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terms of the FIFA world rankings took place at EURO 2008 and the Women's Olympic Football Tournament. The Netherlands' 3-0 victory over reigning world champions Italy in the group stages of EURO 2008 and Norway's 2-0 triumph over the USA at the Olympic Games in Beijing resulted in the highest points gains.

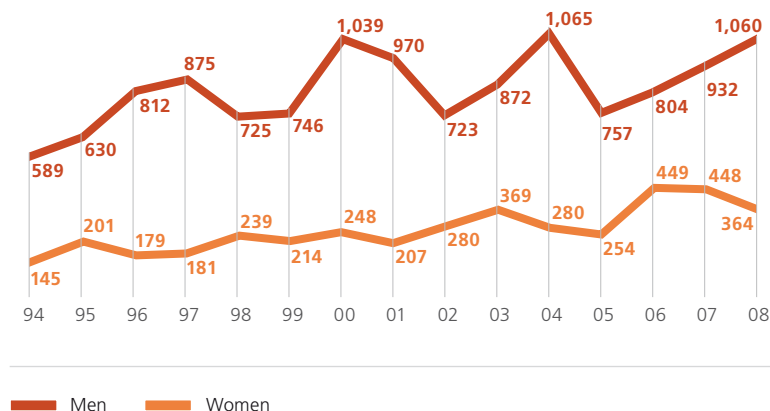
Crucial indicator

The FIFA world rankings serve as an objective indicator of a team's current performance for the international sports press and FIFA's member associations. To a certain extent, the ranking also reflects teams' progress. Their positions in the world rankings were also used in the seeding system for the Preliminary Draw for the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ and for the Official Draw for the FIFA Women's World Cup™ in April 2007.

The leadership of the men's world ranking changed hands six times in 2007. Last year, there was only one change.

"A" matches 1994-2008

Total per year



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Annual average over five years

