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World records are made to be broken, and the rate of progress is such that few last longer than a year or two. However, when lanky Bob Beamon long jumped an incredible 8.90 metres (29'2½") at the 1968 Games in Mexico City it was clear that here was a record which could well survive into the 21st century. Ten years later no one else had leapt beyond 8.45 metres (27'8¾").



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