

**Michael Phelps Olympic Gold
Swimmer**



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U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps is now the top Olympic gold medal

winner of all time. Phelps won his fourteenth gold medal on August 17, 2008, in the 400-meter medley relay.

Finishing with eight gold medals in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing China, Michael surpassed Mark Spitz as the most successful swimmer and Olympian of all time.

Phelps broke Mark Spitz's 36 year-old record for most gold medals at a single Olympic games, set in 1972 in Munich.

Michael Fred Phelps (born June 30, 1985 in Baltimore, Maryland) is an American swimmer who holds world records in several events. Phelps won eight medals (six gold, two bronze) at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, which tied the record for most medals at one Olympics.



Michael Phelps – Athens Olympics

As a result of his swimming dominance, he's been named World Swimmer of the Year in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and American Swimmer of the Year in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2007.

In 1999, Michael earned a spot on the U.S. National B Team. At the Junior Nationals, he broke a record in the 200-meter

butterfly for the 20-year-old age group. Michael's ascent through the U.S. swimming ranks accelerated in 2000.

At 15, Michael became the youngest swimmer to compete for the U.S. in the Olympics in 68 years.



Michael Phelps – swimming race win celebration