

Table 1 Top 100 babies' names registered in 2000, in order of popularity, with corresponding rank in 1998 and 1999

Boys' name	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2000	1999	1998
Jack	1	3	3	Aoife	1	2	4
Sean	2	2	2	Sarah	2	3	3
Conor	3	1	1	Ciara	3	4	2
Adam	4	5	5	Emma	4	6	5
James	5	4	4	Chloe	5	1	1
Cian	6	12	12	Niamh	6	5	6
David	7	7	8	Rebecca	7	8	9
Luke	8	14	15	Amy	8	11	12
Michael	9	6	9	Lauren	8	9	10
Dylan	10	10	7	Megan	10	10	8
Daniel	11	9	10	Rachel	11	7	7
Aaron	12	8	6	Katie	12	13	13
Shane	13	11	11	Laura	13	12	11
John	14	15	13	Leah	14	27	27
Eoin	15	16	20	Hannah	15	21	18
Patrick	16	18	17	Shauna	16	15	14
Ryan	17	13	16	Sophie	17	18	17
Mark	18	17	14	Kate	18	19	22
Thomas	18	19	17	Emily	19	14	25
Jordan	20	20	22	Nicole	20	16	16
Jamie	21	22	26	Jessica	21	23	19
Oisin	22	25	37	Caoimhe	22	22	24
Ciaran	23	30	24	Roisin	23	17	20
Matthew	24	24	21	Ellen	24	24	26
Kevin	25	33	25	Aisling	25	25	21
Liam	26	21	30	Shannon	26	19	15
Evan	27	34	32	Aine	27	32	29
Stephen	27	23	17	Anna	28	28	33
Darragh	29	29	28	Sinead	29	26	23
Ben	30	38	48	Saoirse	30	31	37
Andrew	31	28	23	Jade	31	34	35
Nathan	32	26	36	Grace	32	30	32
Joseph	33	31	40	Eimear	33	35	29
Joshua	34	44	52	Orla	34	36	31
Cathal	35	42	31	Tara	35	29	39
Brian	36	36	35	Jennifer	36	33	28
Robert	37	27	27	Mary	37	37	34
Niall	38	36	37	Lucy	38	43	46
Jason	39	35	33	Clodagh	39	38	39
Paul	40	39	34	Caitlin	40	41	54
Ronan	41	44	42	Claire	41	39	37
Jake	42	51	51	Zoe	42	66	60
Christopher	43	40	41	Molly	43	63	87
Lee	44	46	42	Ava	44	60	88
Dean	45	32	29	Lauryn	45	70	236
William	46	50	57	Katelyn	46	82	127
Eoghan	47	41	49	Lisa	47	47	47
Alex	48	57	59	Michelle	48	39	42
Craig	49	49	50	Erin	49	79	65
Kyle	50	60	55	Kelly	50	50	53
Alan	51	53	46	Olivia	51	41	83
Darren	52	47	47	Grainne	52	49	56
Peter	53	48	42	Alannah	53	79	81
Cormac	54	55	61	Courtney	53	44	43
Gavin	54	58	45	Holly	53	46	75
Ross	56	43	39	Louise	53	45	36
Samuel	57	55	55	Elizabeth	57	57	59
Anthony	58	52	54	Eva	58	60	66
Cillian	59	61	60	Maeve	59	65	69

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Kieran	60	73	67	Catherine	60	51	51
Killian	61	59	58	Robyn	60	62	69
Martin	62	64	64	Alison	62	58	45
Harry	63	70	100	Maria	63	71	73
Fionn	64	97	91	Eve	64	86	68
Colm	65	54	66	Ella	65	76	94
Rory	65	64	53	Emer	66	63	63
Benjamin	67	75	77	Abbie	67	79	133
Brandon	67	67	74	Michaela	68	58	49
Callum	69	79	99	Fiona	69	56	51
Scott	70	83	81	Rachael	69	71	60
Ethan	71	76	83	Ruth	71	52	55
Alexander	72	68	75	Andrea	72	66	83
Jonathan	73	87	86	Kayleigh	73	55	48
Aidan	74	69	65	Alice	74	87	90
Philip	74	78	87	Siobhan	74	76	50
Brendan	76	84	78	Danielle	76	48	41
Leon	77	77	112	Leanne	76	52	44
Colin	78	79	70	Jodie	78	97	99
Ian	78	64	62	Jane	79	68	64
Padraig	78	61	68	Sorcha	80	74	78
Edward	81	81	79	Chelsea	81	54	56
Daragh	82	92	95	Abigail	82	93	106
Richard	82	63	73	Karen	82	87	69
Diarmuid	84	94	102	Amber	84	115	83
Owen	84	85	82	Nicola	84	74	62
Cameron	86	97	119	Alanna	86	87	73
Keith	86	74	63	Alexandra	87	91	67
Gerard	88	81	79	Georgia	87	96	106
Gary	89	72	71	Clara	89	90	111
Josh	89	107	112	Victoria	89	82	97
Barry	91	89	83	Zara	89	105	138
Lorcan	92	95	102	Cara	92	134	153
Tadhg	92	96	104	Gemma	92	84	56
Eric	94	90	75	Stephanie	92	78	69
Karl	94	71	69	Casey	95	100	106
Sam	94	87	92	Charlotte	95	119	126
Steven	97	97	83	Natasha	97	71	78
Reece	98	97	109	Lara	98	139	153
Kian	99	184	268	Orlaith	98	139	111
Dara	100	118	115	Taylor	98	124	99

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Jack	846	743	543	Aoife	633	612	529
Sean	816	760	662	Sarah	626	595	537
Conor	700	761	761	Ciara	608	585	539
Adam	653	588	460	Emma	594	549	514
James	594	629	472	Chloe	553	615	575
Cian	557	420	362	Niamh	519	571	492
David	492	524	439	Rebecca	485	455	388
Luke	488	410	327	Amy	451	420	353
Michael	483	527	438	Lauren	451	452	363
Dylan	477	445	443	Megan	441	434	393
Daniel	467	479	428	Rachel	428	488	444
Aaron	401	500	449	Katie	398	378	319
Shane	400	444	415	Laura	315	397	357
John	398	369	340	Leah	302	185	146
Eoin	368	347	295	Hannah	299	242	236
Patrick	362	343	306	Shauna	288	270	267
Ryan	356	418	326	Sophie	266	252	242
Mark	351	345	339	Kate	263	246	197
Thomas	351	332	306	Emily	262	285	178
Jordan	315	308	270	Nicole	261	266	245
Jamie	294	289	224	Jessica	260	227	233
Oisin	287	249	174	Caoimhe	253	236	184
Ciaran	286	230	237	Roisin	245	254	213
Matthew	275	259	281	Ellen	217	215	154
Kevin	264	211	233	Aisling	213	209	212
Liam	257	290	197	Shannon	198	246	255
Evan	250	208	188	Aine	194	155	140
Stephen	250	285	306	Anna	193	171	133
Darragh	245	237	211	Sinead	180	196	195
Ben	234	196	137	Saoirse	176	160	117
Andrew	230	239	245	Jade	175	150	121
Nathan	223	245	178	Grace	172	166	135
Joseph	220	219	168	Eimear	168	148	140
Joshua	216	147	108	Orla	167	144	138
Cathal	207	162	195	Tara	153	167	114
Brian	204	197	181	Jennifer	151	154	145
Robert	200	240	214	Mary	140	131	128
Niall	199	197	174	Lucy	136	105	89
Jason	191	201	184	Clodagh	135	127	114
Paul	182	189	183	Caitlin	130	112	74
Ronan	165	147	143	Claire	127	118	117
Jake	161	125	110	Zoe	115	69	65
Christopher	159	186	167	Molly	105	74	42
Lee	158	143	143	Ava	103	77	41
Dean	157	214	200	Lauryn	99	64	10
William	156	130	95	Katelyn	94	55	28
Eoghan	153	181	122	Lisa	93	97	88
Alex	150	112	93	Michelle	92	118	107
Craig	140	133	120	Erin	91	58	60
Kyle	139	99	96	Kelly	89	91	77
Alan	134	122	140	Olivia	88	112	43
Darren	133	142	139	Grainne	85	94	70
Peter	131	140	143	Alannah	84	58	44
Cormac	126	115	91	Courtney	84	104	105
Gavin	126	110	142	Holly	84	101	51
Ross	124	155	171	Louise	84	103	120
Samuel	119	115	96	Elizabeth	83	82	68
Anthony	118	123	99	Eva	82	77	59
Cillian	111	98	92	Maeve	81	70	53

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Kieran	109	81	81	Catherine	80	89	78
Killian	105	100	94	Robyn	80	76	53
Martin	104	90	87	Alison	79	78	93
Harry	95	86	42	Maria	78	62	52
Fionn	90	47	47	Eve	76	50	56
Colm	89	117	82	Ella	75	60	39
Rory	89	90	100	Emer	74	74	62
Benjamin	88	77	65	Abbie	73	58	26
Brandon	88	89	67	Michaela	72	78	85
Callum	86	71	43	Fiona	71	83	78
Scott	85	69	56	Rachael	71	62	65
Ethan	83	76	53	Ruth	68	86	72
Alexander	81	88	66	Andrea	67	69	43
Jonathan	77	57	51	Kayleigh	65	84	87
Aidan	75	87	86	Alice	64	49	40
Philip	75	73	49	Siobhan	64	60	79
Brendan	73	66	60	Danielle	63	95	109
Leon	71	75	33	Leanne	63	86	97
Colin	70	71	70	Jodie	62	42	37
Ian	70	90	90	Jane	61	66	61
Padraig	70	98	77	Sorcha	59	61	48
Edward	65	70	58	Chelsea	56	85	70
Daragh	64	52	45	Abigail	54	44	35
Richard	64	91	68	Karen	54	49	53
Diarmuid	62	51	39	Amber	52	35	43
Owen	62	65	55	Nicola	52	61	63
Cameron	61	47	29	Alanna	51	49	52
Keith	61	79	88	Alexandra	50	46	57
Gerard	60	70	58	Georgia	50	43	35
Gary	58	82	69	Clara	49	47	34
Josh	58	42	33	Victoria	49	55	38
Barry	57	56	53	Zara	49	38	24
Lorcan	55	50	39	Cara	48	29	21
Tadhg	55	49	38	Gemma	48	53	70
Eric	54	55	66	Stephanie	48	59	53
Karl	54	85	74	Casey	47	40	35
Sam	54	57	46	Charlotte	47	34	29
Steven	53	47	53	Natasha	45	62	48
Reece	51	47	35	Lara	44	27	21
Kian	50	14	5	Orlaith	44	27	34
Dara	49	35	32	Taylor	44	33	37
Total in top 100	20,169	19,736	17,340		16,308	15,928	14,061
Total with first name recorded	25,947	24,824	21,786		24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	77.7	79.5	79.6		66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	27,896	27,508	27,580		26,343	25,846	25,971

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Boys' name	2000	1999	1998	Girls' name	2000	1999	1998
Aaron	12	8	6	Abbie	67	79	133
Adam	4	5	5	Abigail	82	93	106
Aidan	74	69	65	Aine	27	32	29
Alan	51	53	46	Aisling	25	25	21
Alex	48	57	59	Alanna	86	87	73
Alexander	72	68	75	Alannah	53	79	81
Andrew	31	28	23	Alexandra	87	91	67
Anthony	58	52	54	Alice	74	87	90
Barry	91	89	83	Alison	62	58	45
Ben	30	38	48	Amber	84	115	83
Benjamin	67	75	77	Amy	8	11	12
Brandon	67	67	74	Andrea	72	66	83
Brendan	76	84	78	Anna	28	28	33
Brian	36	36	35	Aoife	1	2	4
Callum	69	79	99	Ava	44	60	88
Cameron	86	97	119	Caitlin	40	41	54
Cathal	35	42	31	Caoimhe	22	22	24
Christopher	43	40	41	Cara	92	134	153
Cian	6	12	12	Casey	95	100	106
Ciaran	23	30	24	Catherine	60	51	51
Cillian	59	61	60	Charlotte	95	119	126
Colin	78	79	70	Chelsea	81	54	56
Colm	65	54	66	Chloe	5	1	1
Conor	3	1	1	Ciara	3	4	2
Cormac	54	55	61	Claire	41	39	37
Craig	49	49	50	Clara	89	90	111
Daniel	11	9	10	Clodagh	39	38	39
Dara	100	118	115	Courtney	53	44	43
Daragh	82	92	95	Danielle	76	48	41
Darragh	29	29	28	Eimear	33	35	29
Darren	52	47	47	Elizabeth	57	57	59
David	7	7	8	Ella	65	76	94
Dean	45	32	29	Ellen	24	24	26
Diarmuid	84	94	102	Emer	66	63	63
Dylan	10	10	7	Emily	19	14	25
Edward	81	81	79	Emma	4	6	5
Eoghan	47	41	49	Erin	49	79	65
Eoin	15	16	20	Eva	58	60	66
Eric	94	90	75	Eve	64	86	68
Ethan	71	76	83	Fiona	69	56	51
Evan	27	34	32	Gemma	92	84	56
Fionn	64	97	91	Georgia	87	96	106
Gary	89	72	71	Grace	32	30	32
Gavin	54	58	45	Grainne	52	49	56
Gerard	88	81	79	Hannah	15	21	18
Harry	63	70	100	Holly	53	46	75
Ian	78	64	62	Jade	31	34	35
Jack	1	3	3	Jane	79	68	64
Jake	42	51	51	Jennifer	36	33	28
James	5	4	4	Jessica	21	23	19
Jamie	21	22	26	Jodie	78	97	99
Jason	39	35	33	Karen	82	87	69
John	14	15	13	Kate	18	19	22
Jonathan	73	87	86	Katelyn	46	82	127
Jordan	20	20	22	Katie	12	13	13
Joseph	33	31	40	Kayleigh	73	55	48
Josh	89	107	112	Kelly	50	50	53
Joshua	34	44	52	Lara	98	139	153
Karl	94	71	69	Laura	13	12	11

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Keith	86	74	63	Lauren	8	9	10
Kevin	25	33	25	Lauryn	45	70	236
Kian	99	184	268	Leah	14	27	27
Kieran	60	73	67	Leanne	76	52	44
Killian	61	59	58	Lisa	47	47	47
Kyle	50	60	55	Louise	53	45	36
Lee	44	46	42	Lucy	38	43	46
Leon	77	77	112	Maeve	59	65	69
Liam	26	21	30	Maria	63	71	73
Lorcan	92	95	102	Mary	37	37	34
Luke	8	14	15	Megan	10	10	8
Mark	18	17	14	Michaela	68	58	49
Martin	62	64	64	Michelle	48	39	42
Matthew	24	24	21	Molly	43	63	87
Michael	9	6	9	Natasha	97	71	78
Nathan	32	26	36	Niamh	6	5	6
Niall	38	36	37	Nicola	84	74	62
Oisín	22	25	37	Nicole	20	16	16
Owen	84	85	82	Olivia	51	41	83
Padraig	78	61	68	Orla	34	36	31
Patrick	16	18	17	Orlaith	98	139	111
Paul	40	39	34	Rachael	69	71	60
Peter	53	48	42	Rachel	11	7	7
Philip	74	78	87	Rebecca	7	8	9
Reece	98	97	109	Robyn	60	62	69
Richard	82	63	73	Roisin	23	17	20
Robert	37	27	27	Ruth	71	52	55
Ronan	41	44	42	Saoirse	30	31	37
Rory	65	64	53	Sarah	2	3	3
Ross	56	43	39	Shannon	26	19	15
Ryan	17	13	16	Shauna	16	15	14
Sam	94	87	92	Sinead	29	26	23
Samuel	57	55	55	Siobhan	74	76	50
Scott	70	83	81	Sophie	17	18	17
Sean	2	2	2	Sorcha	80	74	78
Shane	13	11	11	Stephanie	92	78	69
Stephen	27	23	17	Tara	35	29	39
Steven	97	97	83	Taylor	98	124	99
Tadhg	92	96	104	Victoria	89	82	97
Thomas	18	19	17	Zara	89	105	138
William	46	50	57	Zoe	42	66	60

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Aaron	401	500	449	Abbie	73	58	26
Adam	653	588	460	Abigail	54	44	35
Aidan	75	87	86	Aine	194	155	140
Alan	134	122	140	Aisling	213	209	212
Alex	150	112	93	Alanna	51	49	52
Alexander	81	88	66	Alannah	84	58	44
Andrew	230	239	245	Alexandra	50	46	57
Anthony	118	123	99	Alice	64	49	40
Barry	57	56	53	Alison	79	78	93
Ben	234	196	137	Amber	52	35	43
Benjamin	88	77	65	Amy	451	420	353
Brandon	88	89	67	Andrea	67	69	43
Brendan	73	66	60	Anna	193	171	133
Brian	204	197	181	Aoife	633	612	529
Callum	86	71	43	Ava	103	77	41
Cameron	61	47	29	Caitlin	130	112	74
Cathal	207	162	195	Caoimhe	253	236	184
Christopher	159	186	167	Cara	48	29	21
Cian	557	420	362	Casey	47	40	35
Ciaran	286	230	237	Catherine	80	89	78
Cillian	111	98	92	Charlotte	47	34	29
Colin	70	71	70	Chelsea	56	85	70
Colm	89	117	82	Chloe	553	615	575
Conor	700	761	761	Ciara	608	585	539
Cormac	126	115	91	Claire	127	118	117
Craig	140	133	120	Clara	49	47	34
Daniel	467	479	428	Clodagh	135	127	114
Dara	49	35	32	Courtney	84	104	105
Daragh	64	52	45	Danielle	63	95	109
Darragh	245	237	211	Eimear	168	148	140
Darren	133	142	139	Elizabeth	83	82	68
David	492	524	439	Ella	75	60	39
Dean	157	214	200	Ellen	217	215	154
Diarmuid	62	51	39	Emer	74	74	62
Dylan	477	445	443	Emily	262	285	178
Edward	65	70	58	Emma	594	549	514
Eoghan	153	181	122	Erin	91	58	60
Eoin	368	347	295	Eva	82	77	59
Eric	54	55	66	Eve	76	50	56
Ethan	83	76	53	Fiona	71	83	78
Evan	250	208	188	Gemma	48	53	70
Fionn	90	47	47	Georgia	50	43	35
Gary	58	82	69	Grace	172	166	135
Gavin	126	110	142	Grainne	85	94	70
Gerard	60	70	58	Hannah	299	242	236
Harry	95	86	42	Holly	84	101	51
Ian	70	90	90	Jade	175	150	121
Jack	846	743	543	Jane	61	66	61
Jake	161	125	110	Jennifer	151	154	145
James	594	629	472	Jessica	260	227	233
Jamie	294	289	224	Jodie	62	42	37
Jason	191	201	184	Karen	54	49	53
John	398	369	340	Kate	263	246	197
Jonathan	77	57	51	Katelyn	94	55	28
Jordan	315	308	270	Katie	398	378	319
Joseph	220	219	168	Kayleigh	65	84	87
Josh	58	42	33	Kelly	89	91	77
Joshua	216	147	108	Lara	44	27	21
Karl	54	85	74	Laura	315	397	357

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Kevin	264	211	233	Lauryn	99	64	10
Kian	50	14	5	Leah	302	185	146
Kieran	109	81	81	Leanne	63	86	97
Killian	105	100	94	Lisa	93	97	88
Kyle	139	99	96	Louise	84	103	120
Lee	158	143	143	Lucy	136	105	89
Leon	71	75	33	Maeve	81	70	53
Liam	257	290	197	Maria	78	62	52
Lorcan	55	50	39	Mary	140	131	128
Luke	488	410	327	Megan	441	434	393
Mark	351	345	339	Michaela	72	78	85
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Nathan	223	245	178	Niamh	519	571	492
Niall	199	197	174	Nicola	52	61	63
Oisin	287	249	174	Nicole	261	266	245
Owen	62	65	55	Olivia	88	112	43
Padraig	70	98	77	Orla	167	144	138
Patrick	362	343	306	Orlaith	44	27	34
Paul	182	189	183	Rachael	71	62	65
Peter	131	140	143	Rachel	428	488	444
Philip	75	73	49	Rebecca	485	455	388
Reece	51	47	35	Robyn	80	76	53
Richard	64	91	68	Roisin	245	254	213
Robert	200	240	214	Ruth	68	86	72
Ronan	165	147	143	Saoirse	176	160	117
Rory	89	90	100	Sarah	626	595	537
Ross	124	155	171	Shannon	198	246	255
Ryan	356	418	326	Shauna	288	270	267
Sam	54	57	46	Sinead	180	196	195
Samuel	119	115	96	Siobhan	64	60	79
Scott	85	69	56	Sophie	266	252	242
Sean	816	760	662	Sorcha	59	61	48
Shane	400	444	415	Stephanie	48	59	53
Stephen	250	285	306	Tara	153	167	114
Steven	53	47	53	Taylor	44	33	37
Tadhg	55	49	38	Victoria	49	55	38
Thomas	351	332	306	Zara	49	38	24
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Total with first name recorded	25,947	24,824	21,786		24,550	23,402	20,472
Top 100 as % of total	77.7	79.5	79.6		66.4	68.1	68.7
Total births registered	27,896	27,508	27,580		26,343	25,846	25,971

Table 5 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority in 1998

	Boys		Girls	
	Name	%	Name	%
Border	Conor	3.94	Chloe	3.18
Midland	Conor	3.17	Ciara	3.36
West	Sean	3.21	Rachel	3.13
Dublin	Sean	3.79	Chloe	2.87
Mid-East	Conor	4.17	Aoife	2.93
Mid-West	Jack	2.98	Chloe	3.28
South-East	Conor	4.02	Chloe	3.39
South-West	Conor, Jack	3.00	Ciara, Sarah	2.92
Ireland	Conor	3.49	Chloe	2.81

Table 6 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority in 1999

	Boys		Girls	
	Name	%	Name	%
Border	Conor	3.39	Niamh	2.99
Midland	Conor	3.97	Sarah	3.09
West	Conor	3.38	Rachel	3.04
Dublin	Sean	3.80	Chloe	2.73
Mid-East	Jack	3.49	Niamh	2.83
Mid-West	Jack	3.19	Ciara	3.40
South-East	Jack	3.81	Aoife, Chloe	2.78
South-West	David	3.32	Aoife	2.82
Ireland	Conor	3.07	Chloe	2.63

Table 7 Most popular babies' names registered in each regional authority in 2000

	Boys		Girls	
	Name	%	Name	%
Border	Conor	2.93	Niamh	3.13
Midland	Jack	3.84	Ciara	3.57
West	Jack	3.21	Ciara	3.09
Dublin	Sean	3.87	Sarah	2.61
Mid-East	Jack	3.77	Aoife	3.14
Mid-West	Jack	4.19	Sarah	2.99
South-East	Jack	4.42	Chloe, Rebecca	2.67
South-West	Sean	3.49	Ciara	3.12
Ireland	Jack	3.26	Aoife	2.58

Background Notes

- Source** These results are based on an analysis of the first names recorded on birth returns for registration and vital statistics, begun by the CSO in 1998. Over 93% of birth notifications in 2000 included the baby's first name when the statistical return was sent to the CSO. This compares with 90% in 1999 and 80% in 1998.
- Information recorded** Only the first name was used for this analysis. Babies' surnames and additional forenames were not extracted by the CSO.
- Spellings and variants** Different spellings of a name have been treated as separate names. For example, while there were 250 boys named Stephen, another 53 boys had the alternate spelling Steven.
- Variants of names and abbreviations have also been treated as separate names. For example, Jack, Sean and John account between them for 2,060 boys. These were counted as separate names and rank first, second and fourteenth respectively. If treated as variants of John, it would rank as the most popular boys' name.
- Names containing accents have been recorded without those accents e.g. Máire was recorded as Maire.
- Ranking** Names of equal rank have been placed in alphabetical order in Table 1.