36,015,993
2023	192	12,307	30,444,294
2022	180	12,120	27,579,778
2021	170	8,611	21,400,000
2020	175	8,700	10,900,000*
2019	170	11,300	27,100,000
2018	170	11,625	22,700,000
2017	180	10,525	18,500,000
2016	173	9,313	16,900,000
2015	172	9,549	18,700,000
2014	195	9,107	17,300,000
2013	140	10,712	15,000,000
2012	170	10,693	15,300,000
2011	162	10,192	13,400,000
2010	150	9,842	12,109,000
2009	123	8,768	10,183,855
2008	110	6,745	9,209,000
2007	85	6,600	9,985,482
2006	60	4,500	9,500,000
2005	43	3,000	6,317,000
2004	29	2,449	4,740,000
2003	19	2,527	4,540,000
2002	14	1,674	2,950,000

**The 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon was run as a virtual event following the decision to cancel the event in response to COVID-19.*

Charity program records were not officially kept until 2002.

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

Incorporating environmentally and socially responsible practices is an important part of the operational planning and production of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. The Chicago Marathon sustainability program focuses on environmental stewardship, community engagement and outreach, accessibility and innovation.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Sustainability timeline

2010 – The event receives certification from the Council for Responsible Sport.

2014 – Increased sustainability efforts earns the event Silver Level certification.

2016 – The Bank of America Chicago Marathon becomes the largest marathon to earn Evergreen Level certification.

2018 – After achieving multiple certifications, the Council for Responsible Sport recognizes the race's commitment and legacy within the sport and awards the Chicago Marathon Evergreen Inspire Status.

2019 – The Bank of America Chicago Marathon becomes an early signatory of the United Nation's "Sports for Climate Action" initiative.

2024 – The Bank of America Chicago Marathon earns Evergreen recertification with the Council for Responsible Sport.

For a specific list of sustainability initiatives, see www.chicagomarathon.com/sustainability.