



Read cutoff history without forecasting it

Cutoff history can explain competition for places. It cannot reveal the next applicant pool or how many entries will be available.

Worked example

5:17 = 317 seconds and 4:34 = 274 seconds. The difference is 43 seconds. That describes two past acceptance cutoffs; adding another 43 seconds is not a validated forecast.

Your turn

1. Write the edition beside each cutoff. Do not mix race year with announcement year.
2. Calculate the difference in seconds. What changed in the applicant pool or standards, if known?
3. Name the decision history can support, and the future fact it cannot establish.

What I observed / what I will check next

Historical comparison. Future cutoffs are unknown. Educational worksheet, not an individualized training prescription.

Method / rules: [B.A.A. qualification rules](#).

Full explanation, current sources and related tools:

brenoamelo.com/blog/boston-marathon-cutoff-history

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